



Literacy Area	Program Name	Contact	Website	Description
<b>Arts Council of New Westminster</b>				
Art Literacy	ArtsToGo	Laura Grady 604-525-3244 programs@acnw.ca	<a href="https://www.acnw.ca/artstogo">https://www.acnw.ca/artstogo</a>	The ArtsToGo arts education program operates as fully hands-on, barrier-free, no-cost art stations for children and their families. ArtsToGo is multi-disciplinary featuring workshops leaders trained in visual, literary and/or performing arts.
Art Literacy	Inter/Action Artis Learning Series	Karen Justice gallery@acnw.ca	<a href="http://acnw.ca/interaction">http://acnw.ca/interaction</a>	Inter/action is a monthly free public event that facilitates dialogue, practice, and education between the exhibiting artists and members of the community. Inter/action: Artist Learning Series encourages the integration of the arts into daily life providing fully hands-on, barrier-free, no-cost art education that promotes intergenerational mentoring opportunities and inclusivity between backgrounds of gender, race, age and ability.
<b>Aunt Leah's Place</b>				
English Literacy	Literacy Tutoring	Avis Lam 604-713-5849 alam@auntleahs.org	<a href="https://auntleahs.org/">https://auntleahs.org/</a>	
Essential Skills	Essential Skills	Director of Training & Social Enterprise 604-525-1204 ext. 232	<a href="https://auntleahs.org/">https://auntleahs.org/</a>	The Essential Skills program offers a variety of weekly workshops for current and former foster youth. These workshops help participants gain valuable life skills, connect socially, and give them opportunities to participate in creative and recreational activities. A healthy, delicious meal provided for everyone attending the workshop.
Essential Skills	Life Skills, Food Security & Health	Sarah Benson, Community Engagement Coordinator (604) 525-1204 ext. 234 or C: (604) 825-8331		Aunt Leah's life skills programs provide valuable resources and teach participants the essential skills needed to navigate living on their own. Youth and mothers learn through community workshops, hands-on experience and expert counsel.
<b>BC ACORN</b>				
Financial Literacy	Income Tax Clinic	Akber 604-522-8706 bcadmin@acorncanada.org text: 778-861-9760	<a href="https://acorncanada.org/">https://acorncanada.org/</a>	
<b>Cameray Centre</b>				
Family Literacy	Online Family Literacy Circle	604-436-9449 f. 604-436-1990 pspgroupsignup@hotmail.com	<a href="http://www.cameray.ca">www.cameray.ca</a>	This program offers prevention and early intervention services to parents and parents-to-be to increase a family's knowledge and skills for effective parenting to strengthen family resiliency.

Douglas College				
English Literacy	I-CARE Literacy Program	Nancy Walker 604-527-5409 walkern@douglascollege.ca	www.douglascollege.ca	Meet with a trained volunteer tutor once a week to learn basic reading, writing and spelling.
Financial Literacy	Tax Clinic	Drop-in (no appointments) vp-accounting@dc-ba.com	www.douglascollege.ca	Eligibility: General public Income limit: \$35,000 single, \$45,000 couple Dates: 2022 dates TBC Cost: Free
Language Literacy	English Language Learning and Acquisition (ELLA)	604-527-5463 ella@douglascollege.ca	www.douglascollege.ca	Study English at Douglas College, a leader in English as a Second Language (ESL) education for university and college students in Metro Vancouver. Permanent residents, Canadian citizens, and refugees do not pay tuition fees.
Literacy and Essential Skills	Skills for Success	604 777-6125 essentialskills@douglascollege.ca	<a href="http://www.douglascollege.ca">www.douglascollege.ca</a>	SKILLS FOR SUCCESS, formerly ESSENTIAL SKILLS was launched by the government of Canada on May 14, 2021 to update the existing Essential Skills framework. The new skills model reflects the skills needed for the Canadian workplace, rapidly evolving labour market, and changing world.
Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver				
Family Literacy	Storybook Program	604-520-1166 info@elizabethfry.com	<a href="https://elizabethfry.com">https://elizabethfry.com</a>	EFry's Storybook program brings parents and children together through the power of reading. EFry supplies new, age-appropriate books and records inmate parents reading them aloud. A CD player and the recordings are then sent to their children, giving them an opportunity to share a story together. The Storybook program is one of EFry's most successful prison programs. It is available at Alouette Correctional Centre for Women, Fraser Valley Institution and Surrey Pretrial Centre.
Financial Literacy	Future Bright Program	604-520-1166 futurebright@elizabethfry.com	www.myfuturebright.ca	Future Bright offers low income families free, hands-on assistance in accessing federal and provincial grants for their children's post-secondary education – totaling up to \$3,200. Research shows that having as little as \$500 saved for post-secondary inspires more youth to finish high school and pursue further academic or vocational training.
Literacy Essential Skills	Advocate Program			The EFry Advocate Program is a free legal clinic providing support to individuals in need of assistance dealing with situations such as rental disputes, evictions, debt collection, bankruptcy, mental health and employment standards, accessing income programs.
Literacy Essential Skills	Woolwerx	778-712-0208 woolwerx.studio@elizabethfry.com	<a href="https://elizabethfry.com">https://elizabethfry.com</a>	Woolwerx is EFry's social enterprise that employs both incarcerated women and those transitioning back to community life. Women receive training to clean, card and spin donated wool into artisanal yarns. Visit woolwerx.com to learn more and link to our Etsy shop.
Book Share	Book Share	604-520-1166 info@elizabethfry.com	<a href="https://elizabethfry.com">https://elizabethfry.com</a>	Free books
Family Services of Greater Vancouver				
Art Literacy	Arts and Songs/Creative Explorations	Patricia Steiner 604-368-2154 ceds-nw@fsgv.ca	<a href="https://fsgv.ca/community/">https://fsgv.ca/community/</a>	Explore young children's creative self through arts and crafts, songs and stories. Parent participation required.

