

# *In the Loop*

**November 26, 2024**

This bi-weekly newsletter helps you stay in the loop on literacy news, events, and resources. Please share this with your colleagues and networks.

The [Surrey White Rock Literacy Task Group](#) coordinates and integrates literacy work in Surrey and White Rock. There are 102 community literacy task groups across BC that are made up of literacy organizations, school districts, public libraries, colleges and universities, service providers and others. The Task Group works together to improve literacy for all our citizens by sharing information and resources, identifying local literacy need, and finding creative ways to address community literacy challenges. The Task Group is open to any organization or individual who is interested in literacy. If you are interested in our work or want to join the Task Group, email or call and we'll be happy to fill you in.

## **PROGRAMS AND EVENTS**

- ❖ [#GivingTuesday](#) is December 3. *We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our amazing literacy supporters and volunteers.* On Giving Tuesday, please support your local non-profits with a donation, your time or by amplifying their work. If literacy is your jam, you can [donate here](#).
- ❖ [Spanish Book Chat](#) is December 4 at City Centre Library
- ❖ English Conversation Circles for [international students](#).
- ❖ [Family Literacy Week](#) will be January 26 - February 2, 2025. This year's theme is "Learn to be Green, Together." Download free 2025 [Family Literacy Week Activity Sheets](#).
- ❖ The [SFU Surrey - TD Community Engagement Centre](#) collaborates with people and organizations in Surrey to co-create programming, share resources, and take action on key challenges. Their [programs and events](#) focus on education, mentorship, connection and skill development.

## RESOURCES/PRO-D/NEWS

- ❖ Changemaking is the idea that, in collaboration with others, every person can apply creative solutions to address problems in their communities. [Time for Change](#) equips educators and young people with the abilities needed to take action through free resources in English, French, Inuktitut, Plains Cree and Anishinaabemowin (Eastern Ojibwe).
- ❖ [Building Literacy: A Learner-Centred Guide for Teachers, Tutors and Practitioners of Adult Literacy](#)
- ❖ [Resources For Dyslexia](#)
- ❖ [Teaching Literacy with Comic Books](#)
- ❖ [Math anxiety resource page](#)
- ❖ [Training and professional development for teachers](#)
- ❖ [Bridging the Gap – Report on Disability Inclusion in Canadian Workplaces - Canada.ca](#) (Interestingly, learning disabilities were one of the three most common disability types among youth aged 15 to 24 years (page 7).)
- ❖ READ is beginning a new phase in its growth and is announcing the following staffing appointments.
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## BEAR WITH ME ON THIS

If a bear came across both a reader and a writer, who would it eat?

*The reader. Haven't you heard of writer's cramp and Reader's Digest?*