

DIRECTORY OF



Family  
Literacy  
Programs

GREATER VICTORIA



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<sup>1</sup> *Literacy BC Framework of Statements and Standards of Best Practices in Family Literacy*, p.6. <http://www.nald.ca/FULLTEXT/framwork/framwork.pdf>. Retrieved: November 21, 2005.

Family literacy refers to the many ways families develop and use literacy skills, from enjoying a storybook together at bedtime and during the day, to playing with word games, singing, writing to a relative or friend, sharing day-to-day tasks such as making a shopping list or using a recipe, and surfing the Internet for fun and interesting sites.

– *Family Literacy in Canada: Profiles of Effective Practices*,  
Adele Thomas, Soleil Publishing Inc., 1998

## ■ Introduction

### Family Literacy

Community organizations explain family literacy in different words. We found that all definitions include parents and children working together and highlight reading aloud.

Literacy BC most clearly captures this thinking.<sup>1</sup>

*Family literacy is an innovative educational approach based on a powerful premise: parents are their children's first and most important teachers.*

*Family literacy is a shared responsibility that builds on existing community resources and combines the strengths of many partners and builds knowledge within the community.*

*Family literacy is culturally responsive and as diverse as the communities in which it is developed.*

Simple things like reading and telling stories to a child at 18 months are powerful stimuli for brain development in the early years.

– *Early Years Study Final Report: Reversing the Real Brain Drain*,  
Government of Ontario, 1999



## Using the Directory

Family literacy work occurs in many places across Greater Victoria.

This directory includes programs and resources that combine opportunities for parents/guardians and children to learn together as well as opportunities for adults to support their child's early literacy development.

Organizations offering direct programs and services are included in the Programs section and listed in alphabetical order. In the Additional Resources section we have included groups that provide program funding support or deliver a variety of literacy programs for children, youth and adults.

Information about organizations and programs was collected over several months in 2005 and 2006. As you explore the options available, please make sure you contact each organization to obtain the most current program details and information.

The *Directory of Family Literacy Programs Greater Victoria* and the companion Family Literacy Map are available on-line at Victoria READ Society [www.readsociety.bc.ca](http://www.readsociety.bc.ca).

Having a parent or other caring person read aloud with their children helps children learn listening skill, vocabulary and language skills, as well as develop imagination and creativity.

– Family Literacy Foundation, 2001

## About us—Victoria READ Society (READ)

For 30 years the Victoria READ Society has helped learners of all ages overcome literacy challenges.

Teachers trained in literacy, special education and English-as-a Second Language assess learners and develop programs that meet individual needs and goals.

Children and youth programs include one-to-one instruction in math, reading and language. Small-group adult programs cover basic academic skills, upgrading for employment and English language and literacy for landed immigrants and refugees.

In a caring environment READ participants expand their ability in language and numbers, build self-esteem and become more confident members of their communities.



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# Family Literacy Programs



### **Beacon Community Services**

9860 Third Street

Sidney, BC V8L 4R2

Phone: 250-656-0134

Fax: 250-655-4357

Email: [beacon@beaconcs.ca](mailto:beacon@beaconcs.ca)

Website: [www.beaconcs.ca](http://www.beaconcs.ca)

**Nobody's Perfect Parenting Program:** For parents/caregivers of children from birth to age five. Program provides education and support for low-income parents/caregivers who may feel isolated, lack formal education and need help with parenting skills.

### **Beecher Bay Tribal Learning Centre**

4744 East Sooke Road

Sooke, BC V0S 1N0

Phone: 250-474-0367

Email: [as4705@telus.net](mailto:as4705@telus.net); [ella\\_1573@hotmail.com](mailto:ella_1573@hotmail.com)

Website: [www.sd62.bc.ca/Aboriginal\\_Education](http://www.sd62.bc.ca/Aboriginal_Education)

Programs provide enrichment and support for Aboriginal students and families. Emphasis is on cultural awareness.

