

In the Loop

February 10, 2026

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.

We can help you and your clients find literacy and learning programs, services, or supports in Surrey and White Rock. Call or email and we'd be happy to help.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

- [Freedom to Read Week](#), February 22-28 2026, is an annual event that encourages Canadians to think about and reaffirm their commitment to intellectual freedom.
- The City of Surrey is offering an [Ancestry Library Edition webinar](#) on February 18 at 11:00am as part of their Focus on Seniors Webinar Series.
- The submission deadline for the [Youth Short Story Category](#) of the 2026 Amazon Canada First Novel Award has been extended to February 22.
- Surrey Libraries will begin accepting applications for teen reading buddy volunteers on February 24 for the [Reading Buddies](#) program.
- Evidence for Democracy released their report, [The Misinformation Challenge: Rebuilding Trust in a Post-Truth World](#), and will hold a [webinar](#) on the topic on February 24.
- KPU's [Employment and Community Studies \(EACS\)](#) program is for students with diverse learning needs. Students interested in applying for Fall 2026, must attend an [EACS Information Sessions](#) in February, March or April.
- Options is inviting newcomers to a Lunar New Year celebration on February 13 from 3:00pm – 5:30pm at Options Newcomers' Hub (poster attached).

RESOURCES/PRO-D/NEWS

- 🌐 Lunar New Year, Ramadan, and Lent will converge in February 2026 creating a unique period of overlapping cultural and religious observances. The Year of the Fire Horse begins on February 17, fasting for Ramadan and Lent begins on February 18. Kinda cool, eh?
 - [Resources for Lunar New Year](#)
 - [What is Lent?](#)
 - [Ramadan Lesson Plan](#)
- 🌐 The Peter Gzowski Foundation for Literacy is accepting applications for its [2026 Grants Program](#), deadline is March 20.
- 🌐 The BC Scholarship Society is accepting [applications for Indigenous Student Awards](#) until April 1.
- 🌐 The Racist Incident Helpline (1-833-457-5463) is open to students, families or anyone experiencing racism (poster attached).
- 🌐 [SyllaSense](#) is a Canadian publisher specializing in Decodable Readers for grades K to 2+.
- 🌐 This [generator](#) makes worksheets for counting Canadian coins and bills.
- 🌐 This forum shares ways that [Apple technology](#) can assist with literacy needs.
- 🌐 [The retired Indian factory worker who built a library of two million books](#)
- 🌐 Decoda Literacy Solutions' [2024-2025 Annual Report](#) has been released.

PARONOMASTIC LITERACY

Can February March? No but April May.

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LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

2026 | YEAR OF THE HORSE



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COMMUNITY ACTIVITY



- Learn about Lunar New Year Traditions
- Fun Games & Handcrafting
- Snacks & Prizes



Friday, Feb 13, 2026

REGISTER NOW!

3:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Options Newcomers' Hub
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- ✓ Seats are limited; Pre-registration is required.
- ✓ Free activity for Permanent Residents, Convention Refugees, Protected Persons and Palestinian under MOME2023.

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