Family Literacy	Parents as Literacy Supporters (PALS)	Patricia Steiner 604-368-2154 ceds-nw@fsgv.ca	<a href="https://fsgv.ca/community/">https://fsgv.ca/community/</a>	Program for parents/caregivers of children 2-6. Learn strategies to encourage your child to develop language and literacy skills that will help them adapt to their community and prepare them for school.
Family Literacy	Single moms	Maylen Crespo 604-368-2154 ceds-nw@fsgv.ca	<a href="https://fsgv.ca/community/">https://fsgv.ca/community/</a>	Support group for single moms with young children. Program to help single moms with children 0-5 years old living in New Westminister connect with other moms, share the joys and challenges of solo parenting, and learn about community resources. Bus tickets and free child minding are available.
Family Literacy	Parents Connect	Maylen Crespo 604-368-2154 ceds-nw@fsgv.ca	<a href="https://fsgv.ca/community/">https://fsgv.ca/community/</a>	Guided discussion groups for parents with children 0-6. Families new to Canada are matched with mentor families who have lived in Canada for a long time. Mentor families offer support and knowledge about Canadian culture, raising children in Canada, and tips on local programs in communities. Both sides have an opportunity to increase parenting skills. Programs offered for children 1 year and up, while younger children stay with their parent in the adult program room. Bus tickets and snacks available.
Family Literacy	Parents Connect II	Patricia Steiner 604-525-9144 ext. 3636 communitykitchens@fsgv.ca	<a href="https://fsgv.ca/community/">https://fsgv.ca/community/</a>	Guided discussion groups for parents with children 6-12. This program offers information, support and knowledge about raising children in a positive way. Tips on local programs in communities. Both sides have an opportunity to increase parenting skills.
	Caring Neighbours	Patricia Steiner 604-525-9144 caringneighbours@fsgv.ca	<a href="https://fsgv.ca/community/">https://fsgv.ca/community/</a>	Annual giving program for low-income seniors and families with children (0-19) living in New Westminister. During the holiday season families and/or seniors living in New Westminister are matched to a donor-sponsor who delivers food, gifts, or other essential supplies.
Seniors Literacy	Intergrating ESL Seniors in our Community	Patricia Steiner 604-525-9144 ceds-nw@fsgv.ca	<a href="https://fsgv.ca/community/">https://fsgv.ca/community/</a>	Support group helping senior immigrants and refugees to participate in community activities, and learn beginner and literacy-level English.
Family Literacy	Raising Exceptional Children	Sima Sajjadi 604-368-2154 ceds-nw@fsgv.ca	<a href="https://fsgv.ca/community/">https://fsgv.ca/community/</a>	Group for parents of children with support needs. Relax while connecting with other parents, sharing the challenges of parenting exceptional children, and learning about community resources. Know that you're not alone! Bus tickets and coffee available. Come with your children—care is available upon registration.
Financial Literacy	Money Skills	Rocio Vasquez 604-368-2468 rvasquez@fsgv.ca	<a href="https://fsgv.ca/community/">https://fsgv.ca/community/</a>	Financial workshops for people on low incomes, newcomers, youth, and seniors. Financial education workshops that teach participants about budgeting, credit/debit management, banking, saving and investing, and consumerism.
Financial Literacy	Financial Coaching	Rocio Vasquez 604-368-2469 rvasquez@fsgv.ca	<a href="https://fsgv.ca/community/">https://fsgv.ca/community/</a>	Financial coaching for newcomers, youth, seniors, and people on low incomes. Receive up to three one-on-one sessions with a financial coach. Sessions may cover topics such as setting financial goals, developing a budget/financial action plan, investing in Registered Education Savings Plans (RESP), Tax Free Savings Accounts (TFSA), Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSP) and Registered Disability Savings Plans (RDSP), as well as helping file for government benefits.
Financial Literacy	RESP Information Sessions and Support	Rocio Vasquez 604-368-2470 resp@fsgv.ca	<a href="https://fsgv.ca/community/">https://fsgv.ca/community/</a>	Information sessions for anyone who wishes to open an RESP account for a child. Learn how to receive free government grants for children's education savings. One-on-one support is also available. For parents and families living in Metro Vancouver.
Financial Literacy	Tax Workshops	Rocio Vasquez 604-638-3390 ext.3166 rvasquez@fsgv.ca	<a href="https://fsgv.ca/community/">https://fsgv.ca/community/</a>	Eligibility: General public. Income limit (by household size): 1-person household: \$35,000, 2-person: \$45,000, 3-person: \$47,500, 4-person: \$50,000, 5-person: \$52,500, more than 5 people: \$52,500 plus \$2,500 for each additional person Details: Drop-in (no appointments) Bring: One photo ID, Social Insurance Number, tax information slips Cost: Free

