

Supporting lifelong learning



November 2025 Literacy News

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

NEWS

Books, Socks and Smiles at the Port Hardy Autumn Festival!

Our Literacy Outreach Coordinator, Kelly Anderson, had a wonderful time connecting with readers at the Port Hardy Autumn Festival on October 18!

Thanks to everyone who stopped by our booth. Together we shared the joy of reading by giving away 20 books and spreading literacy awareness with 20 pairs of our fundraising literacy socks from Blue Sky Clothing.

Your support helps keep literacy growing in our community — one page (and one cozy pair of socks) at a time!

Photo: Literacy Outreach Coordinator Kelly Anderson with local author Erin Egan who donated 2 copies of her published book, *I will love you into being*.



Sign the open letter from Canada's Nonprofits and Charities to Corporate and Philanthropic Funders

An open letter from nonprofits and charities across Canada calling on corporate and philanthropic funders to commit to and demonstrate trust-based philanthropic funding practices.



We signed!

Join a growing movement of funders, nonprofits, charities, and community groups across Canada championing trust-based philanthropy.

By adding your organization's name, you'll be part of a movement for funding practices for deeper impact and lasting change.

[Read the letter and add your organization here.](#)

EVENTS

November is Financial Literacy Month!



canada.ca/money

Canada

This year's theme is "Talk Money"- a call to action to encourage open conversations about money across Canada, breaking down the stigma that often surrounds financial discussions.

Talking about money with others can provide opportunities to learn new tips and resources, which can increase financial knowledge and confidence and can ultimately lead to better financial decisions.



Financial Literacy Month

Find events and tools for Financial Literacy Month in November.

Free Money Matters Workshops:

We're partnering with Sacred Wolf Friendship Centre to offer two Money Matters Workshops from ABC Life Literacy Canada during Financial Literacy Month!

Open to everyone who wants to increase their financial literacy!

Nov. 19: Spending Plans

and Basic Banking

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sacred Wolf Friendship Centre,
8950 Granville St., Suite 145A,
Port Hardy

- Learn how to keep track of income and expenses, calculate your spending over time, decide your needs and wants and make a spending plan that works for you!
- Learn about the choices you can make about where to keep your money, types of bank accounts, bank services and how to stay safe when banking online.



Nov. 26: Ways to Save

and Smart Shopping

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sacred Wolf Friendship Centre,
8950 Granville St., Suite 145A,
Port Hardy

- Explore different ways to save, learn about interest, ways to save for your child's education and how to save using a Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA).
- Learn about why we shop, shopping habits, comparison shopping to save money and make smart buying decisions.



Register for one or both workshops by emailing Jeanne at
[**adult.literacy@mwfamilyliteracy.org**](mailto:adult.literacy@mwfamilyliteracy.org)

November 5: I Read Canadian Day

Spend 15 minutes on November 5 reading a Canadian book.



I Read Canadian Day

Français November 5, 2025 I READ CANADIAN DAY I Read Canadian Day is a national celebration of Canadian books for young people, with the goal of elevating the genre and celebrating the breadth and diversity of these books. This year's day

PROGRAMS

Mother Goose On-the-Go family program

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.

Mother Goose is back in Port Hardy and Sointula!

Port Hardy

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Vancouver Island Regional Library, 7110 Market St.

Port McNeill

Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

Vancouver Island Regional Library, 1584 Broughton Blvd

Sointula

Saturdays, 11:00 a.m., Preschool room

Watch our [Facebook page](#) for current schedule.

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.

Volunteer as an Adult Literacy Tutor

When nearly 1 in 2 adults find basic reading or math tasks challenging, it affects not just individuals, but whole families and communities.

By becoming a literacy tutor, you can help someone confidently manage everyday things—banking, shopping, health decisions—and strengthen our entire region's future.
Training provided!

For more information, contact Jeanne James-Hory at adult.literacy@mwfamilyliteracy.org

Did you know?

Volunteer!

In BC, **45%** of adults aged 16-65 may have difficulty understanding newspapers, instruction manuals or health information — tasks many of us take for granted.

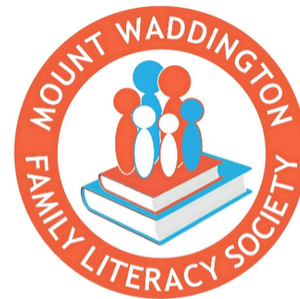
52% of adults may struggle with numeracy-based tasks like calculating interest, using graph info, or figuring out medicine dosage.

Tutors for adults needed!

By volunteering as a literacy tutor, you can help someone confidently manage everyday things—banking, shopping, health decisions—and strengthen our entire region's future.



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Adult literacy drop-in and one-on-one tutoring coming soon!

Need help? Tutoring available: Contact Jeanne at adult.literacy@mwfamilyliteracy.org

Please follow our [Facebook page](#) for current information

RESOURCES

Free Webinar: How Babies Learn Language

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Online via Zoom

This workshop from [Parent Support Services Society of BC](#) provides valuable insights into infant language learning. Parents and caregivers can learn practical, evidence-based techniques to foster your child's language skills during these pivotal early years.

Recommended for caregivers of children aged 0-2.

[Register](#)



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.

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Please note our new email addresses and *add mwfamilyliteracy.org to your contacts* so you don't miss anything from us. Emails to our former addresses will be automatically forwarded.

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Your support makes a difference in our communities!

Your donation will help provide books, literacy programming and other supports that directly benefit our North Vancouver Island communities.

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Or contact Executive Director Charity Gillett at ed@mwfamilyliteracy.org

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