### **Blanshard Community Centre**

901 Kings Road

Victoria, BC V8T 1W5

Phone: 250-388-7696

Fax: 250-388-7607

Email: [admin@blanshardcc.com](mailto:admin@blanshardcc.com)

Website: [www.blanshardcc.com](http://www.blanshardcc.com)

**Nobody's Perfect Parenting Program:** For parents/ caregivers of children from birth to age five. Program provides education and support for low-income parents/caregivers who may feel isolated, lack formal education and need help with parenting skills.

**Parents and Tots:** For parents/caregivers with children 6 years and younger. Crafts, songs, story time and field trips.

**Parent-Child Mother Goose Program:** Parent/caregiver and child engage in stories, songs and rhymes that promote pre-literacy skills.

## **Burnside Gorge Community Centre**

484 Cecelia Road

Victoria, BC V8T 4T5

Phone: 250-388-5251

Fax: 250-388-5269

Email: [bgca@shaw.ca](mailto:bgca@shaw.ca)

Website: [www.burnsidegorge.ca](http://www.burnsidegorge.ca)

**Parent and Tot Circle Time:** Songs and nursery rhymes for parents/caregivers and children to 6 years.

**Kindergym:** Toys, games, activities and circle time for parent/caregiver and child (walking to 6 years).

**Parent and Tot Drop In:** Socialize, play, read and have circle time with children 6 years and under.

**Toddler Art:** Crafts and art projects for preschoolers and parent/caregiver.

## **Capital Families Association**

West Shore Child Youth and Family Services

345 Wale Road

Victoria, BC V9B 6X2

Phone: 250-391-4320

Fax: 250-391-8841

Email: [info@capfamilies.org](mailto:info@capfamilies.org)

Website: [www.capfamilies.org](http://www.capfamilies.org)

**Best Babies:** Expectant and new mothers of newborns up to six months. Program offers prenatal classes, counseling, support, and educational resources.

**Best Families:** Parents/caregivers with infants to 6 months.

**Nobody's Perfect Parenting Program:** For parents/caregivers of children from birth to age five. Program provides education and support for low-income parents/caregivers who may feel isolated, lack formal education and need help with parenting skills.

**Parent-Tot Playtime:** Parents/caregivers of newborns to 5 years old – creative activities and Mother Goose Circle Time.

**Moms and Mentors:** Volunteers offer friendship and guidance as mentors to young moms. Mentors encourage the continuation and or completion of education and teach parenting skills. The program is designed to promote healthy parenting and encourage independence.



## Educaentre

301-531 Yates Street

Victoria, BC V8W 1K7

Phone: 250-382-1310

Fax: 250-382-1350

Email: [aurafidelitearindam@educaentre.com](mailto:aurafidelitearindam@educaentre.com)

Website: [www.educaentre.com](http://www.educaentre.com)

**Family Literacy:** Within the family setting – for parents/caregivers needing help with reading, writing and math and for their children who are not doing well at school.

**Family Francisation:** Offers francophone or anglophone parents/caregivers of children in francophone schools the opportunity to improve their French, based on classroom activities and homework assignments. Helps parents/ caregivers gain confidence to participate in their children's education.

## Esquimalt Nation

1000 Thomas Road

Victoria, BC V9A 7K7

Phone: 250-381-7861

Fax: 250-384-9309

**Head Start:** First Nations parent/caregiver and children participate with books, stories and sharing. Program prepares Aboriginal children for school by meeting spiritual, emotional, intellectual and physical needs. Program helps Aboriginal parents/caregivers develop skills to contribute to their child's healthy development, increase confidence as parents and improve family relationships.

## Esquimalt Neighbourhood House Society

511 Constance Avenue  
Victoria, BC V9A 6N5  
Phone: 250-385-2635 extension 207  
Fax: 250-384-2078  
Website: [www.enh.bc.ca](http://www.enh.bc.ca)

**Nobody's Perfect Parenting Program:** For parents/caregivers of children from birth to age five. Program provides education and support for low-income parents/caregivers who may feel isolated, lack formal education and need help with parenting skills. **Best Babies:** For pregnant women and mothers of newborns up to six months. Program offers prenatal classes, counseling, support, and educational resources.

