

# BC Family Literacy Week 2009

## Events in Vancouver

### *Events open to the public*

Admission is free, but space is limited.

**Register early by email: [family@literacy.bc.ca](mailto:family@literacy.bc.ca)  
or phone: 604-684-0624**

All events are at the Vancouver Public Library,  
350 West Georgia Street, Lower Level.

*Pay parking available in underground parking lot – entrance on Hamilton Street.*

### **Write On!**

**Saturday, January 24 11:30 – 3:00 pm**

An exciting afternoon of author readings, crafts and free refreshments. Families will enjoy interactive literacy stations and celebrated children's authors Margriet Ruurs and Bob Heidbreder will read from their popular books.

### **10th Annual Breakfast of Champions – celebrating Family Literacy Day™**

**Tuesday, January 27 7:00 – 10:00 am**

Provocative guest speakers that will open your mind to new ways of understanding literacy in BC, and a Literacy Showcase featuring dozens of local family literacy programs. Coffee and an assortment of breakfast muffins and pastries will be provided.

### **Family Literacy Certificate Information Session**

**Tuesday, January 27 2:00 – 4:00 pm**

Join us to learn about the Family Literacy Certificate Program offered in partnership between Vancouver Community College, Literacy BC and 2010 Legacies Now.

### **Leaping into Literacy**

**Thursday, January 29 10:00 am – noon**

Fun for all the family - an interactive session where you will be introduced to simple, engaging activities that connect literacy, physical activity and healthy eating. Take home ideas and a variety of materials that you can use anywhere with your young children.

### **Digital Storytelling**

**Friday, January 30 1:00 – 5:00 pm**

A half-day public information session about digital storytelling. Surya Govender will show some of her stories, talk about what digital storytelling is, and provide tips on how to write your own story. Get excited about the possibilities of telling your story visually!

### **Family Math Fun**

**Saturday, January 31 1:00 – 4:00 pm**

Play with your kids as they learn to think about numbers, shapes and patterns – to learn 'math thinking' without worksheets or tests.

### **Partners & Sponsors**

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Support provided by the Office of Literacy and Essential Skills (HRSDC) and by BC's Ministry of Advanced Education & Labour Market Development, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Children and Family Development.

### *Specially for practitioners*

#### **Literacy Plus**

**Tuesday, January 27 10:30 am – 1:30 pm**

HIPPY Canada will present their work on the Literacy Plus pilot project. Learn how they created adult literacy plans with their parents and see how this project can be adapted to your program.

#### **Focus on the Aboriginal Family Literacy Initiative**

**Thursday, January 29 1:00 – 3:30 pm**

A workshop for interested professionals on BC's Aboriginal literacy system, and in particular on what everyone can do to make the new BCAAFC Aboriginal Family Literacy Initiative a success. With Danielle Mashon of the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres.



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