

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 feel free to share this information with your colleagues and networks.

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

Note: ITL is going on vacation and will be back on March 24.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

- February 22 to 28 is Freedom to Read Week. Curious about what has been challenged? Check out this list of [challenged books](#).
- IH Career College is offering free, in-person Upper Intermediate [English classes](#) March 2-March 13 in New Westminster (close to Skytrain). These classes are taught by teacher trainees of English.
- The Royal BC Museum is offering a free live online event for grades 4-7 on [Women in Science Museums](#) on March 4.
- The Adult Basic Education Association of British Columbia is hosting its annual [ABEABC Conference 2026](#) on April 30 – May 1 in Victoria, BC. Theme: *Balanced Classrooms: Wellness in Digital and Face-to-Face Learning*.
- Surrey Libraries has announced Sabina Khan is their 2026 Writer in Residence. [Join Sabina Khan for free 45-minute writing consultations by appointment.](#)
- Fraser Valley Regional Library system hosts [Online Reading Challenges](#) all year long to help you stay motivated, discover new books, and challenge yourself to keep reading.

RESOURCES/PRO-D/NEWS

- [This Toronto group is finding deep connection in hand-written letters](#)
- [Ottawa gives NWT up to \\$2.5M for 'digital literacy and AI adoption'](#)
- [Black History Month Book List from Canadian Children's Centre](#)
- [Canadian books to read during Black History Month and beyond](#)
- [Celebrate and honour Black History Month with this selection of new Canadian titles for K-12](#)
- [CELA \(Centre for Equitable Library Access\) is a public library service for Canadians with print disabilities](#)
- [Books for \\$5 and less from First Book Marketplace.](#)
- The Amelia Douglas Institute has [language resources for Michif languages](#) (Michif is historically linked to Métis communities).

FUNNY MONIKERS

My high school chemistry teacher was Mr. Bond. I just found out this is an **aptronym** - a name that is amusingly appropriate for a person's occupation.

Other real-life examples:

- ★ the poet, William Wordsworth
- ★ the musician, Colin Bass
- ★ the sommelier, Emily Wines

Circling back to literacy, here are some published books and their authors:

- [Wilding: The Return of Nature to an English Farm](#) by Isabella Tree
- [Full Moon](#) by Michael Light
- [How to Identify Weather](#) by Storm Dunlop
- [Origins of Depression: Current Concepts and Approaches](#) by Jules Angst

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