## Fairfield Community Place

1330 Fairfield Road  
Victoria, BC V8S 5J1  
Phone: 250-382-4604  
Fax: 250-382-4613  
Email: [family@fairfieldcommunity.ca](mailto:family@fairfieldcommunity.ca)  
Website: [www.fairfieldcommunity.ca](http://www.fairfieldcommunity.ca)

**Kindergym Drop In:** Preschoolers and parents/caregivers play and learn together.

**Parent and Tot Drop In:** Preschoolers and parents/caregivers play together and learn with toys, books and crafts.

## **Fernwood Community Centre**

1240 Gladstone Avenue

Victoria, BC V8T 1G6

Phone: 250-381-1552

Fax: 250-381-1509

Email: [shauna.voss@fernwoodcc.bc.ca](mailto:shauna.voss@fernwoodcc.bc.ca)

Website: [www.fernwoodneighbourhood.ca](http://www.fernwoodneighbourhood.ca)

**Best Babies:** for pregnant women and mothers of newborns up to six months. Program offers prenatal classes, counselling, support, educational resources.

**Parent-Child Mother Goose Program:** Parent/caregiver and child engage in stories, songs and rhymes that promote pre-literacy skills for infants and toddlers.

**Parent and Tot Playgroup:** Social and play time.

**Nobody's Perfect Parenting Program:** For parents/caregivers of children from birth to age five. Program provides education and support for low-income parent/caregivers who may feel isolated, lack formal education and need help with parenting skills.

## Greater Victoria Public Library

Website: [www.gvpl.ca](http://www.gvpl.ca)

<b>Central Branch</b>	735 Broughton Street Victoria, BC V8W 3H2	250-382-7241
<b>Bruce Hutchison</b>	4636 Elk Lake Drive Victoria, BC V8Z 7K2	250-727-0104
<b>Central Saanich</b>	1209 Clarke Road Brentwood Bay, BC V8M 1P8	250-652-2013
<b>Emily Carr</b>	3500 Blanshard Street Victoria, BC V8X 1W3	250-475-6100
<b>Esquimalt</b>	1231 Esquimalt Road Victoria, BC V9A 3P1	250-414-7198
<b>Juan de Fuca</b>	1759 Island Highway Victoria, BC V9B 1J1	250-391-0653
<b>Nellie McClung</b>	3950 Cedar Hill Road Victoria, BC V8P 3Z9	250-477-7111
<b>Oak Bay</b>	442 Monterey Avenue Victoria, BC V8S 4W1	250-592-2489

**Baby Time:** songs, rhymes, finger-plays for babies 0-15 months and their parent/caregiver.

**Toddler Time:** stories, songs, puppets for toddlers 16-35 months with parent/caregiver.

**Preschool Story time:** stories, songs, puppets for 3-5 year olds with parent/caregiver.

**Family Story time:** stories, songs and puppets for young children.

**Reading Buddies:** Once-a-week reading tutors for elementary or middle school students.

**Summer Reading Club:** Summer reading program to entice students to spend their summer reading. Program includes book suggestions and incentives.

**Author Visits.**

**Outreach** to school and community groups.

**Parent-Child Mother Goose Program** at Emily Carr Library: Parent/caregiver and child engage in songs and rhymes that promote pre-literacy skills.

## Greater Victoria School District 61

District Office

556 Boleskine Road

Victoria, BC V8W 2R1

Phone: 250-475-4124

Fax: 250-475-6161

Website: [www.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.sd61.bc.ca)

**Ready, Set, Learn:** Families with three-year-olds attend Ready, Set, Learn events to become familiar with their local school. Parents/caregivers receive an information kit to help support their child's learning and development. Children receive an age-appropriate book. Ready, Set, Learn Open Houses are held in January, February and March. Contact the School District office for information.

### **First Nations Programs**

Email: [nnelson@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:nnelson@sd61.bc.ca)

**First Nations Kindergarten:** Full day kindergarten at George Jay (max 20 students) and Craigflower Schools (max 18 students). First Nations teacher and assistant involve elders, parents and community members in the classroom. Program provides a positive and nurturing environment for Aboriginal students. Encourages learning based on culture, heritage and First Nations history.

