

# The Literacy Directory

South Okanagan-Similkameen

Cawston

Hedley

Kaleden

Keremeos

Naramata

Okanagan Falls

Oliver

Osoyoos

Penticton

Summerland



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## Literacy Now SO-S Region



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**NOTE:** Larger communities include the following categories: Early Years, School Age, Youth, Adult, Families and Seniors.

# CAWSTON

## **Aboriginal Education Program School District #53**

Free  
250.498.3481 extension 117  
James Insley  
35061-101 St, Oliver  
We strive to ensure that school age Aboriginal children are receiving the services they need.

## **Child Care Resource & Referral**

Free  
Toll Free - 1.800.775.6560  
330 Ellis St, Penticton  
Promoting quality child care and other family related programs in the South Okanagan and Similkameen area.

## **Cawston Primary School**

250.499.5617  
517 School Rd  
Principal Linda Thiel  
Birthday Books, Literacy Helping Teacher, Rhyme & Recreation and Read & Recreation. Call Cawston School for more information.

## **English as a Second Language Lower Similkameen Community Services Society (LSCSS)**

Free  
250.499.4211 Andrea Massing  
714-7 St, Keremeos  
Email: eltc@nethop.net  
Provides free English language support to eligible adult immigrant and refugee newcomers.

## **English as a Second Language South Okanagan Immigrant and Community Services (SOICS)**

Free  
250.492.6299 – Mandy Channa  
508 Main St, Penticton  
English as a Second Language offered at Keremeos Library, one day a week.  
Early Childhood Education activities plus Mother Goose and Nobody's Perfect Program at Cawston Primary School. Call for more information on these and other services offered.

## **Family Centre Lower Similkameen Community Services Society (LSCSS)**

Free  
250.499.7714 Anda Brockhoff  
701-3 St, Keremeos  
A meeting, playing, and learning place for families with children 0-6 years of age.

## **Family Literacy**

Free  
250.499.2352 – Dave Cursors  
Family Literacy program includes Reader's Theatre and Take A Book, Leave a book. Books are located at the Cawston Marketplace Store.



**Lower Similkameen  
Community Services  
Society (LSCSS)**

Free  
250.499.2353  
701-3 St, Keremeos  
Lower Similkameen  
Community Services Society  
offers: Community Action  
Plan for Children (CAPC),  
Family Literacy, English as  
a Second Language, Family  
Support Program, Community  
Kitchen and much more. Call  
for more information on these  
and other services offered.

**Okanagan Similkameen  
Neurological Society  
Child Development Center  
(OSNS)**

Free  
250.492.0295  
Toll free 1.866.492.0295  
103-550 Carmi Ave, Penticton  
OSNS provides assessment  
and early intervention for  
children ages 0-6 years with  
special needs/autism, a child  
psychologist for mental health  
services for children under 6.

**Roots of Empathy**

Free  
250.809.0041 - Lisa McCall  
Roots of Empathy is a school  
based program to foster  
empathy in young children  
and to prevent aggression  
and bullying.

**StrongStart  
Cawston Primary School**

Free  
250.499.5617 – Linda Thiel  
517 School Rd  
StrongStart is a free  
preschool program primarily  
focused on children 3-5 years  
and their parents/caregivers.  
Younger siblings are also  
welcome.

**Tee Pee Tot Daycare**

Birth - School Age  
250.499.2838 - Diane  
Stewart  
Call for information.

**Tumble Bumble  
Lower Similkameen  
Community Services Society**

Free  
250.499.7714 – Anda  
Brockhoff  
701-3 St, Keremeos  
Tumble Bumble is an  
early learning program for  
preschool children. Call for  
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**HEDLEY**

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and Nobody's Perfect Program

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and Take a Book, Leave a

Book. Books are located

at the Health Unit in the

waiting area in Keremeos

or Marketplace Store in

Cawston.

**Library**

FREE

250.292.8209

The Hedley Library is located

at the Old Age Pensioner's

Hall on the corner of Scott

Ave and Irene St.

Hours - Thursday 2pm-7pm.

**Literacy Helping Teacher  
Similkameen Elementary  
Secondary School**

Free

250.499.2727

830-2 Ave, Keremeos

Call for information.

