

In the L©©p

[Web](#)

The [Surrey White Rock Literacy Task Group](#) helps you stay in the loop on literacy news, events, and resources. Please share this email or [link](#) with your colleagues and networks.

The Literacy Task Group's next meeting is May 8, 2024, at the SFU Surrey Campus. If you are interested in getting involved, contact us.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

- **[World Book and Copyright Day](#)** is today!
- **Introduction to Family Literacy Workshop Series.** This free training is on May 7, 14, 21, 28 at the Surrey Schools District Education Centre. Learn about family literacy and how to embed literacy in your work through mini-lectures and hands-on activities. Suitable for literacy workers or those who want to enter the field. Poster attached. [Register here.](#)
- **Bill C-63 Unpacked: Making the Internet Safer for Kids.** The Centre for Media, Technology and Democracy and the University of Calgary are hosting a webinar on April 25 from 12:00 pm -1:00 pm. on how Bill C-63 makes the internet safer for kids and where it falls short, [Register here.](#) It will also be live streamed to their [YouTube channel.](#)
- **Options Community Connections Group Activities.** There are several activities for newcomers in April and May 2024. See attached information.
- **Introduction to Professional Communication for Internationally Educated Nurses.** KPU is accepting applications now for their PCIEN course which will run September to December 2024. Information attached.
- **Volunteer Information Session for Adult Literacy Tutors.** Meet program staff and learn about volunteering for READ's [Partners Adult Literacy Tutoring Program](#) on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 6:45 pm, Newton Library, 13795 70 Ave, Surrey. Poster attached.

RESOURCES/PRO-D/NEWS

- **Rick & Amanda Hansen Scholarship for Youth with Disabilities.** Apply now until May 31, 2024, open to Canadian youth with disabilities looking to complete a 1- to 4- year post-secondary program.
- **Enabling Fund for Official Language Minority Communities - Employment Assistance Services.** Apply now until June 20, 2024
- **Canada's Volunteer Awards.** Nominate an outstanding individual, a not-for-profit organization, a social enterprise, or a socially responsible business who has made a significant contribution in improving the lives of others in their community through volunteering. Nominations open until June 12, 2024. Questions: email Info-cva-pbc-gd@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca or call 1-877-825-0434.

LITERACY AND LANGUAGE JOKES

A linguistics professor was lecturing his class one day. 'In English', he said, 'A double negative forms a positive. In some languages, though, such as Russian, a double negative is still a negative. However, there is no language wherein a double positive can form a negative.' A loud voice from the back of the room piped up, 'Yeah, right.'

Source: <https://jokojokes.com/english-language-jokes.html>

Introduction to Family Literacy Workshop



When

4 sessions:
May 7, 14, 21, 28
3:30-6:30pm

Where

14033 92nd Ave, Surrey
Surrey School District Education Centre

Who

- Early childhood educators,
 - family resource staff,
 - settlement workers,
 - StrongStart educators,
 - literacy program staff,
- and other front line workers serving families who have young children.

Registration

Register using this link:

[https://iflw2024.
eventbrite.com](https://iflw2024.eventbrite.com)

Contact: Shanti Ang 778.242.7323

Cost

This course is FREE,
limited to 25 seats.

Presented by:



**Surrey White Rock
Literacy Task Group**

Our program is supported by the
Rotary Club of White Rock.

OPTIONS COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS GROUP ACTIVITIES

English Classes (Please click the [Activity Title](#) for the flyer)

For registration and more information, please contact:

Nancy Zhang, nancy.zhang@options.bc.ca, 778.871.5647

1. Industry-Specific Workplace English Classes for Job Seekers and for Job Retention.

April - May 2024:

Industries: Food Services, Office Admin, Construction, Housekeeping, & Customer Service

- [Flyer - Industry Workplace English Classes](#)

2. Conversation Classes

April - May 2024 (Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

- [English Conversation Classes Flyer](#)

3. Activity-Based English Classes

April - June 2024 (Every Monday)

- [Activity-Based English Classes Flyer](#)

4. Citizenship Test Preparation Class

April - May (Every Monday)

- ["Discover Canada" Citizenship Test Prep Class Flyer](#)

Community Connections Activities (Please click the [Activity Title](#) for the flyer)

Seats are limited and registration is required.