### **Aboriginal Skill Development (K to grade 8)**

**Homework Club:** Songhees and Victoria Native Friendship Centre homework clubs.

## **Hulitan Social Services Society**

902A Caledonia Avenue

Victoria, BC V8T 1E8

Phone: 250-384-9466

Fax: 250-381-1438

Email: [hippy@hulitan.ca](mailto:hippy@hulitan.ca)

Website: [www.makola.bc.ca/hulitan\\_society](http://www.makola.bc.ca/hulitan_society)

**Journeys of the Heart:** Providing culturally appropriate learning programs to urban Aboriginal children ages 3 to 5 and their families. Program runs from George Jay Elementary School. Contact for other locations.

**Family Advancement Program:** In home, year round program to assist Aboriginal families with children considered "at risk" who are elementary school age and in School District 61. Counselling and support are provided to develop and improve communication skills, parenting skills, life skills, etc.

**Family Support Worker Program:** Operates year round to provide group, individual and family counselling to facilitate emotional stability, a sense of identity, and behavioral/social control that will be evident in the school, home, and community setting.

## **Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria**

930 Balmoral Road

Victoria, BC V8T 1A8

Phone: 250-388-4728

Fax: 250-386-4395

Email: [admin@icavictoria.org](mailto:admin@icavictoria.org)

Website: [www.icavictoria.org](http://www.icavictoria.org)

**Nobody's Perfect Parenting Program:** Multicultural program for parents/caregivers with newborns to children age 5. Program helps immigrant parents/caregivers learn new methods of raising children in Canadian society. Free daycare, healthy snacks, help with transportation, and booklets and handouts are all included in the session.

## James Bay Community School Centre

140 Oswego Street

Victoria, BC V8V 2B1

Phone: 250-389-1470

Fax: 250-389-7184

Email: [programs@jamesbaycentre.ca](mailto:programs@jamesbaycentre.ca)

Website: [www.jamesbaycentre.ca](http://www.jamesbaycentre.ca)

**Nobody's Perfect Parenting Program:** For parents/caregivers of newborns to 5 years old. Program provides education and support for low-income parents/caregivers who may feel isolated, lack formal education and need help with parenting skills.

**Kindergym:** Preschoolers and parents/caregivers play and learn together.

## Metchosin Community House

4430 Happy Valley Road

Metchosin, BC V9C 3Z3

Phone: 250-478-5155

Fax: 250-478-5155

Email: [mcahouse@metchosin.com](mailto:mcahouse@metchosin.com)

Website: [www.metchosin.com/mcahouse](http://www.metchosin.com/mcahouse)

**Parent and Tot Drop In:** Playtime, crafts, stories and song for parents/caregivers with newborns to age 5.

## Métis Community Services

222-645 Fort Street

Victoria, BC V8W 1G2

Phone: 250-480-0006

Fax: 250-480-0802

Email: [mail@metis.bc.ca](mailto:mail@metis.bc.ca)

Website: [www.metis.ca](http://www.metis.ca)

**Programs** provide support to the Métis people of Vancouver Island, with a focus on children and families.

## **Military Family Resource Centre**

CFB Esquimalt

PO Box 17000 Stn Forces

Victoria, BC V9A 7N2

Phone: 250-363-5083

Fax: 250-363-2677

Email: [mfrc@shawcable.com](mailto:mfrc@shawcable.com)

Website: [www.esquimaltmfrc.com](http://www.esquimaltmfrc.com)

**Rhyme With Me:** Parents/caregivers, babies and toddlers to 18 months sing songs and listen to stories.

**Parent and Tot Drop In:** Playtime, crafts, stories and song for parents/caregivers with newborns to age 5.

**Parent-Child Mother Goose Program:** Parent/caregiver and child engage in stories, songs and rhymes that promote pre-literacy skills.

