

Revelstoke Literacy Directory

*Learning opportunities for
everyone*

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Some Handy Phone Numbers:

Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy...	250-805-2305
Okanagan College	250-837-4235
Okanagan Regional Library.....	250-837-5095
Revelstoke Child Care Society	250-837-6669
Community Connections.....	250-837-2920
Revelstoke Senior's Association.....	250-837-9456
School District 19.....	250-837-2101



Revelstoke Literacy Action Committee

We are a group of service providers and community members interested in creating and strengthening learning opportunities for all in Revelstoke. The Literacy Action Committee acts as an advisory body to guide community literacy initiatives in Revelstoke.

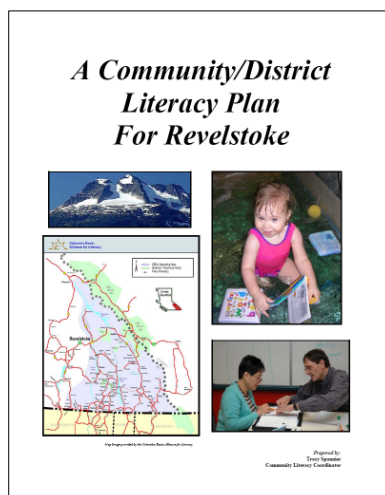
Our Vision for Revelstoke:

We envision a community that values and supports the development of lifelong learning opportunities through sustainable quality literacy resources that are accessible to all residents. Our community acknowledges and embraces all literacies as an important key to access education, obtain employment and to fully participate in the community and the economy.

For more information call: 250-805-2305

Community/District

Literacy Plan— Over the last decade, much has been done to further and expand literacy work in Revelstoke. If you would like to learn more about plans, identified priorities, literacy assets and goals for our community, please contact the Community Literacy Coordinator at 250-805-2305



Definition of Literacy

The Revelstoke Literacy Action Committee has accepted and embraced the broad definition of literacy provided by Literacy Now:

Literacy is an essential cultural, social and academic practice that involves, not only reading, writing and numeracy, but also a variety of abilities including viewing and representing, oral literacy including language, musical and listening skills, cultural literacy including civic skills.

Literacies enable us to communicate, represent and evaluate knowledge in multiple ways. The more literacies we learn, the greater our understanding of the world. Literacy is a continuum of skills. *We can all become more literate.*

Source: Literacy Now Planning Guide, P 4, 2004.

Early Learning



Early learning is defined as the knowledge, skills and dispositions that preschool children acquire in the years before school entry in key developmental domains: cognitive, physical, language and communication, social and emotional.



Early learning takes place in multiple settings: homes, preschools, child care environments, early learning centres, and other community settings. Children's early learning is supported by parents, family members, the broader community, early childhood educators, and multiple other service providers.

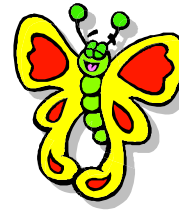
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For more information on early learning please go to:

http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/literacy/early_learning or
revelstokeearlychilddevelopment.com/

Or contact the Revelstoke Early Childhood Development Committee at 250- 805-2305



Revelstoke Early Childhood Development Committee

The members of the Early Childhood Development Committee recognize that families are the primary educators of their children and have the most important role in supporting their child's development.



Vision Statement:

Revelstoke envisions a caring community that acknowledges, values and supports the shared responsibility of investing in young children so that they may live, learn, play and dream in safe and healthy surroundings.

Children's Services Directory:

Pick up your copy of the Revelstoke Children Services Directory to learn about the early learning programs and services available to your family. You can find a copy at many locations including:



- ◆ Revelstoke Child Care Society:
Room 124, 1001 Mackenzie Ave
- ◆ StrongStart Centre: Room 130-1001 Mackenzie Ave
- ◆ ECD Children's Information Board
- ◆ Children's Information Board at the Community Centre: Check the information board across from the reception desk at the Revelstoke Community Centre for information on events, programs and services for children and families. 600 Campbell Ave.

For more information about the Revelstoke Early Childhood Development Committee, call Tracy at 250-805-2305.



