

Supporting lifelong learning



April 2025 Literacy News

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

NEWS

Newsletter refresh!

Exciting News! We've given our newsletter a fresh new look. With a cleaner layout and improved navigation, you can scan the highlights and click on stories to get more details, photos and quotes.



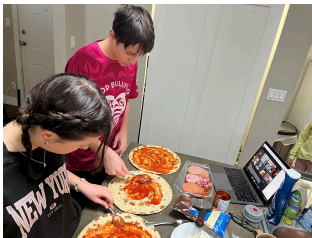
60 children received a new book at 2025 Literacy Fair

101 people attended the Mount Waddington Family Literacy Society's 2025 Literacy Fair and 60 children took home a new book.



New Food Literacy Program Coordinator to share practical knowledge and resources

Welcome Jeanne James-Hory as our new Food Literacy Program Coordinator with Mount Waddington Family Literacy Society.



Teens get cooking during Spring break pizza-making workshop

18 teens from North Island Secondary School, Port Hardy Secondary School and Eke Me-Xi Learning Centre received free pizza making kits over spring break, with some meeting virtually to cook together the next day.



A big thank you to our practicum student, Sam!

EA/CSW Assistant student Sam Sorrell, has been learning the ins and outs of outreach work and supporting elementary students' literacy.

New Staff Email Addresses

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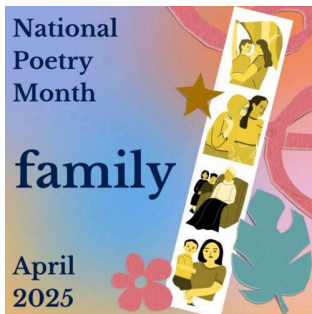
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Contact us for information about our programs, resources or to share your needs and ideas.

EVENTS

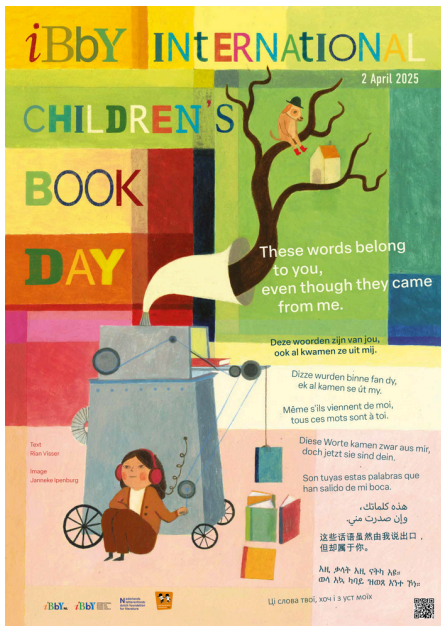


National Poetry Month | Le Mois national de la poésie - League of Canadian Poets

National Poetry Month Le Mois national de la poésie NPM archives | Archives MNP Established in Canada in 1998 by the League of Canadian Poets, National Poetry Month takes place every April and brings together schools, publishers, booksellers, literary organizations, libraries, communities and poets from across the country to celebrate poetry and its vital place...

Learn about the [literacy benefits of reading and writing poems](#) plus tips for teaching poetry.

April 2: International Children's Book Day



Since 1967, on or around Hans Christian Andersen's birthday, 2 April, International Children's Book Day (ICBD) is celebrated to inspire a love of reading and to call attention to children's books.

Ways to support your child's literacy:

- Keep a variety of books in your home
- Visit the library often
- Read aloud with your child every day
- Let children choose their own books
- Set an example by reading for pleasure yourself
- Let them listen to audiobooks

Part of Mount Waddington Family Literacy Society's mission is to get books into local children's hands. You can help [by donating](#). (Choose the 'Books for children' option.)

April 15: BC Book Day



April 15th is #BCBookDay, a day to celebrate and support our province's independent book & magazine publishers, authors, illustrators, independent bookstores, libraries, and festivals that connect us with local stories.

Ask for a BC book at your local independent bookstore or library, and find a full list of BC publishers at [ReadLocalBC.ca](https://readlocalbc.ca).

#BuyLocal #ReadLocalBC

May 9: Wizard School



🧙 Have you ever dreamed of attending an enchanted school where you can cast spells, fly broomsticks, and train magical creatures? Now's your chance!

In this fun-filled camp for ages 9-13, young wizards will:

- Write their own acceptance letters
- Design school crests
- Concoct potion recipes
- Build miniature broomsticks
- Draw magical maps
- Craft short scenes

Led by [Lee Edward Födi](#), author of *Spell Sweeper*, *The Secret of Zoone*, and *Kendra Kandlestar*!



Friday, May 9 (Pro-D Day)

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Port Hardy Arena Dry Floor

Only \$10!

Mount Waddington Family Literacy Society is proud to help support this day!

Spots are limited—[sign up today](#) through [Port Hardy Recreation](#)!

WIZARD SCHOOL
Pro-D Camp
FRIDAY MAY 9
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
\$10

Ever dreamed of attending a magical school with spells, broomsticks, and mystical creatures?

- Write acceptance letters
- Craft school crests
- Mix potions

- Build broomsticks
- Draw maps
- Bring your magical world to life!

LED BY AUTHOR: LEE EDWARD FÖDI

The logo is a circular emblem with a red border. Inside, there are three stylized figures in blue and red, standing on a stack of books. The text "MOUNT WADDINGTON FAMILY LITERACY SOCIETY" is written around the inner circle.

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.

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, 10:30 a.m.**

Vancouver Island Regional Library,
1584 Broughton Blvd.

Sointula**Saturdays, 11:00 a.m.**

Preschool Room

Storytime 5 days a week at Vancouver Island Regional Library



[Visit Port Hardy VIRL for family Storytime!](#)

Tuesday – Saturday 10–10:30 a.m.,

7110 Market St., Port Hardy

Community Adult Literacy Programs (CALP)



Important program updates

Please note a temporary reduction in adult program hours in April and early May.

Port Hardy Update

No in-person classes for the month of April and the first week of May.

The Port Hardy adult literacy program will be *online only* with free online ESL lessons on **Mondays and Wednesdays 4:30-5:30pm.**

Please email adult.literacy@mwfamilyliteracy.org if you would like to receive an invitation to participate.

Port McNeill Update

In Port McNeill, the Reading-Writing-Internet Practice Drop-In will be at the A-Frame bookstore on **Tuesdays at 4:30-5:30pm only.**

**Thursdays are postponed.*

Anyone needing assistance with their reading, writing, and online needs, please email adult.literacy@mwfamilyliteracy.org.

The Conversation Clubs are also postponed until May.

RESOURCES



Civic Literacy and Election Resources - Decoda Literacy Solutions

Learn about resources to help adult learners participate the upcoming 2025 federal election and encourage civic literacy for all ages.



Let's Talk: How Babies Learn Language

This workshop provides parents and caregivers with valuable insights into infant language learning. Learn practical, evidence-based techniques to foster your child's language skills during these pivotal early years.

Thursday, April 10, 2025

10 AM – 11:30 AM

Online via Zoom

[Register Now](#)

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.

Thank you to our supporters



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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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