

In the Loop

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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 with your colleagues and networks.



PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

- [FORED](#) BC Society (for education about our environment and natural resources) offers free lesson plans and classroom learning resources for teachers and homeschool parents or youth groups. FORED is sponsoring its annual artwork, photography and video contest for Indigenous youth, aged 5-18. Contest deadline [May 23, 2025](#). [Info here](#), poster attached.
- [Historic Stewart Farm](#) offers in-person and virtual school programs, Edukits, and public programs.
- [Surrey Nature Centre](#) is a place for kids and adults to explore nature in Surrey. Discover school programs, early years programs, guided walks, group programs and more.
- DIVERSECity Community Resources Society offers several [English Language classes](#).
- The [Partners Adult Literacy Program](#) is accepting new learners for individualized one-to-one reading, writing, numeracy, and digital tutoring. Learners must be adults, fluent in English, and at a basic literacy level. Contact adultlit@readsurreywhiterock.com or 778.919.7323.

RESOURCES/PRO-D/NEWS

- Kwantlen Polytechnic University's summer intake application [deadline](#) is March 1, with classes running from May 5 to early August.
- The Community Gaming Grants [application resources page](#) includes tutorials, checklists and example documents. Read current gaming grant guidelines before applying:
 - [2025 BC Community Gaming Grant Guidelines](#)
 - [The PACs and DPACs Programs Guidelines](#)
- The Federation of Community Social Services of BC will be accepting applications for the [2025 Youth Education Bursary](#) from early March until May 12, 2025. The bursary assists young people that are in or have been in care, and want to pursue a career in human and social services.
- FORED sponsors a Traditional Knowledge Bursary of \$500 each year, for Indigenous youth exploring post-secondary choices in sustainable natural resources management at Nicola Valley Institute of Technology (NVIT), administered by [NVIT](#). Source: [Winter 2025 Landscapes](#)

LITERACY PRIORITIES



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PHOTO, VIDEO & ART CONTEST FOR CANADIAN INDIGENOUS YOUTH

Celebrating the rich cultural & heritage traditions of Indigenous people, FORED sponsors this annual contest with cash prizes for Indigenous youth.



Theme: **Traditional Knowledge & Medicine** Prize: 4 x \$150 prizes with at least one national winner. *Group work shares prize.* 💰

DEADLINE:
MAY 23, 2025



"Our ancestors and the elders have always said to thank the creator for providing us with nature's great medicines and knowledge. And when one is sick in our village who had a stroke we use stinging Nettle to get their feeling back into their body. Once we have taken from our land we always say thank you. And when I bless this medicine I am doing it to help my sick loved one."

Interview a local elder about homemade salal tea on video? Creativity of all kinds is welcomed.

Contest Details: Please submit entries via the easy entry form on our website. <https://www.foredbc.org/traditional-knowledge-contest>
Entries may also be mailed to the address at bottom.

- Eligibility: youths aged 5-18 of First Nations, Inuit, Métis, or self-declared ancestry.
- Participants must include their name, band affiliation/ancestry, home address, phone & email address, parent & teacher contact, grade & school on [website entry form](#) or with mailed entries.
- Please include a brief description of how your artwork relates to traditional knowledge and medicine. **DEADLINE: May 23/25**

- All original artistic work accepted: i.e. pencil, crayon, paint, mural, collage, photos, animations, videos etc. (.jpg, .pdf, .png, .mp4, .MOV). **Minimum image size 2MB.** Videos must be less than 3 min. **Please have someone take a photo of you with your artwork if possible.**
- By entering, winners agree their names & entries can be published in local & social media, or displayed on BC Ministry of Education sites for Indigenous People's Day, June 21, & our [website](#).
- All entrants qualify for complimentary, honorary youth membership. No commercial use of entries.
- **Mailed entries won't be returned. Only winners will be notified.**
- See how Indigenous volunteer mentors integrate traditional knowledge into natural resources practices on our [YouTube](#). **Follow us on social @foredbc.**
- Complimentary teacher & youth activities by age group on Indigenous culture available [here](#).

Questions? Email education@foredbc.org.

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