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

StrongStart Early Learning Centre

A free drop-in program for children 5 and under and their parent, grandparent or caregiver.

Open
Saturdays in the
Fall and Winter!



A time for play:

- ♥ Explore with sand and water
- ♥ Explore through art with a variety of mediums
- ♥ Develop all the senses
- ♥ Learn songs, enjoy music
- ♥ Learn fingerplays
- ♥ Listen to stories
- ♥ Play dress-up
- ♥ Climb and slide
- ♥ Build with blocks
- ♥ Pretend play with animals, little people, dolls
- ♥ Play with natural and real materials
- ♥ **Nutritious snacks are provided**

Drop-In Times:

Monday to Friday	9:00-12:00
Fall and Winter Saturdays:	9:00-12:00
(Call for start dates)	

For more program details please contact:

Tabatha Jones, ECE
StrongStart Facilitator
 Phone: 250-805-2306
 Email: tjones@sd19.bc.ca



We are located at:

Begbie View Elementary School
 Neighbourhood Learning Centre
 Room 130—1001 Mackenzie Avenue, Revelstoke, BC V0E 2S0

The StrongStart Early Learning centre is fully funded by the



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School District 19
Revelstoke

Revelstoke Board of Education
 P.O. Bag 5800, 501 11th Street, Revelstoke, BC,
 V0E 2S0, Phone: (250) 837-2101

School District staff are active participants working with Revelstoke preschools, community literacy committees, and the Early Childhood Development Committee to help shape a community response to literacy and child development needs.

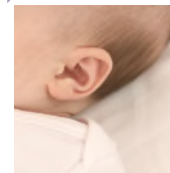
READY, SET, LEARN

What is Ready , Set , Learn?

Ready, Set, Learn is an open house event to welcome parents/caregivers and their three-year-old children to their local elementary school for an introduction to the school and Early Childhood Development (ECD) community resources. Families will be invited to participate in fun activities and will receive:

- ♦ A family kit with helpful tips to support preschooler's learning and development.
- ♦ Information for families from participating ECD service providers.

837-2101 for event dates



Interior Health Speech-Language Clinic

Open Monday-Thursday, 8:30-4:30
 Room 134, 1001 Mackenzie Ave

Phone: 837-4285



If you have any questions regarding speech, language or hearing difficulties please contact Carolyn Duncan.

The Revelstoke Speech and Language Clinic is dedicated to improving the communication skills of children birth to age 6.

*****The ability to communicate is key to literacy development*****

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A haven for curious minds.

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605 Campbell Avenue
837-5095
www.orl.bc.ca



OPEN HOURS:

Tuesday: 12-8 p.m.
Wednesday 12-7 p.m.
Thursday 10-4 p.m.
Friday: 10-5 p.m.
Saturday: 10-5 p.m.

Family and Children's Resources:

- ♦ Children's magazines
- ♦ Summer Reading club
- ♦ Music on CD
- ♦ Prenatal Exercise and
- ♦ Books on tape
- ♦ Children's DVDs
- ♦ Parenting Magazines and Books
- ♦ Baby Board Books
- ♦ Picture Books
- ♦ Families are welcome!
- ♦ Come on in to get your library card.
- ♦ And much more!



Children's Programs:

- **Storytime:** For the older 3 1/2 to 5 year old child
Stories, songs and finger play fun.
- **Tales for Tots:** Participate with your 2—3 year
Old child in a fun-filled pre-storytime setting.

Please call for registration dates!



The Child Care Society is a non-profit organization that works to provide parents with information about quality child care choices and early childhood development and supports child care providers through training, education and resources.

Revelstoke Child Care Society

Room 124-1001 Mackenzie Ave
Phone: 837-6669
Email: revelstokeccrr@live.ca
Website: www.childcarechoices.ca



Child Care Resource and Referral: FREE child care referrals

- Information about quality child care choices and early childhood development
- Training opportunities for child care providers
- Monthly newsletter

Early Learning Resource Library:

- Early childhood education information
- A full range of early childhood development resources.
- Children's books.
- Resource materials and developmentally appropriate toys.
- Infant and toddler equipment.

