

# *In the Loop*

**January 14, 2025**

The [Surrey White Rock Literacy Task Group's](#) bi-weekly newsletter helps you stay in the loop on literacy news, events, and resources. Please share this information with your colleagues and networks.

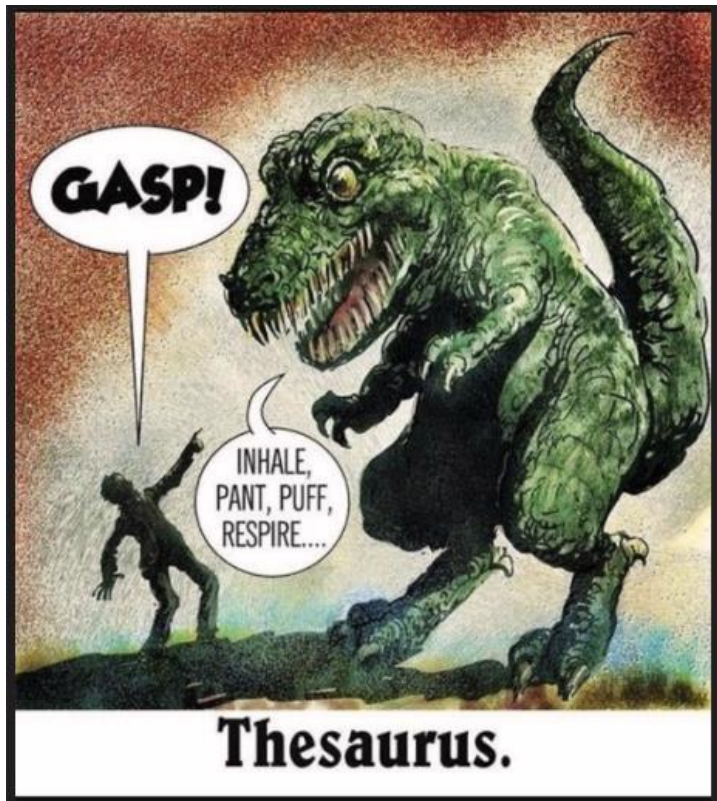
## **PROGRAMS AND EVENTS**

- ★ January is [Alzheimers Awareness Month](#). The links between literacy and dementia are complex, but we know that practicing literacy skills (like reading) is good for overall brain health (see attached).
- ★ [Family Literacy Day](#) is January 27.
- ★ In BC, [Family Literacy Week](#) is January 26 to February 2. This year's theme is *Learn to be Green, Together*. Download free 2025 [Family Literacy Week Activity Sheets](#). #FLW2025
- ★ [Post and promote your Family Literacy Week](#) events here. Find all [community events here](#).
- ★ [Surrey Libraries' Expo "Spark Your Curiosity"](#) FLW event is on January 25.
- ★ January 23 is the [Great Big Buddy Read](#). If you are interested in this initiative, contact Shanti by reply email.
- ★ The Federation of BC Writers is offering an online [Writing for Change](#) intensive with workshops and inspiration for those who wish to see and inspire change in their work, January 20 to 24.
- ★ Free, low-key presentation for parents/caregivers on how to encourage children to read. We will come to your program as a guest speaker. All participants receive a level-appropriate book for themselves/their child. Contact Wendy, [famlit@readsurreywhiterock.com](mailto:famlit@readsurreywhiterock.com) or 778.960.7323 to book a presentation. See attached poster.

## RESOURCES/PRO-D/NEWS

- ★ Buy inexpensive books at [Book Depot](#).
- ★ SFU Mathcatchers' latest story, *Small Number and the Big Tree*, now available in the Wet'suwet'en language. Source: [Syetsem](#)
- ★ [Brigid Hayes on 2023 Survey of Adult Skills](#)
- ★ [Italian burglar caught after sitting down with a book.](#)
- ★ [The women fighting adult illiteracy in Morocco](#)
- ★ [Reading between the lines: the book club boom](#)
- ★ BC's Gaming Branch will launch its [new grant application platform](#) in 2025. You need a BCeID to access the platform and it is strongly recommended that you [register a Business BCeID](#) for Gaming Grant applications.

## LITERARY LITERACY



# BENEFITS OF READING FOR 55+

 <b>less stress</b>	 <b>better memory</b>	
 <b>increased brain health</b>	 <b>improved decision- making skills</b>	 <b>better sleep quality</b>

## TIPS FOR ACCESS

- Buy large-print reading materials
- Try an e-reader
- Buy a book light
- Get a magnifier
- Use a book holder
- Download audiobooks

# Read with Kids

Reading with children has many benefits. But how do you encourage kids to read? We offer a free presentation.

Learn about:

- literacy programs and services in Surrey/White Rock
- the benefits of reading with kids
- tips on how to encourage reading
- small group discussion/hands-on activity

Materials provided: handouts and free books for each adult and child

Suitable for: parents, grandparents, caregivers

Location: We will join your family program or school in White Rock or Surrey

Cost: Free

Presented by: Surrey White Rock Literacy Task Group



**Book a presentation**

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