



Supporting lifelong learning



Literacy: The Ripple Effect ... at home, at work and in the community.



September 2025 Literacy News

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

NEWS

September is Literacy Month!

This September, Mount Waddington Family Literacy Society (MWFLS) celebrates Literacy Month with a free book for children and Literacy Socks fundraiser at the Fall Fair and a new book drive.

Visit our [Literacy Month web page](#) for all the details.

Now in its 12th year led by Decoda Literacy Solutions, [September is Literacy Month](#) helps to raise awareness, raise funds, collect books, and support local literacy programs.

This year's theme, "Literacy: The Ripple Effect," highlights how stronger literacy skills lead to better health, safer workplaces, stronger economies, and more engaged communities.

Free book for children at the Fall Fair

Visit the MWFLS table at the Mount Waddington Regional Fall Fair on September 6 and 7 at Chilton Arena in Port McNeill.

- Every child attending can choose a new book to take home!
- Find out about free learning programs for all ages.
- Buy a pair of fundraising Literacy Socks.
- Learn about volunteer and job opportunities.

September is Literacy Month!

Celebrate
books
with us!

➔ Get a free book for children

September 6 & 7, 2025

Mount Waddington Fall Fair,
Chilton Area, Port McNeill



➔ Give a book for children or teens

We're collecting *new* board books,
children's and teen books in drop boxes at:

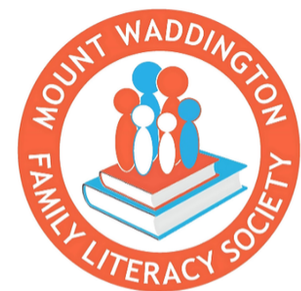
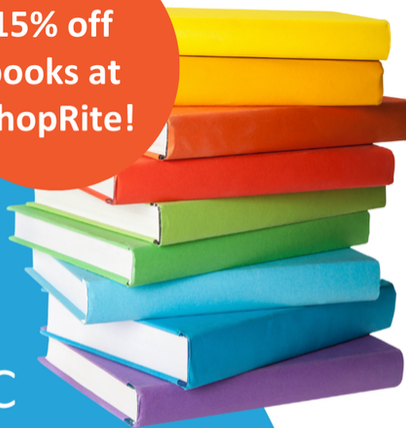
ShopRite Port McNeill
All September

Port Hardy Recreation Centre
September 25, 2025 5:30pm–7pm

15% off
books at
ShopRite!

Give a Book.
Give Literacy.

#GiveABookBC



Supporting lifelong learning

mwfamilyliteracy.org

Facebook: @mwfamilyliteracy

"Give a Book. Give Literacy." Campaign

As part of the month-long celebration, the #GiveABookBC initiative encourages people to donate books to community literacy groups, shelters and neighbourhood houses across B.C.

“Getting books into children’s hands is part of our mission,” said Kelly Anderson, Literacy Outreach and Mother Goose Coordinator at MWFLS. “It’s always tricky to find funding for books, so joining the #GiveABookBC campaign will help us stock up for future events and programs.”

You can donate a book to Mount Waddington Family Literacy Society during the #GiveABookBC campaign.

The Literacy Society is accepting:

- New books only
- Board books, children's books, teen books
- No Young Adult/Adult books, encyclopedias or dictionaries
- No used books, please

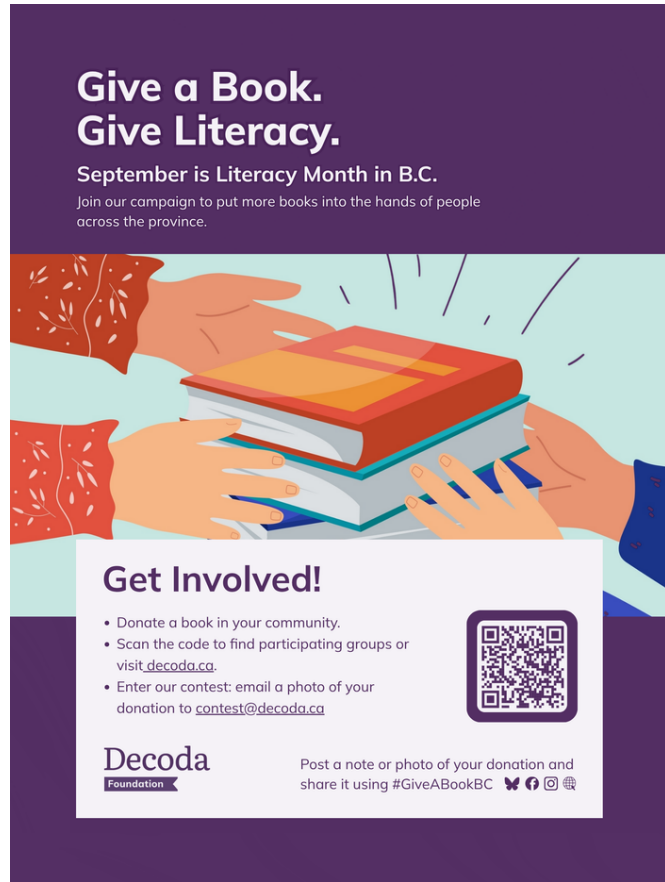
Port Hardy: On September 25th, you can bring a book to the Port Hardy Recreation Centre, 7440 Columbia Street, 5:30pm – 7pm.

