

In the Loop

April 22, 2025

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

Literacy is the ability to *access, understand* and *use* information in daily life, at home, at work and in the community.

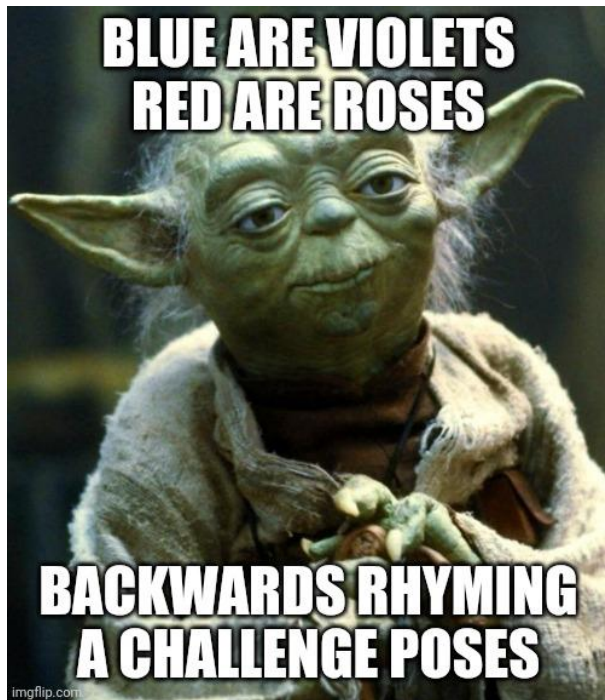
PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

- Today is [Earth Day](#).
- April 27 to May 3, 2025 is [National Volunteer Week](#)
- Library Champions, a volunteer program where immigrants help other new immigrants learn about library services, is returning to Surrey Libraries from April 28 to mid-July. *Now open to temporary residents and naturalized citizens.* Poster attached. [Register to become a Library Champion here.](#)
- The [Historic Stewart Farm](#) is holding its [Spring Fest](#), Saturday, May 3, 2025, 12:00 to 4:00 pm, Elgin Heritage Park, 13723 Crescent Rd, Surrey. Activities throughout the farm and in [Totest Aleng](#). Come visit our booth and StoryWalk®!
- May 7 is [National Child & Youth Mental Health Day](#). Family Smart has information and resources for parents, community and educators [here](#).
- The Scholastic BookFair Warehouse Sale, will be May 8 & 9, 2025, 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM, 2468 192nd St, Surrey (poster attached).
- The [Experience Matters! program](#) offers short-term certificate and on-the-job training, work experience (with possible wage subsidies), employer matching, job placement, mentorship and coaching services.

RESOURCES/PRO-D/NEWS

- Nominations are open for the [Council of the Federation Literacy Award](#) until May 18, 2025. [2025 Nomination Guide](#)
- The [Samara Centre for Democracy](#) has created [teaching resources](#) based on their podcast Humans of the House that helps educators illuminate the lived experience of Canadian politics in their classrooms.
- Teacher resources from [USE, UNDERSTAND & ENGAGE: A Digital Media Literacy Framework for Canadian Schools](#)
- Employer and employee eligibility in the Government of Canada's [Work-Sharing Program](#) has been expanded (effective March 7, 2025 to March 6, 2026).

A SEGUE FROM POETRY MONTH TO MAY 4TH





**New
Immigrants
Helping
Other New
Immigrants**

Become a Library Champion

Are you a new immigrant looking for:

- Canadian volunteer work experience?
- Information about library and other community services?
- A way to give back to your community?
- Better communication skills?
- More confidence?
- New friends and connections?
- A better understanding of your community?

To be a Surrey Library Champion, you must:

- Live in Surrey
- Be an immigrant: Permanent and Temporary Residents and Naturalized Citizens are eligible
- Want to volunteer
- Love libraries and helping other people
- Be 19 years or older

The Library Champions Project offers all of these things and much more!

For more information, go to www.newtobc.ca or email registration@librarychampions.ca



Library Champions Online

Surrey Libraries invite you to attend an ONLINE Information Session via Zoom

**April 28, 2025
6:30pm - 7:30pm**

To register, click here:
<https://newtobc.ca/library-champions-project/surrey/>
OR use this QR code.



To get more information about the Library Champions Project and NewToBC, visit www.newtobc.ca



Scholastic BookFair Warehouse Sale



Dates: May 8th & 9th, 2025



Time: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM



Venue: 2468 192nd St, Surrey



Join us for an extraordinary event where stories come to life and imaginations soar! Scholastic invites you to our highly anticipated BookFair Warehouse Sale, where book lovers of all ages will discover literary treasures at unbeatable prices.



Key Highlights:



50% OFF or More: Dive into a world of savings with all items marked down by at least 50%! It's the perfect opportunity to stock up on books for your classroom, library, or home library.



Cashless Transactions: Shopping made convenient! We're going cashless to ensure a seamless and secure shopping experience for all attendees.



Books for All Ages: From captivating picture books to thrilling young adult novels, we've curated a diverse selection of titles to delight readers of every age and interest.



Safety First: For the safety of all attendees, children under 18 are kindly requested to remain outside the warehouse premises during the event. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to ignite a love for reading and bring the magic of books into your lives. Mark your calendars and spread the word! See you at the Scholastic BookFair Warehouse Sale!