**Shake, Rattle and Sing:** Children to 4 years with music therapist.

## **Oaklands Community Centre**

1-2827 Belmont Avenue

Victoria, BC V8R 4B2

Phone: 250-370-9101

Fax: 250-370-9102

Email: [coordinator@oaklandscommunitycentre.com](mailto:coordinator@oaklandscommunitycentre.com)

Website: [www.oaklandscommunitycentre.com](http://www.oaklandscommunitycentre.com)

**Tiny Tykes Playgroup:** For parents/caregivers and young children to meet and be involved with toys, equipment, and circle time songs.

**Caregiver Playgroup:** For caregivers and young children to enjoy crafts and activities, including circle time songs.

**Father/Tot Drop In:** For dads/caregivers and their toddlers to develop social, cognitive and physical skills for positive growth.



### **Oaklands Elementary School**

2827 Belmont Avenue

Victoria, BC V8R 4B2

Phone: 250-595-2444

Fax: 250-595-4789

Email: [kupton@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:kupton@sd61.bc.ca)

Website: [www.palsfamilylit.ca](http://www.palsfamilylit.ca)

**PALS** (Parents as Literacy Supporters): Connects and involves parents/caregivers with their preschool/kindergarten school system. Supports children's early literacy and numeracy development.

### **Pauquachin First Nation**

8960 West Saanich Road

Victoria, BC V8L 5W4

Phone: 250-656-0191

Fax: 250-656-6134

**Head Start:** First Nations parent/caregiver and child participate with books, stories and sharing. Program prepares Aboriginal children for school by meeting spiritual, emotional, intellectual and physical needs. Program helps Aboriginal parents/caregivers develop skills to contribute to their child's healthy development, increase confidence as parents and improve family relationships.

### **St. Aidan's United Church**

3703 St. Aidan's Street

Victoria, BC V8P 2V7

Phone: 250-598-9693

Email: [cfrosaline@yahoo.ca](mailto:cfrosaline@yahoo.ca)

**Parent-Child Mother Goose Program:** Parent/caregiver and babies 6-18 months engage in stories, songs and rhymes that promote pre-literacy skills.

### **Saanich Neighbourhood Place**

Pearkes Community Recreation Centre

3100 Tillicum Road

Victoria, BC V8X 2W7

Phone: 250-360-1148

Fax: 250-381-2433

Email: [colleen@saanichneighbourhoodplace.com](mailto:colleen@saanichneighbourhoodplace.com)

Website: [www.saanichneighbourhoodplace.com](http://www.saanichneighbourhoodplace.com)

**Parents C.A.N.** (Connect and Nurture): Program for parents/caregivers in need of education and support to nurture their children. Topics include discipline, child development, self care, safety, health and nutrition.

**Nobody's Perfect Parenting Program:** For parents/caregivers of children from birth to age five. Program provides education and support for low-income parent/caregivers who may feel isolated, lacking in formal education and needing help with parenting skills.

**Parent-Child Mother Goose Program:** Parent/caregiver and child engage in stories, songs and rhymes that promote pre-literacy skills for infants and toddlers.

### **Saanich School District 63**

School District Office

2125 Keating Cross Road

Saanichton, BC V8M 2A5

Phone: 250-652-7300

Website: [www.sd63.bc.ca](http://www.sd63.bc.ca)

**Ready, Set, Learn:** Families with three-year-olds attend Ready, Set, Learn events to become familiar with their local school. Parents/caregivers receive an information kit to help support their child's learning and development. Children receive an age-appropriate book. Ready, Set, Learn Open Houses are held in January, February and March. Contact the School District office for information.

## **Songhees First Nation**

Band Office

1500D Admirals Rd.

Victoria, BC V9A 2R1

Phone: 250-386-1319

Fax: 250-386-4161

Email: [songhees@pacificcoast.net](mailto:songhees@pacificcoast.net)

Website: [www.songheesnation.com/html/chiefs.htm](http://www.songheesnation.com/html/chiefs.htm)

**Best Babies:** Pregnancy outreach to help women make healthy choices in order to have a healthy baby. Program provides nutrition and lifestyle counselling as well as support through food and vitamin supplements.