Port McNeill: And throughout September, you can bring a book to ShopRite in Port McNeill.
***ShopRite is also offering 15% off books!**

You can also donate directly to the Society at canadahelps.org/en/charities/mwliteracynow and choose “Books for Children”.

Give a Book Contest

Book donors can also email a photo of their book donation and the organization you gave to, to contest@decoda.ca to enter a draw for a \$50 gift card from Decoda Literacy—just one more reason to give.



**Give a Book.
Give Literacy.**

September is Literacy Month in B.C.
Join our campaign to put more books into the hands of people across the province.

Get Involved!

- Donate a book in your community.
- Scan the code to find participating groups or visit decoda.ca.
- Enter our contest: email a photo of your donation to contest@decoda.ca

Decoda
Foundation

Post a note or photo of your donation and share it using #GiveABookBC

Community Learning Survey Results



Survey Results 2025: North Islanders share community learning needs

Explore the 2025 survey results to learn about North Vancouver Islanders' top learning needs.

Mount Waddington Family Literacy Society's North Vancouver Island Community Learning Needs Survey in June show that, along with reading support for children and family literacy programs, people are looking for mental health/social-emotional literacy programs.

[Read more](#)

In case you missed it in June ...

2024-25 Literacy Society Impact Highlights



Executive Director message: Summer updates and 2024-25 impact highlights

Mount Waddington Family Literacy Society's executive director Charity Gillett shares summer updates and highlights of the 2024-25 program year in North Vancouver Island communities.

EVENTS

Mount Waddington Regional Fall Fair: September 6 & 7, 2025

Visit our table at the Mount Waddington Regional Fall Fair

September 6 & 7, 2025

Chilton Arena, Port McNeill

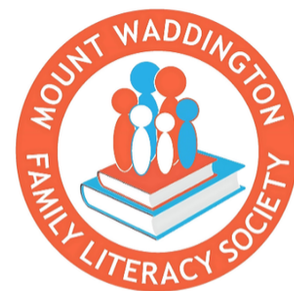
**FREE BOOK
for Children!**



- Every child can choose a **new book** to take home!
- Find out about our free learning programs for all ages.
- Literacy socks for sale!
- Learn about volunteer and job opportunities.



September is Literacy Month!



Supporting lifelong learning

mwfamilyliteracy.org

Facebook: @mwfamilyliteracy

We'll be at the Mount Waddington Regional Fall Fair!

Visit our table:

- Every child attending can choose a new book to take home!
- Find out about our free learning programs for all ages.
- Buy a pair of fundraising Literacy Socks.
- Learn about volunteer and job opportunities.

September 30 is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day

**Orange Shirt Society**

Homepage - Orange Shirt Society

Orange Shirt Society Growing awareness of the individual, family and community intergenerational impacts of Residential Schools. At OSS, we believe you can support Reconciliation every day, in your own way. Learn more Growing awareness of the individual, family and community intergenerational impacts of Residential Schools. At OSS, we

PROGRAMS

Fall Program Updates coming soon!

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

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.

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

Storytime 5 days a week at Vancouver Island Regional Library



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

Tuesday – Saturday 10–10:30 a.m.,
7110 Market St., Port Hardy

Free! No need to register.

RESOURCES



Free Online English Classes!

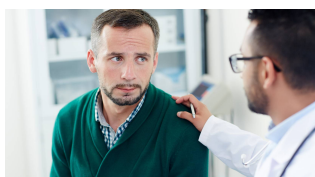
Gain English skills and confidence for work and life.

- Live classes with real teachers.
- Flexible times.
- Canadian Language Benchmark Levels Literacy to 8.

Free from Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy!

[Register today.](#)

or email linonline@cbal.org



Health Literacy: A Key Investment in Public Health - Decoda Literacy Solutions

Learn about the importance of literacy and its role on prevention, treatment and post-treatment for public health. Resources are also provided.

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

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.

Executive Director,

Charity Gillett

ed@mwfamilyliteracy.org**Food Literacy Coordinator**

Jeanne James-Hory

food.literacy@mwfamilyliteracy.org**Literacy Outreach Coordinator**

Kelly Anderson

literacy.outreach@mwfamilyliteracy.org**Communications Coordinator**

Trish Weatherall

communications@mwfamilyliteracy.org**Mother Goose on the Go Coordinator**

Kelly Anderson

mother.goose@mwfamilyliteracy.org

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

Follow Us



Thank you to our supporters



SUPPORT LOCAL LITERACY



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:

Donate on our [secure Canadahelps.org webpage](https://secure.Canadahelps.org)

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

Get our latest updates

Add your email...

Subscribe

Visit our social accounts



Check out our site 

This email was created with Wix. [Discover More](#)