For registration and more information, please contact:

info.ccp@options.bc.ca,

Erika Liu: 604-512-9487

Lie Zhou: 604-250-1766

1. Culture Cafe: Culture Café started as a place for English learners to practice their conversations in English, but it is so much more than that. Everyone has something to teach, and everyone has something to learn. Join and share your thoughts! Different topics and guest speakers every session!

[Online Sessions \(Flyer\)](#)

When: Every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Where: Zoom Virtual Meeting; Please register for the Zoom link.

[Quarterly in-person sessions: Culture Cafe in the City - Cantonese Opera at Surrey Museum \(Flyer\)](#)

Date: Jun 1, 2024

Time: 11:00 AM-2:30 PM

Where: Museum of Surrey, 17710 56A Ave, Surrey

2. Community Engagement

* **[Tree Planting at Local Park](#)**: Let's make together for a green future! We provide all the necessary tools and instructions for tree planting. No experience is required, be prepared to get dirty!

What to bring:

- Sturdy and closed-toed shoes
- Sunscreen
- Reusable water bottle

Date: April 24, 2024 (Wednesday)

Time: 4:30-7:00 PM

Location: Hjorth Road Park, 10275 148 St. Parking Lot

[Flyer - Tree Planting at Local Park \(English\)](#)

[Flyer - Tree Planting at Local Park \(Arabic\)](#)

[Flyer - Tree Planting at Local Park \(Hindi\)](#)

[Flyer - Tree Planting at Local Park \(Pashto\)](#)

[Flyer - Tree Planting at Local Park \(Punjabi\)](#)

[Flyer - Tree Planting at Local Park \(Spanish\)](#)

[Flyer - Tree Planting at Local Park \(Ukrainian\)](#)

* **Party for the Planet**: Let's join BC's largest Earth Day celebration together!

Date: April 27, 2024 (Saturday)

Time: 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Location: Surrey Civic Plaza, 13450 104 Ave, Surrey

[Flyer - Party for the Planet \(English\)](#)

[Flyer - Party for the Planet \(Arabic\)](#)

[Flyer - Party for the Planet \(Hindi\)](#)

[Flyer - Party for the Planet \(Pashto\)](#)

[Flyer - Party for the Planet \(Punjabi\)](#)

[Flyer - Party for the Planet \(Spanish\)](#)

[Flyer - Party for the Planet \(Ukrainian\)](#)

* **Sheep to Shawl**: Join us in watching how wool becomes a shawl and learn more about creation!

Date: May 4, 2024 (Saturday)

Time: 9:30 AM-12:00 PM

Location: Museum of Surrey, 17710 56A Ave, Surrey

[Flyer - Sheep to Shawl \(English\)](#)

[Flyer - Sheep to Shawl \(Arabic\)](#)

[Flyer - Sheep to Shawl \(Hindi\)](#)

[Flyer - Sheep to Shawl \(Pashto\)](#)

[Flyer - Sheep to Shawl \(Punjabi\)](#)

[Flyer - Sheep to Shawl \(Spanish\)](#)

[Flyer - Sheep to Shawl \(Ukrainian\)](#)

* **Smartphone Class for Adults 55+**: Are you 55+ and finding it difficult to use your smartphone? Join our free class and learn some useful tips & tricks!

Date: May 21, 23, 28 & 30, 2024 (Tuesdays & Thursdays)

Time: 3:00 4:30 PM

Location: Options Community Services, Newcomers' Hub, 13520 78 Ave, Surrey

[Flyer - Smartphone Class for Adults 55+ \(English\)](#)

[Flyer - Smartphone Class for Adults 55+ \(Arabic\)](#)

[Flyer - Smartphone Class for Adults 55+ \(Hindi\)](#)

[Flyer - Smartphone Class for Adults 55+ \(Pashto\)](#)

[Flyer - Smartphone Class for Adults 55+ \(Punjabi\)](#)

[Flyer - Smartphone Class for Adults 55+ \(Spanish\)](#)

3. Youth Engagement

* [Medieval Adventure](#): Looking for something to do in Pro-D Day? Let's join for Medieval adventure at the Museum of Surrey.

