Supporting lifelong learning



October 2026 Literacy News

Literacy news, programs, upcoming events, and valuable resources for all ages in Mount Waddington communities on North Vancouver Island.

NEWS



Books, activities, fundraising fun and a winning booth at the Fall Fair

The MWFLS team celebrated Literacy Month at the Mount Waddington Regional Fall Fair, with a free book for 71 children and teens, fun activities and fundraising.



Writing Circle develops skills, confidence and community

The Writing Circle in Port Hardy helped people develop writing skills, and also gave people a regular place to meet, exchange ideas, encourage one another and become more confident sharing their voices.



Fresh Food, Local Farmers and Community Connection at the Port Hardy Farmers' Market

4,158 in BC Farmers' Market Nutrition coupons were distributed to 24 households in North Vancouver Island communities, giving access to fresh food at the Port Hardy Farmers' Market.

EVENTS

October is Canadian Library Month



2026 Theme: Loud for Libraries
During October, libraries and library partners across Canada raise awareness of the valuable role libraries play in Canadians' lives.

More than just a place to find books, libraries promote cultural awareness, engage in the community, provide educational programs, support freedom of expression and so much more.

October 16 is Canadian Library Workers Day
CLWD is a day for Canadians to recognize the valuable contributions made by all those who work in and for the public, academic, school, government, academic, corporate and private libraries that are integral to our communities.
Stop by your local library and and say hello!

October 26-30: Media Literacy Week



Media Literacy Week

Media Literacy Week is an annual event promoting digital media literacy across Canada, taking place each October.


5 tips
for Media Literacy Week
Use media to express yourself and participate in your communities
Check before you share
Remember that there's a real person behind the screen
Push back against hate and prejudice online when you see it
Ask questions about the media you consume
MediaSmarts
MEDIA LITERACY WEEK

PROGRAMS

Mother Goose On-the-Go family program



Now back in Port McNeill
Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.
at Vancouver Island Regional Library.

Mother Goose On-the-Go fosters early literacy and is an experience for the whole family!
A trained 'Mother Goose' leads a group of parents and children in fun and engaging rhymes, songs, stories, and crafts. Free!

Children have fun and parents learn how to sing, rhyme, and read with their child, and weave those skills into their day-to-day routines. These basic activities with children provide the building blocks for early attachment and literacy.
Watch our Facebook page for updates.

Storytime 5 days a week at Vancouver Island Regional Library



Visit Port Hardy VIRL for family Storytime!

Tuesday – Saturday 11–11:30 a.m.
7110 Market St., Port hardy

Free! No need to register.

Literacy Lounge Adult Drop-In

Free drop-ins begin with a fun mini-workshop, creative activity, or board games, followed by optional one-on-one support for English skills, forms, writing, job preparation, technology and personal goals.
A space for community and connection.

- Drop in, no registering
- Everyone Welcome
- Free!



Port McNeill
First and third Monday in October
4:00-6:00 p.m.
A-Frame Bookstore

Port Hardy
First and third Tuesday in October
4:00-6:00 p.m.
Port Hardy Civic Centre

Adult one-on-one support

Need a hand learning something new?

FREE adult workshops, drop-in help, and one-to-one coaching.



Learn practical life skills from cooking, budgeting, and technology to reading, writing, forms, employment, education, and more.

Whatever your goal, we'll help you get there.
Life is easier when you know how.



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Free one-on-one support for adults is available. Get assistance with reading, numeracy and more.
Personal coaching is available to help you reach your goals!
Contact Jeanne James-Hory at adult.literacy@mwfamilyliteracy.org

Hiring Teens to Read with Elementary Students

Hiring Teens!

Job Opportunity

Reading tutors wanted

We are looking for teens to practice reading with elementary school students in our Fostering Literacy program in Port McNeill and Port Hardy.

In this paid work experience, you can help make a difference to a local child who is struggling with reading.

Training provided!

For more information,
contact Kelly Anderson at:
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We are looking for teens in Port McNeill and Port Hardy who are interested in reading with elementary school children in our Fostering Literacy Tutor-Mentor Program!

Fostering Literacy programs in North Vancouver Island communities support school-age children who struggle with reading and provide a paid work experience for teens.
Children practice and grow their reading skills with a trained tutor in a one-on-one setting, with the emphasis on making reading fun.

Training provided!
For more information, contact Kelly Anderson at: literacy.outreach@mwfamilyliteracy.org or text 250-858-2782

Adult volunteer tutors needed for elementary children



You can make a difference in a local child's life.
Help build the confidence and reading skills that will last a lifetime by volunteering as a ONE-TO-ONE reading tutor for 2 or 3 hours a week at a school in your community

Training provided!
Contact Kelly Anderson at: literacy.outreach@mwfamilyliteracy.org

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Volunteer as an Adult Learning Coach



Join our volunteer team!
As an adult learning coach, you can help someone confidently manage everyday things—banking, shopping, health decisions—and strengthen our entire region's future.

You can help learners with reading and numeracy, or test preparation, computer basics, financial literacy, with how to use cell phone or fill out forms.

Training provided!
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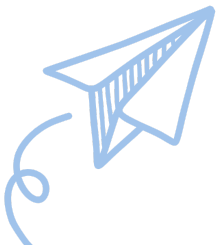
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RESOURCES

Media Literacy Resources for Parents and Teachers

MLW Parent Central

Ever catch yourself thinking, 'Wait... what?' about what your kids are seeing online? This Media Literacy Week, we've gathered free tools and tips to help your family make sense of the digital world as well as keep your kids safe, smart, and responsible online.



MLW Teachers Hub

Led by MediaSmarts experts, these featured lessons cover topics like online hate, body image and identifying what's real online. They can be presented on a screen or digital whiteboard with minimal preparation and include additional activities. Find these plug-and-play lessons below.

ABOUT US

We're here to help.

The Mount Waddington Family Literacy Society works with communities, schools and organizations to support literacy and learning for all ages on North Vancouver Island. We offer free programs, events and resources.

We can also help with your literacy projects and program ideas through fund finding, letters of support and by connecting you with our many resources.

Mount Waddington Family Literacy Society is a non-profit support system servicing the literacy needs of the School District 85/Mount Waddington region of Vancouver Island, BC, traditional territory of the Kwakwaka'wakw Peoples.

Contact us

Contact us for information about our programs, resources or to share your needs and ideas.

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