Financial Literacy	Neighbourhood Small Grants Program	Maylen Crespo 604-368-1901 m Crespo@fsgv.ca	<a href="http://www.neighbourhoodsmallgrants.ca">www.neighbourhoodsmallgrants.ca</a>	A grants program supporting community building initiatives in New Westminister. Open to all New Westminister residents, Neighbourhood Small Grants encourages residents to generate ideas for how their neighbourhood could be strengthened. Small grants are given to groups who want to work together on small projects to enhance their community socially, physically, or culturally.
Health Literacy	Community kitchen for all	Sima Sajjadi 604-525-9144 ext. 3636 communitykitchens@fsgv.ca	<a href="https://fsgv.ca/community/">https://fsgv.ca/community/</a>	Community Kitchens bring together all members of the community to connect and cook together. Participants learn food skills and how to cook healthy recipes, but, most importantly, they develop valuable interpersonal relationships that build healthy, resilient families and communities
Health Literacy	Seniors Community Kitchen	Sima Sajjadi 604-525-9144 ext. 3636 communitykitchens@fsgv.ca	<a href="https://fsgv.ca/community/">https://fsgv.ca/community/</a>	Registration required! For seniors—learn and cook healthy and nutritious recipes while connecting with others in the community.
Language Literacy	ESL Cooking	Sima Sajjadi 604-525-9144 ext. 3636 communitykitchens@fsgv.ca		Cooking sessions for people learning English. Cook with other English learners while getting the chance to practice your language skills.
Family Literacy	Community Kitchen for Parents and Children (0-12)	Sima Sajjadi 604-525-9144 ext. 3636 communitykitchens@fsgv.ca	<a href="https://fsgv.ca/community/">https://fsgv.ca/community/</a>	For parents or grandparents of children 0–12—meet your neighbours and cook healthy, nutritious food while your children are taken care of. Childcare available
Health Literacy	Food Bank Hub, Healthy Community Kitchen	Sima Sajjadi 604-525-9144 ext. 3636 communitykitchens@fsgv.ca	<a href="https://fsgv.ca/community/">https://fsgv.ca/community/</a>	Learn to cook low-cost, healthy, and nutritious food. Childcare available.
Health Literacy	Food Skills for Families	Sima Sajjadi 604-525-9144 ext. 3636 communitykitchens@fsgv.ca		6-week program for at-risk populations including newcomers, seniors, and people on low incomes. A hands-on curriculum that makes healthy eating, shopping, and cooking easy, quick, and fun. Gain confidence in the kitchen and learn to make healthy meals and snacks..
Book Share	Book share	Maylen Crespo 604-525-9144 ext. 3667 m Crespo@fsgv.ca	<a href="https://fsgv.ca/community/">https://fsgv.ca/community/</a>	
Literacy New Westminister	New Westminister Literacy Outreach	Maylen Crespo 604-525-9144 ext. 3667 m Crespo@fsgv.ca	<a href="https://fsgv.ca/community/">https://fsgv.ca/community/</a>	
Library Services	Books, information, activities for children & adults	Reception 604-681-4199	<a href="http://www.decoda.ca">www.decoda.ca</a>	
<b>FRASERWORKS-WorkBC New Westminister</b>				
Literacy and Essential Skills	Job Search Workshops	Reception 604-522-9701 info@fraserworks.ca	<a href="http://www.workbccentre-newwestminster.ca">www.workbccentre-newwestminster.ca</a>	Search Skills for Employment, Cover Letter, Resume, Interview, Skills for eligible job seekers
Literacy and Essential Skills	Career Exploration Workshops	Reception 604-522-9701 info@fraserworks.ca	<a href="http://www.workbccentre-newwestminster.ca">www.workbccentre-newwestminster.ca</a>	Career Exploration Workshops: Personality, Dimensions, Essential Skills, Skills and Values, Interest, Assessment and training for eligible job seekers
Literacy and Essential Skills	Essential Life Skills Workshops	Reception 604-522-9701 info@fraserworks.ca	<a href="http://www.workbccentre-newwestminster.ca">www.workbccentre-newwestminster.ca</a>	Essential Life Skills Workshops: Goal Setting & Budgeting, Essential, Transferable, & Specialized Skills. Values & Career Exploration. Resume Development & Interview for eligible job seekers
Literacy and Essential Skills	Digital Literacy Workshops	Reception 604-522-9701 info@fraserworks.ca	<a href="http://www.workbccentre-newwestminster.ca">www.workbccentre-newwestminster.ca</a>	Social Media, Super Host, Computer Basics, and Advanced Resume sessions, for eligible job seekers. More information on their calendar <a href="https://www.workbccentre-newwestminster.ca/calendars/">https://www.workbccentre-newwestminster.ca/calendars/</a>

