

# Little Readers Book Club a literacy boost

*“My little girl was so thrilled to open her very own mail and receive her first book from the club. Her older brother sat down and read it with her!”*

*Little Reader Mother*



The Langley District Little Readers Preschool Book Club is just a couple of months old, but already it has turned the page to a new era of literacy sharing.

Acting on a terrific idea brought up by a parent, the Langley District Parent Advisory Council and SD35 Early Learning have set up a system for recycling well loved books that will appeal to early readers.

“Since this new idea was launched over 100 Little Readers have received their first books,” said District Administrator of the Langley Early Learning Project Wendy MacKinlay.

Said Ms. MacKinlay, “Every elementary school in Langley has a bright blue bin for parents to drop donated preschool picture books and board books that their youngest children have outgrown.”

Monthly, the book bins are emptied by volunteers and PAC representatives at

the schools. The books are brought to a distribution centre, cleaned and checked for condition and age appropriateness, then recycled out to little preschool children in Langley.

Each month (except July and August) older siblings pick up their little brother’s or little sister’s envelope at the school office, then take the envelopes home and the preschoolers get to open their very own mail containing a Literacy-oriented newsletter for their parents, and a book that can be added to their own little home library.

She noted that a big push is on to get books to Little Readers before schools wind down for the summer.

Information about the Little Readers Club can be accessed from the Early Learning link in the left menu of [www.sd35.bc.ca](http://www.sd35.bc.ca). If you have books to contribute, please drop them off before June 15, the last pick up day.