



Helping Langley preschoolers develop a love of reading – one free book at a time!

Little Readers

Preschool Book Club

# News for Parents

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*"Children have a near genius capacity to absorb and process language between twelve months and six years of age, learning an average of nine new words a day. Research further shows us that the richer and more plentiful the language environment, the richer will be the child's vocabulary.*

*The child will learn to read more easily, and will have fewer learning difficulties.*

*Simply put, if the child has never heard the word, the child will never say the word; and if you have neither heard it nor said it, it's pretty tough to read it and to write it."*

Jim Trelease, from Reading Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young



Dear Parents of Little Reader Book Club Members;

Little Readers wishes your family a lovely month of October and a spooktacular Halloween!

### Literacy Tips for Parents of Club Members

Reading books together is just one of the ways your child learns about reading and writing. Parents model literacy in their **day-to-day activities** when they **sing, dance, talk and play** with their little ones. **Powerful teaching** occurs when you do meaningful activities with your child: reading **recipes** and cooking together, making **cards** (birthday, thank you, or "hello" cards); making shopping **lists** prior to going to the store; playing board **games** and card games together. If you are interested in reading more about **Family Literacy**, or would like to watch a short video on fun and easy ideas on how to fit reading and literacy activities into busy days, go to [www.readnowbc.ca](http://www.readnowbc.ca) (click on **Early Learners**, click on "**News: Reading for Families: Helping Your Child with Reading at Home**", click on "Read More"). Enjoy!!



### We Need Your Help!

Little Readers Book Club is a non-profit program operated completely by volunteers. As our membership grows, so does our need for support. **Could you or someone you know help** with one of the following jobs?

- **Book Bin Checker:** We need a parent from Douglas Park, Lochiel, Willoughby, and Wix Brown to check their school's drop box once a week; if you are a parent at one of these schools, and you can spare 5 minutes a week to place the books in a bag and give to the school's secretary, it would be so appreciated! It's a little job that makes a big difference for our program!
- **Book Delivery Volunteer:** We need one or two volunteers who would be willing to deliver books (drop offs and pick ups) to the homes of our wonderful book cleaners. SuperSave Gas has donated some gift cards to our program, so we are able to compensate our drivers for their gas. If you have an hour to give once or twice a month, we'd love to have you "en route!"

Please contact us at [littlereadersbookclub@shaw.ca](mailto:littlereadersbookclub@shaw.ca) if you can help us with our program. Thanks!!



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## Volunteer of the Month

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October's Volunteer of the Month is Jaime Dickson! Jaime is the mom of one of our very first "Little Readers" - she registered her son back in April 2008 when we just started! Since then, she has become one of our most active volunteers - she has washed many a book which our other little members have since received, and she has recently become our "bin checker" at Parkside. In Jaime's words, "I volunteer for Little Readers because it is a great program, and it helps kids. My own kids love helping and we are able to do this as a family!! My kids have also been begging for reading time since this program started." We are absolutely grateful to Jaime for all of her efforts on behalf of our program and proud she is part of our team. Thanks for all you do, but more importantly, for whom you are, Jaime!!

## District Happenings



**Your Local StrongStart Centre:** StrongStart is a wonderful place for your little one to learn together with others: to imagine, create, read, play dress-up, sing and rhyme. StrongStart centres are located at Nicomekl, Simonds, Douglas Park, West Langley, Langley Meadows and Parkside Elementary Schools, and are open half-days EVERY SCHOOL DAY ALL YEAR for all Langley children, ages 0-6, and their caregivers. Locations and start times are available at [www.sd35.bc.ca](http://www.sd35.bc.ca) (click on "Early Learning" on the left sidebar of the homepage).

**Fraser Valley Regional Library Programs:** Don't forget to take a peek at what's coming up at your local library! Log on to [www.fvrl.bc.ca](http://www.fvrl.bc.ca) then click on "PLAY" then "Upcoming Programs" then click on the library in your area and you'll be thrilled with all of the wonderful programs that our libraries have planned for preschoolers and their families! Family Storytimes are beginning in November at the Aldergrove, Fort Langley, Brookwood, Muriel Arnason, Murrayville, Walnut Grove and Langley City branches. There are also special "Babytime" and "Toddler Storytime" sessions offered at certain branches - check it out!



## Community Events for Families:

**Try It! Kid's Day:** Friday, October 23, Langley Events Centre, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. For children of all ages, a free family event - enjoy a variety of activities to get you moving! Try it! Dance, Try it! Lacrosse, Try it! Basketball, Try it! Gymnastics or Try it all! Everyone is invited to take part in the fun!



**Lower Mainland Annual Toy & Product Fair:** Friday, Oct. 23, Langley Events Centre, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Benefiting the programs and services of Langley Child Development Centre, this fair provides you the opportunity to buy new quality toys, products and services for children of all abilities, birth to pre-teen from more than 50 exhibitors. It's never too early to start your Christmas shopping! Free admission!

**Halloween Family Fun Night:** Saturday, October 31, W.C. Blair Community Centre, 4:00 to 6:00 pm & Walnut Grove Community Centre, 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Get out and groove to the music at their Halloween Costume Dance. Halloween games, cookie decorating, crafts, and a picture with The Great Pumpkin. Admission is \$1 for children and \$2 for adults. Call 604-533-6170 or 604-882-0408 for further details.

Happy   
Halloween

## Cooking With Kids



*To make a whole bunch of Halloween Slime, the disgusting, horrid, yucky kind:*

- Mix 1 cup of corn starch with 1 cup of water in a bowl;
- Add a few drops of green food colouring;
- Use your hands to mix it until it is a smooth texture - you can change the texture by adding another 1/4 cup of corn starch.



Kids love talking about how the slime "feels" - see how many different descriptive words your little one can come up with - then how many can you add? **Most importantly, have fun playing together!**