Play in the Park:

A fun early learning playgroup in the park during the summer months. Please call for dates.



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Child Care Resource & Referral

Your community's
best source of child
care information
and resources.



Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy

- Learning together -

Location: Room 120/121 - 1001 Mackenzie Ave
(Neighbourhood Learning Centre)

Phone: 250-805-2305

Email: tspanner@cbal.org **Website:** www.cbal.org

Family Literacy Drop-In

Please feel free to drop-in to ask about our current programs, workshops, the "Share the Word" book exchange or ask any questions you might have about supporting your child's early learning.



Don't let the name Mother Goose mislead you—Dads and other family members are welcome too!

Mother Goose and Little Goslings Activity Time:

Come join us for a chance to share rhymes, songs, stories and giggles with your infants and young children! It is also an excellent chance to meet other parents! Ask us about Little Goslings Activity Time for older siblings.

Parents as Literacy Supporters (PALS) and Parents of Primary Students (POPS)

These programs are offered in Elementary schools in partnership with School District #19. Information and fun activity sessions provide families with tips, strategies and kits to support learning at home.



Story Adventure Kits are fun take-home kits to borrow and discover the magic of imagination. Kits include a book and engaging activities for families to explore together. Borrow a free kit at the StrongStart Early Learning Centre and the Revelstoke Child Care Society's Early Learning Lending Library.

The Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy gratefully acknowledges the following funders:



Books for Babies gives a book bag with baby's book and community information regarding programs for children to families with newborns. Bags are given to families through the Public Health at the 4-Month Immunization Visit. If you are not planning to immunize your child and would like a Book Bag please contact us.



Family Night Out is an evening program for families with children of all ages. Family activities, preschool circle time, storytelling and multi-age group activities are all part of this family learning time.



Parent Reading Workshops share strategies, materials and stories with parents to help lessen the stress and increase the enjoyment of reading at home. Parents have the opportunity to ask specific questions and discuss concerns around supporting their child's reading. Call for upcoming dates.

"Share the Word" Book Exchange offers free books for all ages to borrow and bring back or keep and treasure. Locations include: Community Centre, Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy, StrongStart Centre, the Food Bank, Family Laundry, Okanagan College, Revelstoke Arena and QV Hospital waiting room.



One to One : Volunteers are trained to read with children in school. Our strategies are aimed at increasing self-confidence and skills.

Other Projects:

- **Roots of Empathy Community Partnership**
- **Literacy Awareness Events (including Family Literacy Day)**
- **Books Everywhere initiative**
- **Literacy Directory**
- **Community Literacy Coordination and Planning**



'Like' Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy—Revelstoke



Revelstoke Board of Education Literacy in our Schools and Beyond

The Revelstoke Board of Education places an extremely high importance on the literacy of students and as a result, since 2000 we have been working to identify and intervene in support of students who are having difficulty reading.



Classroom teachers, resource teachers, learning assistance teachers, a school psychologist, and a district speech/language pathologist all play important roles in the identification and support for students who are not achieving success in reading. For the last six years 90% or more students have left Grade 3 reading at grade level.

Collaborating with the Community

Staff collaborate with preschool teachers, the community speech-language pathologist and the *Community Living for Children* program director to transition students requiring support as they enter the school system.



Staff are active participants working with the *Revelstoke Literacy Action Committee* and the local early childhood development committee to help shape a community response to early learning and literacy.

Early Learning

The Revelstoke Board of Education implemented the first *StrongStart* Early Learning Centre in the province in the fall of 2006. We are participants in the Human Early Learning Partnership (H.E.L.P.). The indicators from the third wave of data collection indicate that Revelstoke children are among the very least vulnerable in the province. We credit this to the long-standing child centered supports that exist within our community.

Community Partnerships in Schools Support Literacy:

Parents as Literacy Supporters (PALS), Parents of Primary Students (POPS) and the One to One Children's Literacy Program are provided in Revelstoke elementary schools in partnership with the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy.