## **Sooke Family Neighbourhood House**

Sooke Family Resources Centre

105-2145 Townsend Road S

Sooke, BC V0S 1N0

Phone: 250-642-5152 ext. 239

Fax: 250-642-7663

Email: [dkoo@sookefamilyresource.ca](mailto:dkoo@sookefamilyresource.ca)

Website: [www.sookefamilyresource.ca](http://www.sookefamilyresource.ca)

**Parent-Child Mother Goose Program:** Parent/caregiver and babies 6-18 months engage in stories, songs and rhymes that promote pre-literacy skills.

**Young Parents Group:** Drop in support group under the leadership of a staff member and a public health nurse.

## Sooke School District 62

School District Office

3143 Jacklin Rd.

Victoria, BC V9B 5R1

Phone: 250-474-9800

Fax: 250-474-9825

Email: [info@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:info@sd62.bc.ca)

Website: [www.sd62.bc.ca](http://www.sd62.bc.ca)

Contact: Vivian Collyer, Carolyn Vincent

Email: [vcollyer@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:vcollyer@sd62.bc.ca), [cvincent@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:cvincent@sd62.bc.ca)

**Ready, Set, Learn:** Families with three-year-olds attend Ready, Set, Learn events to become familiar with their local school. Parents/caregivers receive an information kit to help support their child's learning and development. Children receive an age-appropriate book. Ready, Set, Learn Open Houses are held in January, February and March. Contact the School District office for information.

## Tsartlip First Nation

802 Tsartlip Drive

Brentwood Bay, BC V8M 1N9

Phone: 250-652-4473

Fax: 250-652-4525

Email: [monica@tsartlip.com](mailto:monica@tsartlip.com)

**Head Start:** First Nations parent/caregiver and child participate with books, stories and sharing. Program prepares Aboriginal children for school by meeting spiritual, emotional, intellectual and physical needs. Program helps Aboriginal parents/caregivers develop skills to contribute to their child's healthy development, increase confidence as parents and improve family relationships.

## **Tsawout Education and Training Centre**

Tsawout First Nation  
PO Box 121  
7725 Tetayut Road  
Saanichton, BC V8M 2C3  
Phone: 250-652-9101  
Fax: 250-652-9114  
Email: [kharry@tsawout.ca](mailto:kharry@tsawout.ca)  
Website: [www.tsawout.ca](http://www.tsawout.ca)

**Head Start:** First Nations parent/caregiver and child participate with books, stories and sharing. Program prepares Aboriginal children for school by meeting spiritual, emotional, intellectual and physical needs. Program helps Aboriginal parents/caregivers develop skills to contribute to their child's healthy development, increase confidence as parents and improve family relationships.

## **Tseycum First Nation**

1210 Totem Lane  
Sidney, BC V8L 5S4  
Phone: 250-656-0858  
Fax: 250-656-0868  
Email: [administrator@tseycum.ca](mailto:administrator@tseycum.ca)  
Website: [www.tseycum.ca](http://www.tseycum.ca)

**Head Start:** First Nations parent/caregiver and child participate with books, stories and sharing. Program prepares Aboriginal children for school by meeting spiritual, emotional, intellectual and physical needs. Program helps Aboriginal parents/caregivers develop skills to contribute to their child's healthy development, increase confidence as parents and improve family relationships.

## Vancouver Island Regional Library

Website: [www.virl.bc.ca](http://www.virl.bc.ca)

<b>Sidney/ North Saanich</b>	10091 Resthaven Dr. Sidney, BC V8L 3G3	250-656-0944
<b>Sooke</b>	2065 Anna Marie Road Sooke, BC V0S 1N0	250-642-3022

**Note:** See Additional Resources section for branches of the Vancouver Island Regional Library that are outside the Greater Victoria area.

