

## Some Statistics

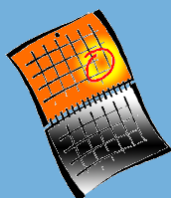
- 45% BC adults at or below Level 2 reading & writing
- 52% BC adults at or below Level 2 math
- 60% Cdn adults do not have the skills to manage their health literacy needs.

Learn more [here](#).

**Thank You ...  
volunteers, members,  
learners, and donors.**



**We couldn't do it  
without [you!](#)**



### Important Dates:

May 19 – Task Group Mtg  
June 1 – Recognition Night  
June tbd – READ AGM  
Monthly – Board Mtgs  
Monthly – Tutor Mtgs

**Check our [calendar](#) for  
a full list of events.**

Dates may change. Call us to  
confirm: **778.242.READ**

## Message from the Chair

Welcome to the first edition of the Causerie, your READ Surrey / White Rock Society newsletter. **Do you know what Causerie means?** According to the Merriam Webster dictionary, it is an informal conversation or a chat. We hope you will find our new newsletter to be an informal conversation about literacy. We've included some startling statistics, news about our programs, and news from our board of directors. So let's begin our chat, shall we?

~Aimee Begalka, Chair

## Partners Making a Difference



Margaret and Heather have been working together every week for two years. In that time they have covered a lot of material including studying world geography, successfully completing vocabulary challenges and creating poetry. Margaret is now enrolled in Communications 11 through Surrey Connect and is achieving high marks in the course. Her current goal is to complete her high school graduation requirements to get her diploma.

- If you would like to become a tutor, check out our [volunteer page](#).
- If you know someone who needs help, call 778.242.READ (7323).

## Thought of Hope

I laugh at little things  
because I am crazy  
about life and love  
Breathe time  
From hope  
From strength  
From the moment you hear  
your forgotten purpose  
whisper to you  
Immaculately overcome obstacles  
that hinder your success  
It's never too late  
to make your lambent light  
shine brighter

by Margaret Light

## News from the Board

### Charitable Status

READ is in the process of completing its application for charitable status. If approved as a registered charity, we will have access to more funding opportunities and issue tax receipts for donations.

### Presentations

If your club, service organization or agency wants to learn more about READ and opportunities to get involved, please contact us! We give presentations to groups in Surrey and White Rock.

### [Surrey White Rock Literacy Task Group](#)

This group is made up of community reps from Surrey and White Rock who share their expertise and understanding of community literacy needs. We work together to increase literacy levels and reduce the stigma of low literacy.

**New Board Members  
Welcome!**

We are a friendly and  
active board. Visit our  
[Board](#) page for info