**Lower Similkameen  
Community Services  
Society (LSCSS)**

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250.499.2353

701-3 St, Keremeos

Lower Similkameen

Community Services Society

offers: Community Action

Plan for Children (CAPC),

Family Literacy, English as

a Second Language, Family

Support Program, Community

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options for Aboriginal adults.

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**Daycares/Playschools  
- Licensed**

**Kaleden Community  
Playschool**

250.497.5900  
Marie Grisela Dos Santos

**Little Busy Bee's**

250.497.6996  
Karen Anne Dematos

**Julia's Daycare**

250.497.5760  
Julia Gorrod

**Kid's Connection  
(School Age)**

250.770.7690  
Judith Rackham

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**English as a  
Second Language  
South Okanagan  
Immigrant and Community  
Services (SOICS)**

Free  
250.492.6299  
508 Main St, Penticton  
English Language Services  
for Adults Program  
(ELSA) provides basic and  
intermediate level English  
training for newcomers  
to Canada, Settlement  
Services, Child Minding and  
Early Childhood Education,  
Unity Program, Community  
Bridging, Youth Ambassador  
Program, Buddy Program and  
other services. Call for more  
information on these and  
other services offered.

## **Library**

Free

250.497.8066

101 Linden Ave

Kaleden Library offers Preschool Storytime, Summer Reading Club and books for loan.

## **Okanagan Similkameen Neurological Society Child Development Centre (OSNS)**

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250.492.0295

103-550 Carmi Ave, Penticton

OSNS provides assessment and early intervention for children 0-6 years with special needs/autism, a child psychologist for mental health services for children under 6.

## **South Okanagan Literacy Program**

Free

250.492.4305 extension 3244

Mary Kiviste

This program is free and flexible. Students must be 19 years of age. South Okanagan Literacy Program operates through Okanagan College. Volunteer tutors are trained to work one-to-one with adults to improve their reading, writing, speaking, listening or math skills.

## **Kaleden Elementary School**

250.770.7692

152 Linden Ave

Principal Sharon Sola

## **Veess Reading Event**

Free

250.492.0394 - Jackie Frederick  
"Read to Succeed"

The aim of this literacy program is to help motivate children to read. Veess players visit classrooms, grades 2-5, throughout the school year and read to students from a series of children's books.

# **KEREMEOS**

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**Communities for Kids (CFK)**

Free

250.493.4793

Kelly Moog

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**Learning Centre  
and Outreach**

Registration Fee \$15.00

250.499.0400

900 Sparks Dr

Keremeos Learning Centre provides a flexible, individualized program enabling students of any age to work toward high school graduation to upgrade current courses and to work toward self improvement.

We provide a caring, friendly environment which is delivered as a "drop-in, at your own pace" style.

## **Library**

Free

250.499.2313

638-7 Ave

Keremeos Library offers storytime, summer reading club, friends of the Library and more.

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## **Daycares/Playschools - Licensed**

### **Duckie Lucky Preschool**

250.499.2080

30 months - school age

Jean Philpott

Call for information.

### **Seven Dwarfs Daycare**

250.499.5652

Lois Joyce Cardinal

Call for information.

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### **Literacy Helping Teacher**

Free

250.499.2727

830-2 Ave

Principal Marcus Toneatto

This program is offered at the Similkameen Elementary Secondary School. Call for information.

### **Lower Similkameen Community Services Society (LSCSS)**

Free

250.499.2353

701-3 St

Lower Similkameen Community Services Society offers: Community Action Plan for Children (CAPC), Family Literacy, English as a Second Language, Family

Support Program, Community Kitchen and much more.

### **Mother Goose**

Free

250.499.3029

700-3 St

Call Public Health Nurse

Nancy Gunn for information.

### **Okanagan Similkameen Neurological Society Child Development Centre (OSNS)**

Free

250.492.0295

Toll free 1.866.492.0295

103-550 Carmi Ave, Penticton

OSNS provides assessment and early intervention for children 0-6 years with special needs/autism, a child psychologist for mental health services for children under 6. Call for more information.

### **Roots of Empathy**

Free

250.809.0041 - Lisa McCall

Roots of Empathy is a school based program to foster empathy in young children and to prevent aggression and bullying.