Free Little Libraries

Free Books	Small outdoor free library at Fraser River Place Co-op Housing			
Free Books	Little Free Puzzle Library			
Free Books	Queensborough Community Library			
Free Books	Little Free Library			
Free Books	Community Sharing Library			
Free Books	Nootka Street Alley Little Free Library (chapter 54801)			
Free Books	Little Free Library at McBride Elementary School (chapter 54802)			
Free Books	Alberta Street Little Free Library Project			
Free Books	Community Free Library or Little Free Library			
Free Books	4th. Street Little Library			
Free Books	Ginko Branch Library (charter #7950)			
Free Books	Princess Pop Up Library			
Free Books	4th. Avenue Little Library			
Free Books	Little Free Library Arbutus			
Free Books	Little Free Library on Cumberland			
Free Books	Little Free Library on Rickman			
Free Books	Port Royal Free Little Library			
Free Books	Glenbrook Free Little Library			
Free Books	Little Free Library at New Westminster West End			
Free Books	Little Free Library at Nanaimo St.			
Free Books	Little Library on Miner and Debeck St.			

Free Books	Fade Street Pop Up Library			
Free Books	Little Library on the Hill (Charter 76215)			
Free Books	Little Library on Elmer Street			
Free Books	Little Library on Wilson			
Free Books	Dolly Parton Imagination Library		<a href="https://imaginationlibrary.com/">https://imaginationlibrary.com/</a>	Book gifting program that mails free, high-quality books to children from birth until they begin school, no matter their family's income.
Free Books	Literacy New Westminster		email to access the inventory	
<b>Immigrant Services Society of BC (ISSofBC)</b>				
Language(LINC) Literacy Class	Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) including a LINC Literacy Class	Caroline Pendleton 604522-5902 caroline.pendleton@issbc.org linc.nwest@issbc.org	<a href="http://www.issbc.org">www.issbc.org</a>	
Language Literacy	Conversation Circle Literacy and Essential Skills	Bitia Firouzian 604-522-5902	<a href="http://www.issbc.org">www.issbc.org</a>	Read, sing, and move at storytime! No registration required. Ages 2-5. The library offers several computer classes on an ongoing basis, including Introduction to Computers, Microsoft Excel for Beginners, Intro to Searching the Internet, and more.
Financial Literacy	Free Income Tax Clinics	604-522-5902	<a href="http://www.issbc.org">www.issbc.org</a>	
Family Literacy	HIPPY Program (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters)	604-522-5902	<a href="http://www.issbc.org">www.issbc.org</a>	
<b>Lookout Housing and Health Society</b>				
Literacy and Essential Skills	Employment Navigator Program	Fax: 604-255-0790 info@lookoutsociety.ca	<a href="https://lookoutsociety.ca">https://lookoutsociety.ca</a>	Helps individuals to access training and employment opportunities with ongoing supports such as coaching on resume writing, interview behavior, access to appropriate work wear, reference, and access to prerequisite courses to employment.
<b>New Westminster Public Library</b>				
Family Literacy	Preschool Storytime	Alicia Dobbs 604-527-4677 adobbs@nwpl.ca	<a href="https://www.nwpl.ca/">https://www.nwpl.ca/</a>	Read, sing, and move at storytime! No registration required. Ages 2-5.
Digital Literacy	Computer Classes for Adults	Liz Hunter 604-527-4677 lhunter@nwpl.ca	<a href="https://www.nwpl.ca/">https://www.nwpl.ca/</a>	The library offers several computer classes on an ongoing basis, including Introduction to Computers, Microsoft Excel for Beginners, Intro to Searching the Internet, and more. See the program calendar for upcoming computer classes.