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Screening/Identification



All students in Kindergarten and Grade 1 are assessed in terms of the early indicators of literacy skills (D.I.B.E.L.S.). Individual student reading levels are systematically monitored in Grades 1 through 3 using PM Benchmarks. In Grades 4 to 9, all students are assessed using the Gray Oral Reading Test (G.O.R.T.) to monitor reading fluency and comprehension.

Support/Intervention

Students who are not achieving success at the school level are provided support by the classroom teachers and the school based learning assistance teacher. Students may also be provided with additional support from highly trained Educational Assistants who work specifically in the area of literacy from late fall through to late spring. In addition, classroom teachers have a vast array of resources to use to support struggling readers in the classroom. Research based materials form the foundation of the interventions that we utilize at each of our schools.



Library Programs and Services



Our elementary schools offer a rich resource for students by providing quality libraries, staffed with competent teacher-librarians and library clerks. A range of fiction and non-fiction books support our students' reading and research endeavours. A district-wide program, Accelerated Reader, encourages students to read by rewarding students with reading points upon completion of each book. Our Parent Advisory Councils generously support Accelerated Reading Stores where children can redeem their points for school materials and prizes.

Volunteer Opportunities

One to One Children's Literacy Program Volunteers:
Call Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy,
250-805-2305

Volunteer Literacy Tutoring Program:
Call Okanagan College, 250-837-4235

English Language Services for Newcomers
One-to-One volunteer tutoring program :
Call Okanagan College, 250-837-4235

Senior's Computer Tutorial Volunteers
Call Revelstoke Seniors Centre, 250-837-9456



Community Book Exchange

You can use the book exchange by:

- * Taking a book home and enjoying it!
- * Taking a book and returning it and taking another!
- * Taking a book and keeping it because you love it!
- * Taking a book and donating other books to keep the exchange going!

Locations:

- * Community Center
- * Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy
- * StrongStart Centre
- * The Food Bank
- * Family Laundry
- * The Revelstoke Awareness and Outreach Program
- * QV Hospital waiting room
- * Revelstoke Forum Arena



Adult Literacy



Literacy has the power to change people's lives, forever, and for the better. That's because literacy is more than reading and writing, more than basic math Literacy is the ability to express thoughts, feelings and ideas. It's the opportunity to pursue personal dreams . It leads to fulfillment, confidence and security. And it allows people to participate in community life. In fact, literacy is a good measure of health and well-being of individuals, families, communities and regions alike.

ReadNow BC



According to the International Adult Literacy Skills Survey data, 34.7% of BC's population was identified as having low level literacy skills.



Many barriers keep adults out of literacy and job training programs.

Literacy is everyone's responsibility and working together we can make a difference.

Do you know someone struggling with literacy? Call the adult literacy tutoring program at 250-837-4235 or the Community Literacy Coordinator at 250-805-2305 to discuss how to help.



Okanagan College (Revelstoke)
1401 West 1st Street
Revelstoke, BC, V0E 2S0
Phone: (250) 837-4235
Website: <http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/site15.aspx>

Adult Academic and Career Preparation at Okanagan College

Upgrading or completion of high school diploma. Okanagan College's Revelstoke Centre offers a variety of adult basic education courses like English, Math, Social Studies, Law and History. More course selections are available by distance education.

Need money to help pay for an adult basic education

course? Some individuals may be eligible for Adult Basic Education Student Assistance Program (ABESAP) funding. Talk with Simone to find out more.



How To Become a Student:

1. Call Simone at **250-837-4235**. An appointment will be made to set up a time to help you meet your educational goals and set up a time for the free ABLE Skills Assessment (This is a tool that will help place individuals in the right class).
2. Simone will help choose the right class and discuss course costs.
3. Become a student by paying the \$30.00 fee and completing the application form which is available at the front desk.
4. Register for class. Simone will help with this. Courses start four times a year in September, November, January and March.



Volunteer Literacy Tutoring Program

250-837-4235

This free and confidential program helps improve reading, writing, math or basic computer skills.

We match learners with a volunteer tutor. The tutor and learner will meet once a week for about 1 1/2 hours. The learner chooses what they would like to work on. Tutoring takes place in a public place like the college or public library.