### **Seniors' Centre**

250.499.2977

421-7 Ave

Crafts, exercise classes, dance, carpet bowling, potluck social and much more. Call for programs and services offered.

**Similkameen Elementary  
Secondary School  
Grades 5-12**

250.499.2727

830-2 Ave

Principal Marcus Toneatto

The school offers a one-to-one reading program and an accelerated reading program.

Call the school for more information.

**Similkameen Recreation  
Centre**

250.499.2400

311-9 St

Call for information on programs and services offered.

**South Similkameen Health  
Unit (Diagnostic Centre)**

250.499.3029

700-3 St

Public Health centre offers prenatal and perinatal care, Books for Babies, Mother Goose Program and more.

**WorkZone**

Free

250.499.5300

427-7 Ave

We provide free services to individuals who are seeking career guidance and support. WorkZone offers Drop-in services, Assisted services, Youth Drop-in and many more programs.

# NARAMATA

**Aboriginal Access  
and Services**

**Okanagan College**

250.762.5445 extension 4322

Advise on basic education options for Aboriginal adults.

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**Daycares/Playschools  
- Licensed**

**Naramata Preschool**

250.496.5002

Laurie Hillebrand

**Leapin' Lizard's Before and  
After School Care**

250.496.2770 – Robin Kroon

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and Referral**

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250.492.2969

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**English as a  
Second Language  
South Okanagan  
Immigrant and Community  
Services (SOICS)**

Free

250.492.6299

508 Main St, Penticton

English Language Services for Adults Program (ELSA) provides basic and intermediate level English training for newcomers

to Canada, Settlement Services, Child Minding and Early Childhood Education, Unity Program, Community Bridging, Youth Ambassador Program, Buddy Program and other services. Call for more information.

### **Library**

Free  
250.496.5679  
3580-3 St (Community Hall)  
Naramata Library offers  
Preschool Storytime -  
registration is required,  
Summer Reading Club, and  
books for loan.

### **Naramata Centre**

250.496.5751  
Toll Free 1.877.996.5751  
3375-3 St  
Naramata Centre is a place of  
learning, spiritual nurturing  
and renewal. The centre  
offers programs for infants  
to adults. The centre has a  
bookstore which supports  
spiritual development,  
children literature and more.

### **Naramata Elementary School K-5**

250.496.5225  
3660-8 St  
Principal Jeff Redden

### **Okanagan Similkameen Neurological Society Child Development Centre (OSNS)**

Free  
250.492.0295  
Toll free 1.866.492.0295  
103-550 Carmi Ave, Penticton  
OSNS provides assessment  
and early intervention for  
children ages 0-6 years with  
special needs/autism and a  
child psychologist for mental  
health services for children  
under 6. Call for more  
information.

### **Parks, Recreation and Culture Penticton Community Centre**

250.490.2426  
325 Power St, Penticton  
Parks and Recreation offers  
many programs for all ages.  
Call for information.

### **Penticton Senior Centre**

Free  
250.493.2111  
2965 Main St, Penticton  
Senior Club offers many  
programs. Call for  
information.

### **Senior's Computer Club**

Low cost - membership fee  
250.770.7848  
439 Winnipeg St, Penticton  
Classes on everything from  
basic computer knowledge to  
advanced graphics and letter  
writing (these courses are fun  
and very informative). Drop-  
in, where members can get

free advice about problems they may be having with their computers. One-on-one advice from our computer literate instructors. Monthly meetings featuring guest lecturers.

### **South Okanagan Literacy Program**

Free  
250.492.4305 extension 3227  
Nancy Noble-Hearle  
This program is free and flexible. Students must be 19 years of age. South Okanagan Literacy Program operates through Okanagan College. Volunteer tutors are trained to work one-to-one with adults to improve their reading, writing, speaking, listening or math skills.

## **OK FALLS**

### **Early Years** *(Ages 0-5 Years)*

**Books for BC Babies**  
250.770.3419 - Elaine Stetsko  
A free book bag to encourage a love for books provided to new parents.