Family Literacy	Babytime	Alicia Dobbs 604-527-4677 adobbs@nwpl.ca	<a href="https://www.nwpl.ca/">https://www.nwpl.ca/</a>	Sing songs, learn rhymes, and hear stories for babies! No registration required. Ages 0-23 months.

Digital Literacy	Code-a-pillar	Alicia Dobbs 604-527-4677 adobbs@nwpl.ca	<a href="https://www.nwpl.ca/">https://www.nwpl.ca/</a>	Let's play with the Code-a-pillar, a cute and fun way to introduce computational thinking to young kids. Parents and caregivers welcome. Registration required. Ages 6-8.
Reading, writing & upgrading	Reading Buddies	Alicia Dobbs 604-527-4677 adobbs@nwpl.ca	<a href="https://www.nwpl.ca/">https://www.nwpl.ca/</a>	Children aged 6-9 years are paired with teen volunteers to read and do fun activities together every week to build reading confidence in an encouraging environment.
Digital Literacy	Code Club	Liz Hunter 604-527-4677 lhunter@nwpl.ca	<a href="https://www.nwpl.ca/">https://www.nwpl.ca/</a>	Are you interested in coding but don't know where to start? Or are you already pretty good at basics and want to learn more? Whether you're a beginner or a soon-to-be pro, you can code, learn, explore, and share what you've learned, in our LAB. We will start with Scratch and introduce Python and other programming languages. Drop-in and code with us! Program is free and does not require registration. Ages 9-12.
Family Literacy	Summer Reading Club	Alicia Dobbs 604-527-4677 adobbs@nwpl.ca	<a href="https://www.nwpl.ca/">https://www.nwpl.ca/</a>	Kids and teens keep track of their reading over the summer in exchange for prizes and other incentives.
Digital Literacy	Computer One-on-One Tutorials	Sue Lam 604-636-4450 slam@nwpl.ca	<a href="https://www.nwpl.ca/">https://www.nwpl.ca/</a>	1-on-1 tutorials last 45 minutes and are by appointment only. We can help you: Get familiar with your tablet or laptop Set up an email account, Get started on Facebook or Twitter (email account required). Internet searching Saving fiLiteracy and Essential Skills to a flash drive. Get familiar with using a mouse and basic computer skills. Upload images from your camera / phone to your email (bring your cable to connect your device to a computer) Manage your library account online
Learn English	ESL Conversation Circliteracy and Essential Skills	Natalie Schembri, Stephanie Crosbie 604-527-4670 scrosbie@nwpl.ca nschembri@nwpl.ca	<a href="https://fsgv.ca/community/">https://fsgv.ca/community/</a>	Practice English! Have Fun! Make Friends! English Conversation Circliteracy and Essential Skills are free and drop-in for English learners in New Westminster. Everyone is welcome.
<b>MOSAIC</b>				
Learn English	Settlement for Tigrinya, Arabic, Dari/Farsi speakers	Ghada Shawil 604-307-3392 gshawil@mosaicbc.org	<a href="https://www.mosaicbc.org/">https://www.mosaicbc.org/</a>	
Financial Literacy	Free Income Tax Clinics	604-254-9626 mtorres@mosaicbc.com	<a href="https://www.mosaicbc.org/">https://www.mosaicbc.org/</a>	Held at the New Westminster Public Library during March and April. The clinics are offered to recent permanent residents (5 years or Literacy and Essential Skills) who have low income. Appointment is required.
<b>New West Family Place</b>				
Family Literacy	Family Drop In	Dana Osiew 604-368-2154 info@nwfamily.bc.ca	<a href="http://nwfamily.bc.a">nwfamily.bc.a</a>	Playroom, arts, songs and snacks
Family Literacy	Family Place outdoor	Dana Osiew 604-368-2154 info@nwfamily.bc.ca	<a href="http://nwfamily.bc.a">nwfamily.bc.a</a>	
Health Literacy	Our Little Chef Program	Dana Osiew 604-368-2154 info@nwfamily.bc.ca	<a href="http://nwfamily.bc.a">nwfamily.bc.a</a>	
Free Books	Book Share	Dana Osiew 604-368-2154 info@nwfamily.bc.ca	<a href="http://nwfamily.bc.a">nwfamily.bc.a</a>	A library for parents on tips and techniques on parenting issues and selfcare

