

Have you checked and updated your BC Literacy Directory listings recently?

The Directory is an important showcase for the learning opportunities you provide, relied on by many referral agencies as well as your colleagues across BC. It's easy to keep your information current. Visit <http://www.literacybc.ca/directory> and search for the current information on your programming. Then click on 'Edit program data' on the right side of the homepage, and select the appropriate functions. Call free on 1-888-732-3234 if you require assistance.

The Directory is a resource for everybody. **Make it work for you.**

Selected programs recently added online by providers

ESL Conversation **UBC Learning Exchange**

Free small-group English conversation sessions for low-income immigrants, throughout the year. Facilitated by volunteers from inner city communities, who receive training at UBC's English Language Institute to prepare and support them to lead successful conversation sessions. Free childminding.

One-to-One Tutoring **Frontier College**

Working with Vancouver/Burnaby inner city schools and community organizations to deliver literacy programs, and training volunteer tutors to work with marginalized children, youth, and adults. Our approach is student-centered and based on the needs of individuals.

Family Storytime **City of Langley Library**

Drop-in for a half-hour of stories, rhymes and songs suitable for children of all ages. A group experience develops listening skills, self-control and love for reading.

Aboriginal Education **College of the Rockies, Invermere**

Adult upgrading, high school completion, access and basic literacy courses. Aboriginal specific programs (eg. Aboriginal health and trades) offered on campus or on reserve.

Tools for the Trades

Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy

Construction union members improve their report writing, test taking and computer skills.

Sikanni Adult Learning Fort Nelson Community Literacy Society

Working with local industry including oil and gas to improve skill levels in our workforce. We also help with basic adult literacy through one-on-one tutoring, and with completion of forms and EI applications online.

Celebrating lifelong learning – literacy resources for seniors

Many seniors do not have the literacy skills they need to fully participate and succeed in Canadian society. Seniors without adequate literacy skills may feel discouraged about their ability to learn new skills and to contribute to their communities. We are never too old to learn, and as we grow older we have a wealth of knowledge and life experience to share. Below are a few examples of learning opportunities for seniors from the BC Literacy Directory.

- *Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy* offers seniors beginner/intermediate computer classes in several communities.
- At the *Sechelt Seniors Centre*, seniors meet every Friday to read poetry to each other.
- In Richmond, *S.U.C.C.E.S.S.* organizes field trips and classes twice a month, designed to help seniors overcome language and cultural barriers and integrate into Canadian society.
- The *South Granville Seniors Centre* in Vancouver offers a weekly ESL Conversation program to Spanish speaking seniors, which includes an ESL class, gentle exercise, a lunch and afternoon activities.
- At the *Carnegie Learning Centre* in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver, seniors volunteer as tutors, receive assistance with pensions and worker's compensation claim forms, and work on literacy and English skills.

Literacy BC celebrates all seniors who have contributed to literacy as learners, teachers, writers or volunteers. If you provide programs that support seniors' literacy, visit <http://www.literacybc.ca/directory> and make sure your information is presented correctly.