In the Loop

December 2, 2025

The Surrey White Rock Literacy Task Group helps you stay in the loop on literacy news, events, and resources. Please share this information with your colleagues and networks.

We can help you find literacy programs and services for all ages. Contact us with your questions.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

- December 2 is Giving Tuesday. You can search CanadaHelps for a cause you support (maybe literacy?) or your favourite charity and help make positive change in the world.

- Options offers several literacy supports for PRs, Protected Persons and Palestinians under MOME 2023. Flyers attached for each program listed here.

  English Classes, contact Akshara Parnami, language.ccp@options.bc.ca, 778.871.5647 Hybrid Classes (in-person at Options Newcomers' Hub, 13520 78th Avenue, Surrey)

  - Activity-Based English Classes (AM & PM), Dec 8, 2025 – Mar 9, 2026 (Every Monday except holidays)

  - Conversation Classes (AM, PM & Eve), Dec 9, 2025 – Mar 12, 2026 (Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

  - Saturday Classes (AM & PM), Dec 6, 2025 – Mar 14, 2026 (Every Saturday except holiday weeks)

  Youth Financial Literacy - Personal Finance (3 Sessions), Wednesdays, Nov 26, Dec 3 & 10, 3:30 – 5:30 PM, at Options Newcomers' Hub. Email: info.ccp@options.bc.ca, Erika Liu: 604-512-9487 or Hanna Piskun: 604-612-8149

RESOURCES/PRO-D/NEWS

- Our World in Data – Literacy
- *Knowledge Justice in the Helping Professions: From Theory to Practice* is a free, online book that introduces the concept of epistemic justice, or knowledge justice, and explores how it applies to academic studies and professional work. Source: Community Scholars Program
- Students can access free virtual counselling through Foundry BC.
- Decoda has a new Digital Literacy Library.
- Story Cubes is a great game to play in a class or in a tutoring session.
- Tools for Clear Speech.
- The South Asian Legal Clinic of BC has several educational videos on legal rights for international students on their Youtube Channel.

A Personal Literacy Story That Tickled My Fancy

Last week a letter arrived at my home addressed to my 27-year-old daughter and written in her own handwriting. On the back of the sealed envelope, in ink, was "Mme B" and a smiley face. Our daughter said she had not mailed herself anything and came over later that day to solve the mystery. Upon opening it, she realized it was a letter she had written to her future self when she was in grade 12.

Teachers are amazing. Mme B got her class to write letters to themselves then kept the envelopes for *10 years* before mailing them out. That's commitment. And what a cool thing to do for your students. So, hats off to Mme B and all the other wonderful educators whose dedication and imagination have such far reaching impacts on their students.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

options COMMUNITY SERVICES

Free

In-person & Online

ACTIVITY-BASED ENGLISH CLASS THROUGH

" EVERY MONDAY "

DEC 08, 2025 – MAR 09, 2026

Role Play for Seniors — AM 9:30-11:30

Level 2-3

Jump into lively role plays and boost your English with fun, real-life practice.

Story Telling — AM 9:30-11:30

Level 4-5

Bring your stories to life and build English with warmth and connection

Formal Speeches & Presentations — PM 12:00-2:00

Level 5-6

Create simple, dynamic slides and share your ideas with confidence.

Singing — PM 12:00-2:00

Level 4-5

Songs are a fun way to practice English skills, vocabulary and expressions.

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

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Newcomers' Hub
Options Community Services
13520 78 Ave, Surrey, BC

Seats are limited; Pre-registration is required.

Bus tickets and Childminding service are available for eligible participants.

For Permanent Residents, Convention Refugees, Protected Persons and Palestinian under MOME2023.

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CONVERSATION CLASS

Dec 09, 2025 - Mar 12, 2026

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

AM LEVEL 0–1
9:30 - 11:30

AM LEVEL 2–3
9:30 - 11:30

PM LEVEL 0–1
12:00 - 2:00

PM LEVEL 1–2
12:00 - 2:00

PM LEVEL 4–5
7:00 - 9:00
(Online Only)

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ENGLISH CLASSES

on Saturdays Dec 6, 2025 to Mar 14, 2026

Activity-Based English: Writing
Level 5-6
9:30-11:30 AM

Activity-Based English: Accent Reduction
Level 3-4
9:30-11:30 AM

Women's Conversation Class
Level 1-2
12:00-2:00 PM

Men's Conversation Class
Level 2-3
12:00-2:00 PM

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YOUTH ACTIVITY

PERSONAL FINANCE
PROGRAM

Learn how to:

- Budget and save
- Read your paycheck
- Basic investing and how to grow your money

FREE for Youth ages 15-22

REGISTER NOW

EARN A CERTIFICATE UPON COMPLETION!

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