Parks and Recreation, City of New Westminster				
Art Literacy	Discovery Playtime	Ramona Manzer 604-777-5120 active@newwestcity.ca	<a href="https://www.newwestcity.ca/parks-and-recreation">https://www.newwestcity.ca/parks-and-recreation</a>	Designed to help small children (3-5 yrs. old) confidence and learn to cooperate with others. Through play, games and group activities children will develop the social, fine motor control and communication skills that help prepare them for school.
Health Literacy	Cooking Class for Preschool/Children/Youth	Ramona Manzer 604-777-5120 active@newwestcity.ca	<a href="https://www.newwestcity.ca/parks-and-recreation">https://www.newwestcity.ca/parks-and-recreation</a>	
Digital Literacy/Seniors	Keyboarding/Laptop Literacy and Essential Skills/Social Media	Shelly Schnee 604-519-1066 info@centuryhouseassociation.com	<a href="http://www.centuryhouseassociation.com/">http://www.centuryhouseassociation.com/</a>	
Financial Literacy	Income Tax Clinic	Shelly Schnee 604-519-1066 info@centuryhouseassociation.com	<a href="http://www.centuryhouseassociation.com/">http://www.centuryhouseassociation.com/</a>	Eligibility: Century House members (50+; membership \$18) who meet income limit requirements Details: By appointment only Dates: Not confirmed; accepting names and will contact Cost: Free
Book Club	Century House Book Club Group page.	Shelly Schnee 604-519-1066 info@centuryhouseassociation.com	<a href="http://www.centuryhouseassociation.com/">http://www.centuryhouseassociation.com/</a>	A book from the New Westminster library book club sets is distributed to club members to be discuss the following month. Limit of group members: 12. There is a wait list on file at the front desk. Meetings: The second Tuesday of the month from 10a.m. to noon, with a break around 10:45 Cost?: \$5 per year Who Can Join?: Century House members
Free Books	Book Share	Ramona Manzer 604-777-5120 active@newwestcity.ca		Eligibility: Century House members (50+; membership \$18) who meet income limit requirements Details: By appointment only Dates: Not confirmed; accepting names and will contact Cost: Free
Peter Julian, Member of Parliament				
Financial Literacy	Annual Disability Tax Credit Workshop	Peter Julian, Member of Parliament 604-775-5707 peter.julian.c1@parl.gc.ca	<a href="https://peterjulian.ca/">https://peterjulian.ca/</a>	Annual workshop (held in March). MP explains What is The Disability Tax Credit? Who is eligible for the Disability Tax Credit? How to apply for the Disability Tax Credit? Free
Royal City Literary Arts Society				
Art Literacy	Workshops	<a href="mailto:secretary@rclas.com">secretary@rclas.com</a>	<a href="http://www.rclas.com">www.rclas.com</a>	Royal city Literary Arts Siciety offers workshops aime to writes and fans of literature. On average, there is a workhp a month and cost is reasonable.
Art Literacy	Write On Contest	<a href="mailto:secretary@rclas.com">secretary@rclas.com</a>	<a href="mailto:writeon@rclas.com">writeon@rclas.com</a>	
Art Literacy	Poetry in the Park	<a href="mailto:secretary@rclas.com">secretary@rclas.com</a>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/162882397108759/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/162882397108759/</a>	Two features Poets and Open Mic. Every Wednesday in July and August 6:30-8:30 pm
Art Literacy	In their Words	<a href="mailto:secretary@rclas.com">secretary@rclas.com</a>	<a href="http://www.rclas.com">www.rclas.com</a>	Featured speakers each present their favourite author from any genre in poetry, fiction, non-fiction or drama. Presentations include a brief commentary about the author and a reading fo selections that exemplify what the speaker loves about the author's work.