Some examples of things people might do:

- Read newspapers or magazines
- Get help with math
- Study for their driver's license
- Get help filling out forms or reading work materials
- Learn how to set up an email account and send emails
- Get help with a course they are taking



Anyone 19 years or older can use this program. It is not necessary to be a student. Learners can join the tutoring program anytime between September and May.



Okanagan College (Revelstoke)
1401 West 1st Street
Revelstoke, BC, V0E 2S0
Phone: (250) 837-4235
Website: <http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/site15.aspx>

English as a Second Language Settlement Assistance Program (ESLSAP)

- free one-to-one English language tutoring,
- weekly English as a Second Language Classes
- field trips
- Access to English Language software.

The main purpose of the program is to help immigrants to adapt to life in Canada and to gain the language and literacy skills to succeed.

Canadian immigrants who are 17 years and older who want to improve their English skills are eligible for the program.

For more information about ESLSAP, please contact B.R. Whalen at 250-837-4235 or email: brwhalen@okanagan.bc.ca

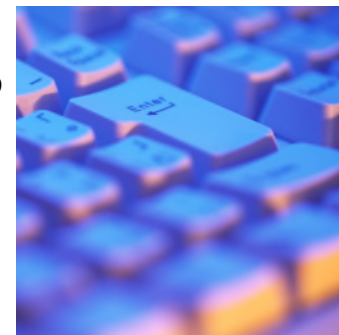


Revelstoke Senior Citizens Association

Computer Classes for Seniors



- Classes and tutoring available.
- Basic computer skills, email, photo editing, power point & more!
- At the Seniors' Center computer lab for Seniors' Association members only.
- Membership is \$10/year.
- Volunteer Tutors are always needed, as well as course suggestions.
- No need to be a senior or member to volunteer to teach a class.



For more information, or program and volunteer registration,
please call:
Jean Pederson, Coordinator of Volunteers, at the Seniors Centre
Tuesday thru Friday mornings
250-837-9456
or email
revelstokeseniors@rctvonline.net



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Materials for Adults:

- ◆ Large print materials
- ◆ Newspapers and Magazines
- ◆ Music online and CDs
- ◆ Large selection of adult novel and non-fiction books
- ◆ Book kits with DVD
- ◆ Foreign language resources
- ◆ Literacy materials
- ◆ Advanced picture books
- ◆ Resources for the visually impaired
- ◆ 2 Public Access computers
- ◆ DVD's and CDs



Come on in to get your library card.

Book Club Opportunities:

- * Adult Book Club
- * Youth Book Club

For information about our book clubs please contact us at 250-837-5095.

Information Sources:

Websites to Check:

- ABC Life Literacy Canada: <http://abclifeliteracy.ca/>
- Canadian Association for Family Resource Programs www.frp.ca
- Canadian Council on Learning <http://www.ccl-cca.ca/ccl/home/>
- Canadian Literacy and Learning Network: <http://www.literacy.ca/>
- Centre for Family Literacy www.famlit.ca
- Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy: www.cbal.org
- Learning Disabilities Resource Community: www.ldrc.ca
- Literacy and Health Information from Health Canada www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/ph-sp/phdd/literacy/index.html
- International Reading Association www.reading.org/resources/index.html
- National Adult Literacy Database: www.nald.ca
- National Institute for Literacy <http://www.caliteracy.org/>
- ReadNowBC: www.readnowbc.ca

Free Public Access Computers:

- Child Care Society: Room 106-1401 West 1st Street
- Okanagan Regional Library: 605 Campbell Ave

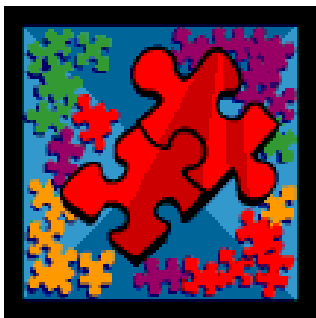
Additional Information Services:

Decoda Literacy Solutions: 604-681-4199
info@decoda.ca

Enquiry BC: Free long distance calls to any B.C. government program, service or person please dial **1-800-663-7867**
<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/en/index.page>

Third Edition

Revelstoke Literacy Directory



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