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

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

- September is [Literacy Month](#). See attached activity calendar.
- Donate a book to a literacy group, neighbourhood house, or shelter through the [Give a Book. Give Literacy](#) campaign. Poster attached.
- The City of Surrey is offering an Apple Device Basics - iPad and iPhone - 55+ course on Wednesdays, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Newton Seniors Centre. Fees apply. [Learn more here.](#)
- [Unlocking Potential: A Community Dialogue About Literacy, Education, and the Criminal Justice System](#) will be on October 8, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm in Richmond. This forum explores the links between incarceration, literacy, and equitable access to education in BC. Complete this [registration form](#) or email events@jhsbc.ca for more information.
- ISSofBC offers free in-person [English language classes taught in ASL](#). Classes are led by deaf instructors fluent in ASL and held in Vancouver. Poster attached.
- Registration is now open at the Royal BC Museum for the [2025/26 school year](#). Many options available including [in-person](#) and [online](#) field trips, [Outreach Kits](#) and a [YouTube](#) channel.
- The [Museum of Surrey](#) has a display featuring farming pioneer and literacy advocate Kate Cindrach. *The Legacy of Kate Cindrach* runs until October 19, 2025.
- Surrey Libraries has an [Online Teen Book Club](#) for ages 12 to 18.

- White Rock Library has programs for all ages and interests. [Check out their events here.](#)
- The [Raise-a-Reader](#) campaign was created by the Vancouver Sun newspaper to support family literacy in BC. Raise-a-Reader funds support [these family literacy programs](#) in Surrey and White Rock. Direct your donation to Surrey/White Rock by [clicking here](#), then under "Fund*", scroll down to *RAR Lower Mainland – Surrey*. Thank you for your support!

RESOURCES/PRO-D/NEWS

- These free [practice ICBC tests](#) help you prepare for your learner's (Class 7L) licence knowledge test.
- [Training Videos](#) for literacy practitioners are available from Community Literacy of Ontario.
- The [Coast Capital Road to Red Seal](#) program offers tools and one on one support to apprentices to ensure they progress in their apprenticeship.
- READ and the Literacy Task Group are offering *Foundations Literacy Classroom Readiness Lessons for LINC*, a free set of 9 lessons plus associated materials to help literacy learners get ready for the classroom. Contact Shanti, readswrs@gmail.com, to access the curriculum.
- White Rock Rotary has [launched a petition](#) to save storage space in the Rotary Fieldhouse that supports community programs like the Rotary Book Sale. The Book Sale funds youth scholarships, food security, and refugee support.
- Your Voice Matters: Participate in the [Global Survey on Indigenous Languages](#) by **September 15, 2025**.
- [Awesome Books](#) is a UK book seller that sells used books worldwide and donates books to literacy programs. Their goal is to promote circular economy retailing, a more sustainable and literacy-driven model.
- [Denmark scraps book tax to combat "reading crisis"](#).

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When the pig lost her voice, she was very disgruntled.

Give a Book. Give Literacy.

September is Literacy Month in B.C.





Join our campaign to put more books into the hands of people across the province.

Get Involved!

- Donate a book in your community.
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