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## **Daycares/Playschools - Licensed**

**Little Stars Daycare**  
250.497.6426  
Christina Doherty

**Kids' Castle Daycare**  
250.497.7097  
Kelly Gagnon

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### **Community Action Plan for Children (CAPC) Desert Sun Counseling**

Free  
250.498.2538  
35649-97 St, Oliver  
Individual and group support for parents of children 0-6 years and pre/post natal women. Literacy and parenting programs, nutritional education, community kitchen, free lunch, an on-site child minder, pre/post natal vitamins and a weekly food certificate for pregnant women.

### **Communities for Kids (CFK)**

Free  
250.498.8433  
Pat Buckland  
Communities for Kids (CFK) is a not-for-profit, community-based early childhood development (ECD) initiative. If you wish to learn more about CFK, please call Pat Buckland.

**Library**

Free

250.497.5886

101-850 Railway Lane

Okanagan Falls Library offers story-time programs for babies and toddlers, Summer Reading Club - grades 3-7, adult literacy collection, and books for loan.

**Mother Goose**

Free

250.498.5074 - Hester Brunner

This weekly session is for parents and tots from birth – 3 years. Circle time includes stories, rhymes and songs for parents and tots.

**Next Step**

Free

250.497.5886

A follow up to Books for BC Babies. A book program for children 6, 12 and 18 months. Located at Okanagan Falls Library.

**Nobody's Perfect Program**

Free

250.770.3434

Penticton Health Unit

250.498.5080

Oliver Health Unit

For parents of children 0-5 years, learning how to understand your child better. Coping with stress, sharing ideas and information on your child's health, safety and behaviour.

**Okanagan Boys and Girls Club**

Free

250.498.8844 - Oliver Office

9727-356 Ave, Oliver

Ages 0-5 years early childhood programs provide young children with safe, meaningful opportunities and challenges in developmentally appropriate environments.

**Okanagan Falls Mini School**

250.497.5576 - Bonnie

Kandulski

Free - Pre-register

1141 Cedar St (Okanagan Falls Elementary School)

This is a preschool for children ages 3 and 4.

**Okanagan Similkameen Neurological Society Child Development Centre (OSNS)**

Free

250.492.0295

103-550 Carmi Ave, Penticton

Provides assessment and early intervention for children ages 0-6 years with special needs/autism, a child psychologist for mental health services for children under 6.

**Tumble Bumble  
Parks & Recreation**

250.497.8188

Low Cost

1141 Cedar St

Parks and Recreation offers a variety of activities for pre-schoolers engaging them in play, to support social, emotional and skill development. Literacy focused activities. Pre-registration is required.

**Ready, Set, Learn**

Free

250.497.5414 - Garry  
Sutherland

An early childhood initiative for children aged 3.

**StrongStart/Early  
Learning Centre**

Free

250.497.5886  
Samantha James  
1141 Cedar St

(Okanagan Falls Elementary)  
This parent/child interactive early learning program is free. Drop-in program primarily focused on children 3-5 years. The program also welcomes 0-2 years of age.

**School Age**

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**Before and After  
School Care**

**Clown'n Around**

250.497.8268

Kathy Louise Rush

**Out of School Care**

250.809.7322

Bonnie Kanduski

**Kids' Klub**

250.497.7097 - Joy Kelly  
Okanagan Falls Community  
Church

Enhancing the spiritual and moral aspect of children grade 1 and up with music, puppets and activities.

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- grades 3-7, adult literacy  
collection, and books for loan.

## **Okanagan Boys and Girls Club**

Free

250.498.8844 - Oliver Office  
9727-356 Ave, Oliver  
Arrowflight Outdoor Program,  
Okanagan Falls Youth Centre  
13-19 years of age, youth  
summer program, crisis  
intervention, child and youth  
counseling and other services.

## **Potential Buddy Program South Okanagan Immigrant and Community Services (SOICS)**

Free

250.492.6299

The Buddy Program matches  
newcomers with Canadian  
children in schools for  
friendship and to learn about  
different countries.

## **Roots of Empathy**

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## **Schools**

### **Okanagan Falls Elementary School**

250.497.5414

1141 Cedar St

Principal Garry Sutherland

### **Okanagan Similkameen Outreach School**

250.498.4597 – Oliver

Offers education K - grade  
12 for all ages. Call for  
information.