During the session you will:

- Tour the galleries with a scavenger hunt
- Build a royal craft
- Watch professional duel in real armour

Date: May 3, 2024 (Friday)

Time: 9:30 AM-12:00 PM

Location: Museum of Surrey, 17710 56A Ave, Surrey

[Flyer - Medieval Adventure \(English\)](#)

[Flyer - Medieval Adventure \(Arabic\)](#)

[Flyer - Medieval Adventure \(Hindi\)](#)

[Flyer - Medieval Adventure \(Pashto\)](#)

[Flyer - Medieval Adventure \(Punjabi\)](#)

[Flyer - Medieval Adventure \(Spanish\)](#)

[Flyer - Medieval Adventure \(Ukrainian\)](#)

Warm regards,

Gina Hong (she/her/hers)

Program Manager



Community Connections Program

IMMIGRANT SERVICES

13520 78 Avenue

Surrey, BC, V3W 8J6

T: 604-572-4060 ext. 21169

website |  

The land which we are on is the unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples including Kwantlen, Katzie, Matsqui, Musqueam, Semiahmoo, Tsawwassen, Kwikwetlem, and the Sto:lo Nations.



Introduction to Professional Communication for Internationally Educated Nurses

Offered on the Surrey campus in September 2024!

KPU is offering the **Introduction to Professional Communication for Internationally Educated Nurses (PCIEN)** course on the Surrey campus from September 3 to December 5, 2024.

Please note: PCIEN is a free course for eligible participants!

PCIEN is a performance-based course designed to assist internationally educated nurses improve communication for entry into professional practice; expand health and idiomatic vocabulary; and increase understanding of culturally expected behaviors of the Canadian health care system.

Highlights of the PCIEN course:

- Communication practice (language and behavior) of role-plays: clients, families and health teams
- Filming of rehearsed and unrehearsed role-plays
- Use of standardized patients/actors
- Feedback and self-reflection
- Written assignments
- Co-taught by KPU English Language Studies Instructor and Nursing Instructor
- Access to KPU facilities and student services (Library, The Learning Centre, Counselling and Advising); and, Translink's UPASS.

Who is eligible?

- Canadian citizen, Permanent Resident, Convention Refugee
- Occupational certification as an RN, LPN or RPN from source country
- Meet language requirements (IELTS 6 or CLBPT 6.5, Duolingo 95, or equivalent) *
- Ability to commit to the full program over 13 weeks

****Individuals who do not fully meet the language requirements may be considered with permission of the instructor.***

Information sessions will be held on the following dates:

- Wednesday, June 5 – 10:00 am
 - Friday, May 10 – 1:00 pm
- [KPU Information Sessions | Kwantlen Polytechnic University](#)
[KPU Information Sessions | Kwantlen Polytechnic University](#)
➤ Use the search feature to find *Professional Communication for Internationally Educated Nurses*

Course dates: **September 3 to December 5**

Tuesdays and Thursdays (in person at KPU Surrey) 6:30-9:30 pm + some Wednesdays (online) 6:30-9:30 pm

More Information

For more information about PCIEN or to receive the registration forms please contact KPU.

- Email: PCIEN@kpu.ca
- Telephone: 604-599-2321
- Website: [PCIEN](#)

We look forward to hearing from you!

PCIEN Support Team

VOLUNTEER TUTORS NEEDED



Apply now, recruiting for
Fall 2024!

To help adults with

- reading
- writing
- math



Scan to learn more

The Partners Tutoring Program offers free one-to-one tutoring to adult learners. Volunteer tutors receive 15 hours of training (Fall 2024) and ongoing support.

Minimum Qualifications

- Fluent in English with excellent written and oral skills.
- High School graduation or equivalent.
- 19 years of age.

Meet our program staff and learn more at our Information Night:

Wednesday, May 1, 2024
6:45 pm
Newton Library
13795 70 Ave, Surrey

Short presentation followed by Q&A. Those who wish to apply for the program immediately can stay to complete an application form and language quiz.

Register at: adulit@readsurreywhiterock.com
778-919-7323