



Proclamation

Literacy Month

September 2023

- WHEREAS** literacy is the key to people being successful in today's information-rich society; and
- WHEREAS** literacy is more than reading, writing, and numeracy, but encompasses identifying, understanding, interpreting, creating, and communicating, to achieve one's goals and to develop one's knowledge and potential; and
- WHEREAS** in British Columbia more than 700,000 working-age adults struggle with literacy and numeracy which hampers their ability to participate fully in society; and
- WHEREAS** engaging children and youth in literacy activities ensures the best opportunity for literacy development and lifelong learning; and
- WHEREAS** many organizations in Surrey, British Columbia, including libraries, READ Surrey/White Rock Society and the Surrey White Rock Literacy Task Group, work to raise awareness of literacy issues, help people of all ages develop the literacy skills necessary to improve their life opportunities, and create a community that values and supports literacy and learning;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Brenda Locke, do hereby declare September 2023 as "Literacy Month" in the City of Surrey.

Mayor Brenda Locke
City of Surrey