**Every Child Ready to Read:** outreach programs.

**Baby, Toddler and Pre-school Story Times.**

**Summer Reading Program.**

**Literacy Kits:** Specialized Services.

## Victoria Native Friendship Centre

231 Regina Avenue

Victoria, BC V8Z 1J6

Phone: 250-384-3211

Fax: 250-384-1586

Email: [kari@vnfc.ca](mailto:kari@vnfc.ca)

Website: [www.vnfc.ca](http://www.vnfc.ca)

**Nobody's Perfect Parenting Program:** For First Nations parents/caregivers of children from birth to age five. Program provides education and support for low-income parents/caregivers who may feel isolated, lack formal education and need help with parenting skills.

**Little Ravens Reading Hour:** For children under the age of six.

## Victoria Single Parent Resource Centre

602 Gorge Road

Victoria, BC V8T 2W6

Phone: 250-385-1114

Fax: 250-361-3544

Email: [info@singleparentvictoria.ca](mailto:info@singleparentvictoria.ca)

Website: [www.singleparentvictoria.ca](http://www.singleparentvictoria.ca)

**Moms and Mentors:** Volunteers offer friendship and guidance as mentors to young moms. Mentors encourage the continuation /completion of education and teach parenting skills. The program is designed to promote healthy parenting and encourage independence.





## ■ Additional Resources

### **First Peoples' Cultural Foundation**

Lower Main  
31 Bastion Square  
Victoria, BC V8W 1J1  
Phone: 250-361-3456  
Fax: 250-361-3467  
Email: [info@fpcf.ca](mailto:info@fpcf.ca)  
Website: [www.fpcf.ca](http://www.fpcf.ca)

Generates support to raise awareness and funding for revitalization of Aboriginal language.

### **Ministry of Advanced Education**

Box 9882, 835 Humboldt Street  
Victoria, BC V8W 9T6  
Contact: Marissa Thola  
Email: [Marissa.Thola@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Marissa.Thola@gov.bc.ca)

Provides funding for family literacy programs (parent/caregiver component) across BC.

### **Moms and Mentors Society**

Maureen Hobbs, General Coordinator  
345 Wale Road  
Colwood, BC V9B 6X2  
Phone: 250-478-6658  
Email: [maureenhobbs@shaw.ca](mailto:maureenhobbs@shaw.ca)  
Website: [www.momsandmentors.ca](http://www.momsandmentors.ca)

Provides friendship and guidance for young moms that is nurturing, resourceful and non-judgmental

Promotes prenatal support and parent education programs

Fosters independence: taking initiative, setting goals, being proactive

Encourages completion/continuation of education and career planning

Provides opportunities to share experiences and practice positive parenting skills.

## **Partnership in Learning and Advocacy for Young Children (PLAY)**

530 Fraser St.

Victoria, BC V9A 6H7

Phone: 250-385-0716

Fax: 250-360-5605

Contact: Stephanie Gabel

Email: [stephanie@playvictoria.org](mailto:stephanie@playvictoria.org)

Website: [www.playvictoria.org](http://www.playvictoria.org)

**PLAY** is a coalition of people and organizations sharing a common vision and collective responsibility for the health & wellbeing of all young children in the Greater Victoria area. PLAY supports community planning and partnerships in many areas including literacy and education.

## **Project Literacy Victoria**

930 Yates Street

Victoria, BC V8V 4Z3

Phone: 250-382-3755

Email: [info@plv.ca](mailto:info@plv.ca)

Website: [www.plv.va](http://www.plv.va)

**Learners Network:** Free tutoring in basic reading, writing, math and life skills for adults.

**Learning Webs:** Computer courses and on-line learning

**Community Service Program:** Promotes volunteering for adult learners.

## **S.J. Willis Continuing Education**

923 Topaz Avenue

Victoria, BC V8T 2M2

Phone: 250-360-4332

Contact: Julie Anderson

Email: [Julie.Anderson@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:Julie.Anderson@sd61.bc.ca)

Offers a variety of programs, including counselling and support for adult learners.

## **South Island Learning Community (SILC)**

930A Yates Street

Victoria, BC V8V 4Z3

Phone: 381-3755

Email: Alegha van Hanuse [alegha@plv.va](mailto:alegha@plv.va)

Email: Doug Symington [Doug@plv.va](mailto:Doug@plv.va)

Website: [www.silc.ca/community](http://www.silc.ca/community)

SILC is a partnership between Project Literacy Victoria, Songhees Nation and Camosun College with the goal to enhance learning opportunities and skills development using technology.

