



Supporting lifelong learning



October 2025 Literacy News

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

NEWS

80 children received a new book at the Fall Fair!



Literacy Outreach and Mother Goose Coordinator Kelly Anderson was at the Mount Waddington Fall Fair in September to hand out new books to children, sell fundraising literacy socks, and share information about our programs for all ages.

Kelly said about 170 people came through the booth and 80 children, babies and teens picked out a new book to take home!

She also had five people interested in volunteering with the literacy society!

Food literacy program updates



Mobile kitchen brings food literacy to the community

Mount Waddington Family Literacy Society holds free food literacy workshops with its new mobile kitchen.

[See photos from the workshops!](#)



Families and Farmers supported with Market Coupon Program

Mount Waddington Family Literacy Society supported the BC Farmers' Markets Nutrition Coupon Program to help provide fresh, local food to families.

More than forty local households were registered and more than \$4000 in coupons were distributed to spend at the Port Hardy Farmers' Market.

"Give a Book. Give Literacy." campaign collects books for children

This year, we joined a new province-wide campaign from Decoda Literacy Solutions: "Give a Book. Give Literacy."

Thank you to everyone who donated new books for babies, children and teens, which we will distribute at future events and programs.

Thank you to Port Hardy Recreation for providing space and time for a book bin collection on September 25!

Thank you to Port McNeill ShopRite bookstore for providing space for a book bin throughout September and offering a 15% discount on books!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Give a book Campaign.

If you missed it, and would like to contribute, you can [donate directly to the Literacy Society](#) and choose "Books for Children". Or contact Kelly Anderson at: literacy.outreach@mwfamilyliteracy.org

EVENTS

October is Canadian Library Month!



Visit your local library to explore everything it has to offer for free! From books, magazines and comics, to audiobooks, video games, movies and music, plus events and programs.

Health Literacy Month

Help put health literacy awareness into action during Health Literacy Month. This month of international observance highlights the work of integrating and expanding the mission of health literacy toward health equity, so everyone has access to high-quality care to achieve positive health outcomes. During health literacy month, we urge you to put health literacy awareness into action!



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.

Port McNeill

Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.
Vancouver Island Regional Library,
1584 Broughton Blvd

New dates coming soon for Port Hardy and Sointula!

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

More Fall Program Updates coming soon!

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

Storytime 5 days a week at Vancouver Island Regional Library



Visit Port Hardy VIRL for family Storytime!

NEW TIME!

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

Free! No need to register.

RESOURCES

Literacy Kits at VIRL

Did you know that there are great [Literacy Kits](#) and [Cultural Literacy Kits](#) available at Vancouver Island Regional Library branches?

Theme-based kits come in a backpack or plastic tote and contain books, CDs, DVDs, and/or toys and you can borrow them for up to three weeks.

Literacy Kits cover a wide variety of topics such as Wild Animals, Pirates, Force and Motion, Divorce, and Yoga.

Cultural Literacy Kits are designed to help parents, caregivers and educators engage with their children through books, songs and games – all in their own language and about their own culture!





Workplace Literacy & Employee Training Program | UP Skills For Work

ABC Money Matters is a free introductory financial literacy program for adults in Canada. Sign up to host a workshop today!

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

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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.

Ways to give:

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

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