Art Literacy	Poetic Justice, Poetry New Westminster	poeticjusticepnw@gmail.com	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/poeticjusticepnw/about/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/poeticjusticepnw/about/</a>	Poetic Justice/Poetry New West is a poetry reading series that showcases emerging and established poets. It is held at the Heritage Grill, 447 Columbia Street, New Westminster, every Sunday, 2 to 4 pm, with the exception of holiday weekends. Admission is free but donations are welcomed
Art Literacy	Tellers of Short TaLiteracy and Essential Skills	secretary@rclas.com	rclas.com	A program of monthly readings designed to engage fans of the short story genre with emerging and published short story writers. Also, an open microphone will be available for writers who would like to share their stories. The program is free for fans.
<b>SD40</b>				
Learn English	ESL for Grandparents	Stephen Inniss 604-517-6286 sinniss@sd40.bc.ca	www.palc.net	
Learn English	Seniors English Conversation	604-517-6191	www.virtualschoolbc.ca	Featured poets and Open Mic.
Learn English	English Language Learning	604-517-6286	www.ce40.ca	
Family Literacy	Aboriginal Family Programs	604-517-6286	www.palc.net	
Family Literacy	Strong Start Family Programs, Various Locations	604-517-6240	<a href="https://newwestschools.ca/programs-services/early-">https://newwestschools.ca/programs-services/early-</a>	Admission is free but donations are welcomed.
<b>Seniors Services Society</b>				
Financial Literacy	Income Tax Clinic	604-520-6621 info@seniorsservicessociety.ca	<a href="http://www.seniorsservicessociety.ca/">http://www.seniorsservicessociety.ca/</a>	Eligibility: Age 60+ Income limit: \$30,000 single; \$40,000 couple Details: By appointment only Dates: TBC Times: TBC
<b>Spirit of the Children Society</b>				
Family Literacy	Strong Start Family Programs, Various Locations	Reception 604-524-9113 reception@sotcs.ca	www.sotcs.ca	
<b>The Lower Mainland Purpose Society for Youth and Families</b>				
English Literacy	High School Completion	Merrilyn Cook 604-526-2522 purpose_school@telus.net	<a href="http://www.purposessecondary.org">www.purposessecondary.org</a>	Purpose Secondary School is an independent school, which exists to serve those students who, for a variety of reasons, find it difficult to succeed in the traditional school system.
Literacy	Lifeskills			
Health Literacy	Drop In Amenities	604-526-2522 purpose_school@telus.net	<a href="http://www.purposessecondary.org">www.purposessecondary.org</a>	HIV positive clients. Weekly on-site food bank and lunch Laundry and shower facilities, Phone and internet access (search for treatment, housing, etc.), Access to a case worker, Arts and crafts group, Hep C support group, Harm reduction supplies (condoms, lube, needles, mouthpieces, pipes, etc.)