## **Success by 6®, South Vancouver Island**

Contact: Jan White, Coordinator

1144 Fort Street

Victoria, BC V8V 3K8

Phone: 250-216-4889

Email: [earlyyears victoria@shaw.ca](mailto:earlyyears victoria@shaw.ca)

Website: [www.successby6bc.ca](http://www.successby6bc.ca)

**Success By 6®** is dedicated to ensuring that children up to the age of six years can access programs that support their healthy growth and development. Success By 6® promotes programs that enable children to become emotionally, socially and physically ready to succeed in school. Funded programs include literacy, nutrition, children's play, parenting and family skills development.

## **Times Colonist Raise a Reader**

2621 Douglas St.

Victoria, BC V8T 4M2

Phone: 250- 380-5211

Email: [kbaan@tc.canwest.com](mailto:kbaan@tc.canwest.com)

Website: [www.timescolonist.com](http://www.timescolonist.com)

**Raise a Reader** provides funding to groups on Vancouver Island that demonstrate the ability to aid or expand education and literacy in their community.

## UVIC Students for Literacy

c/o UVIC Sub Box 3035

Victoria, BC V8W 3P3

Phone: 250-472-4116

Email: [uvicsfl@yahoo.ca](mailto:uvicsfl@yahoo.ca)

Website: [www.vcn.bc.ca/~frontier/](http://www.vcn.bc.ca/~frontier/)

**Classroom Tutoring:** Volunteers tutor elementary and middle school students one-on-one or in small groups, as needed.

**Reading Buddies:** Individualized tutoring to help make learning fun.

**Family Centre Storytelling Time:** Volunteers read to preschool aged children.

## Vancouver Island Regional Library

Website: [www.virl.bc.ca](http://www.virl.bc.ca)

<b>Cowichan Branch</b>	2687 James St. Duncan V9L 2X5	250-746-7661
<b>Lake Cowichan</b>	38 King George Lake Cowichan V0R 2G0	250-749-3431
<b>Nanaimo Central</b>	6250 Hammond Bay Rd. Nanaimo V9R 5N3	250-758-4697
<b>Nanaimo Harbourfront</b>	90 Commercial Street Nanaimo V9R 5G4	250-753-1154
<b>Nanaimo Wellington</b>	3032 Barons Road Nanaimo V9T 4B5	250-758-5544
<b>South Cowichan</b>	310-2720 Mill Bay Rd. Mill Bay V0R 2P0	250-743-5436
<b>Port Renfrew</b>	Elementary School Port Renfrew V0S 1K0	250-647-5423

**Every Child Ready to Read:** outreach programs.

**Baby, Toddler and Pre-school Story Times.**

**Summer Reading Program.**

**Literacy Kits:** Specialized Services.

### **Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre Society**

3rd floor 535 Yates Street

Victoria, BC V8W 2Z6

Phone: 250-361-9433

Fax: 250-361-1914

Email: [mail@vircs.bc.ca](mailto:mail@vircs.bc.ca)

Website: [www.vircs.bc.ca](http://www.vircs.bc.ca)

Programs for immigrants, refugees, new Canadian citizens and visible minorities in Greater Victoria.

### **Victoria READ Society**

720 Linden Avenue

Victoria, BC V8V 4G7

Phone: 250-388-7225

Fax: 250-386-8330

Email: [info@readsociety.bc.ca](mailto:info@readsociety.bc.ca)

Website: [www.readsociety.bc.ca](http://www.readsociety.bc.ca)

**Professional teachers** trained in literacy, special education and English-as-a-second language assess learners and develop programs that meet individual needs and goals.

**Individualized programs** for children, youth, and adults include one-to-one instruction in reading, writing, and mathematics.

**Small-group adult programs** cover basic academic skills and upgrading for employment.

**Small classes** provide English language and literacy instruction for adult landed immigrants and refugees.







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