



Supporting lifelong learning



March 2026 Literacy News

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

NEWS

Staff updates!



New Executive Director for Literacy Society

Jessica Brown is the new Executive Director at Mount Waddington Family Literacy Society, February 2026.



Adult Literacy Coordinator Helps People Build Skills for Life and Work

Jeanne James-Hory is stepping into a new role as Community Adult Literacy Coordinator.

Learning through food workshops

Click the articles below for more workshop photos and details.



Smart Shopping Challenge: Small Budget, Big Wins!

An empowering, hands-on learning experience explored practical tools for meal planning and grocery budgeting.



Wonton Workshop Brings Community, Confidence, and Connection

A wonton workshop was such a hit, it's being offered again in partnership with Sacred Wolf Friendship Centre in Port Hardy.

BC Literacy organization features our programs!



Appetite for Learning: Connecting food and literacy - Decoda Literacy Solutions

Food literacy programs empower people in North Vancouver Island with practical skills, strengthen community connections and open doors to further learning and opportunity.

Coming up next month ...

Stories and photos from our Literacy Fair!

EVENTS

March is Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month

Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month (CALM) is a celebration of agriculture in classrooms across the country.

CULTIVATING CURIOSITY:

A reading challenge about caring for farms and animals

[BC Agriculture in the Classroom](#) has downloadable resources, recipes, games, farm and food maps, and is hosting a reading challenge with over \$3200 in prizes!



2026 CANADIAN AGRICULTURE LITERACY CHALLENGE

Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month (CALM), we are excited to launch the 2026 Canadian Agriculture Literacy Challenge.

March 20: Wonton Workshop Is Back! Cook, Learn and Share



Join us for round two of this cozy, hands-on Wonton Workshop at Sacred Wolf Friendship Centre!

We'll gather around the table, enjoy each other's company, and learn how to make homemade wontons from scratch. Together, we'll prepare them a couple of different ways, share a meal, and everyone will leave with wontons to take home and enjoy later.

No experience needed!

Location: Sacred Wolf Friendship Centre, Port Hardy

Date: March 20th

Time: 11:00 am

Cost: Free

Register: Spaces are limited to 15 participants, contact Jeanne to register:

adult.literacy@mwfamilyliteracy.org

This workshop is offered in partnership between **Mount Waddington Family Literacy Society** and **Sacred Wolf Friendship Centre**.

[Read about the first wonton workshop](#)

Cooks & Books: Workshop Series coming to libraries

We are excited to launch a new hands-on workshop series in partnership with the **Vancouver Island Regional Library**.

Cooks & Books combines simple food-making with practical learning in a relaxed, welcoming environment.

Each session focuses on simple, practical food skills while building confidence in reading recipes, following instructions, and trying something new.

Our first session, Soup in a Jar, is on April 29 at the Port Hardy Library.

Join us to layer your own take-home dry soup mix, complete with simple instructions - just add water at home and enjoy!

Future sessions will explore healthy, easy meals and snack ideas, with workshops offered at both the Port Hardy and Port McNeill branches.

Stay tuned for details, and sign up now to be added to the waiting list!

Contact the library or
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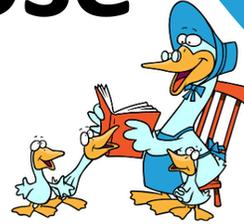


PROGRAMS

Mother Goose On-the-Go family program

Mother Goose on the Go!

Free
Program



Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

Vancouver Island Regional Library,
Port McNeill

Saturdays, 11:00 a.m.

Preschool Room,
Sointula

Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.

Roberts Scott School (StrongStart)
Port Hardy

Thursdays, 11:00 a.m.

Roberts Scott School (Promising Babies)
Port Hardy

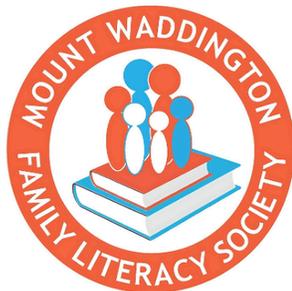
Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

Roberts Scott School (Parents of Young
Children)
Port Hardy

A Family Literacy Program

A trained 'Mother Goose' leads a group of parents and children in fun and engaging rhymes, songs, stories, and crafts. These basic activities with children provide the building blocks for early attachment and literacy.

- Everyone welcome!
- Drop-in



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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 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.

Conversation Circle: Practice your English

Vancouver Island Regional Library offers Practice Your English Conversation Circle for adults. Free, drop-in!

Port Hardy

Tuesdays, Noon - 1 p.m.

Vancouver Island Regional Library, 7110 Market St.

Port McNeill

Wednesdays, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Vancouver Island Regional Library, 1584 Broughton Blvd

Adult one-on-one tutoring

Free one-on-one tutoring for adults is available. Get assistance with reading, numeracy and more!

Contact Jeanne at adult.literacy@mwfamilyliteracy.org

Volunteer as an Adult Literacy Tutor

By becoming a tutor, 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!

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

RESOURCES



Financial literacy for tax season: What every adult learner should know - ABC Life Literacy Canada

Understanding how taxes work does not require expert knowledge. Learning a few core concepts can make the process more manageable, help you access credits and benefits, and reduce uncertainty year to year.

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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