

## Professional Development

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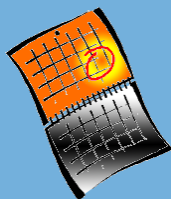
**Shout Out To -  
GO DODGE SURREY**

## Why is English weird?

Find out [here](#).

## Want to join a summer reading club?

Check out your nearest library in [White Rock](#) or [Surrey](#).



## Important Dates:

Sep 8 - Int'l Literacy Day  
Sep 29 - Volunteer Info  
Oct/Nov - Tutor Training  
Monthly - Board Mtgs  
Monthly - Tutor Mtgs

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

Dates may change. Call to confirm: 778.242.READ

## Message from the Chair

This has been a good year for READ. The [Partners](#) program continued with funds from gaming, [CALP](#), and [Go Dodge Surrey](#). In May, the READ board held a strategic planning meeting. Our goals for the coming year cover community outreach to raise awareness, marketing and brand development, governance (such as aligning with the new Societies Act), and board recruitment.

My thanks to READ's dedicated volunteer [Board of Directors](#). It never ceases to amaze me how much time and energy they are willing to give to improve the lives of others and make our community a better place to live.

~Aimee Begalka, Chair

## Become a Partners Tutor

Help someone improve their reading, writing or math skills. Volunteers are screened, trained and partnered with an adult learner for one-to-one tutoring.

You will gain experience, volunteer hours, and a whole lot of satisfaction!

Visit our [website](#) to download an information and application package.

### [Volunteer Tutor Information Session](#)

Thursday, Sep 29, 6:00pm – 8:00pm  
City Centre Library, Room 418  
10350 University Drive, Surrey

Pre-register: [readswrs@gmail.com](mailto:readswrs@gmail.com)

If you know someone who needs help, call 778.242.READ (7323).

## Community News

### Do you have a story about your personal connection to Newton?

The [Friends of the Grove](#) are installing a [Little Free Library](#) in the Grove beside the Newton Recreation Centre. The first book in the library will be a collection of stories and poems from Newton. Call for submissions (historical or current, fact or fiction) ends October 2. More [info](#).

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

The SWRLTG is a community alliance that coordinates and integrates literacy work in Surrey and White Rock. We meet in October, January and May. We network and share literacy information all year. Our Strategic Working Group plans our direction and outreach. The Community Dinner Team is working on a Family Literacy outreach program. If you would like to find out more about the SWRLTG, please email [readswrs@gmail.com](mailto:readswrs@gmail.com).

## Tutor Spotlight

### Arlene

PROFESSION: teacher

HOBBIES: reading, writing

NO. YEARS WITH PARTNERS: 1.5

NO. OF LEARNERS: 4

WHY DO YOU TUTOR: The more we know, the more fulfilled we are. I want to help learners fulfill themselves and I want to be there when those learning milestones occur.

BEST THING: I live for those moments when a learner's eyes light up with pleasure upon the discovery of something new. Pursuing knowledge brings fun and enjoyment and I want all my students to know that.

PROUDEST MOMENT: Watching learners achieve their goals.