English Literacy	EME (English Made Easy)	Elizabeth Cottam 604-526-2522 elizabeth.cottam@purposesociety.org	<a href="http://www.purposesociety.org">www.purposesociety.org</a>	This group is a great opportunity for parents, grandparents and children to learn English, make friends, enjoy great food and learn about other cultures. The adults participate in an interactive and practical English lessons while the children learn language through fun crafts, colouring projects, songs and play. During each session, everyone shares a healthy snack together. This service is for residents living in New Westminster who are new to the English language.
Physical literacy	SPLASH (Sensory Physical Literacy, Arts, Safety and Health)	Elizabeth Cottam 604-526-2522 elizabeth.cottam@purposesociety.org	<a href="http://www.purposesociety.org">www.purposesociety.org</a>	Early childhood exploration in a natural setting. Encourage children to connect with nature by using sight, smell, sound and touch while exploring the ecosystem that surrounds them.
Physical literacy	PLANS (Physical Literacy, Arts, Nature & Science)	Elizabeth Cottam 604-526-2522 elizabeth.cottam@purposesociety.org	<a href="http://www.purposesociety.org">www.purposesociety.org</a>	
Family Literacy	FLY (Fun, Learnig & You)	Elizabeth Cottam 604-526-2522 elizabeth.cottam@purposesociety.org	<a href="http://www.purposesociety.org">www.purposesociety.org</a>	This group is offered to parents, grandparents and caregivers of children between 18 months and five years of age. The group offers parental information and topics to the adults in attendance, while children have an opportunity for early learning and play in a warm, welcoming environment. This service is for residents living in New Westminster.
Family Literacy	Pitter Patter Circle Time	Elizabeth Cottam 604-526-2522 elizabeth.cottam@purposesociety.org	<a href="http://www.purposesociety.org">www.purposesociety.org</a>	This program focuses on parent and child interactions, decreasing social isolation and increasing community connections. This group is for pregnant women and families with children under 36 months and their caregivers. Enjoy family playtime, stories, songs, arts & crafts and make new friends and connections with other families. This program is offered to all residents of Burnaby and New Westminster. This program is funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada.
Family Literacy	Family Circle	Elizabeth Cottam 604-526-2522 elizabeth.cottam@purposesociety.org	<a href="http://www.purposesociety.org">www.purposesociety.org</a>	Come play and enjoy a fun, interactive group for parents/caregivers and their children from 3 to 6 years of age. Enjoy family playtime, stories, songs, arts & crafts and make new friends and connections with other families. This program is offered to all residents of Burnaby and New Westminster. This program is funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada.

### Union Gospel Mission

Family Literacy	After School Programs for Children and Teens	Brenda Mckillop 604-525-8989 bmckillop@ugm.ca	<a href="http://www.ugm.ca">www.ugm.ca</a>	Union Gospel Mission's Women & Families team comes alongside our community's children to offer holistic support throughout their school years. Every weekday, kids in the community come to UGM to play, learn, and grow at UGM's homework club, which offers critical mentorship and holistic life skills education.
Literacy and Essential Skills	Skill Life Program	Brenda Mckillop 604-525-8989 bmckillop@ugm.ca	<a href="http://www.ugm.ca">www.ugm.ca</a>	UGM one-on-one Career Development sessions and Classroom Sessions. Classes taught at UGM cover a range of topics such as self-assessment, anger management, career prep and more.
Financial Literacy	Income Tax Assistance	Brenda Mckillop 604-525-8989 bmckillop@ugm.ca	<a href="http://www.ugm.ca">www.ugm.ca</a>	Each year, volunteers from the CRA come out and help people at the UGM with filing their taxes.

### IMAGINATION LIBRARY

<p>Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to New Westminster.</p>	<p>Rotary Club of New Westminster and G&amp;F Financial Group,</p>	<p>Thoa Pattison 778-789-4526</p>	<p><a href="https://imaginationlibrary.com/ca/affiliate/BWESTMINSTER/">https://imaginationlibrary.com/ca/affiliate/BWESTMINSTER/</a></p>	<p>Each month, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library mails a high quality, age appropriate book to all registered children, addressed to them, at no cost to the child's family. Children receive books from birth to age five. Please note that our chapter is currently at capacity and are waitlisting. Please submit your registration forms as normal and your child will be registered, in the order the form is received, as soon as spots become available or when there is additional funding for the chapter.</p>
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