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### **Summer Read and Recreation**

250.497.5414 - Garry  
Sutherland

Call for more information.

### **Vees Reading Event**

Free

250.492.0394

Jackie Fredereick

"Read to Succeed"

The aim of this literacy  
program is to help motivate  
children to read. Vees players  
visit classrooms, grades 2-5,  
throughout the school year.

### **Youth Night**

Free

250.497.8188

1141 Cedar St (Okanagan  
Falls Elementary School)

Drop-in, have some fun,  
socialize. Sports, games  
and special events geared  
for the 11 and-up crowd.

A special event every two  
weeks! Check out the special  
events calendar posted at the  
Community Centre.

## **Youth**

*(Late Teen to Young Adult)*

### **English as a Second Language South Okanagan Immigrant and Community Services (SOICS)**

Free

250.492.6299

508 Main St, Penticton  
English classes for Landed Immigrants, Settlement Services, Child Minding and Early Childhood Education, Unity Program, Community Bridging, Youth Ambassador, Buddy Program and other services.

### **Library**

Free

250.497.5886

101-850 Railway Lane  
Okanagan Falls Library offers a wide range of materials for all age groups, including books, videos, CDs, audio-cassettes, book-cassette kits and magazines for loan.

### **Okanagan Boys and Girls Club**

Free

250.498.8844

9727-356 Ave, Oliver  
Ages 13-19 years recreational programs and youth outreach services. Ages 0-18 years and parents - provides services to help families help themselves. Other services offered: child and youth counseling, youth summer program grades 10-12, crisis intervention and more.

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Mary Kiviste

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## **Adults**

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**Parenting Wisely  
Okanagan Boys and Girls  
Club**

Low Cost - \$15.00 for  
workbook  
250.498.8844  
9727-356 Ave, Oliver  
Parenting Wisely is a highly  
interactive parenting program  
designed to support and  
teach parents new and  
effective ways of relating to  
their children and managing  
difficult behaviours. Course  
runs for approximately  
6 weeks. Call for more  
information and location.

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**Families**

**Child Care Resource  
and Referral**

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and other family related  
programs in the South  
Okanagan and Similkameen  
area.

**Community Action Plan  
for Children (CAPC)**

**Desert Sun Counseling**

Free

250.498.2538

35649-97 St, Oliver

Individual and group support for parents of children 0-6 and pre/post natal women. Literacy and parenting programs, nutritional education, community kitchen, free lunch, an on-site child minder, pre/post natal vitamins and a weekly food certificate for pregnant women.

**English as a  
Second Language  
South Okanagan  
Immigrant and Community  
Services (SOICS)**

Free

250.492.6299

508 Main St, Penticton

English Language Services for Adults Program (ELSA) provides basic and intermediate level English training for newcomers to Canada, Settlement Services, Child Minding and Early Childhood Education, Unity Program, Community Bridging, Youth Ambassador Program, Buddy Program and other services.

**Library**

Free

250.497.5886

101-850 Railway Lane

Okanagan Falls Library offers a wide range of materials for all age groups, including books, videos, CDs, audio-cassettes, book-cassette kits and magazines for loan.

**Okanagan Boys and Girls  
Club**

Free

250.498.8844

9727-356 Ave, Oliver

Ages 0-18 years and parents - provides services to help families help themselves. Other services offered: child and youth counseling, crisis intervention and more.

**Parenting Wisely  
Okanagan Boys and Girls  
Club**

Low Cost - \$15.00 for workbook  
250.498.8844

9727-356 Ave, Oliver

Parenting Wisely is a highly interactive parenting program designed to support and teach parents new and effective ways of relating to their children and managing difficult behaviours. Course runs for approximately 6 weeks. Call for more information and location.

**StrongStart/Early  
Learning Centre**

Free

250.497.5886

Samantha James

1141 Cedar St (Okanagan Falls Elementary School)

This parent/child interactive early learning program is free. Drop-in program primarily focused on children 3-5 years. The program also welcomes 0-2 years of age.

## Seniors

### Library

Free

250.497.5886

101-850 Railway Lane

Okanagan Falls Library offers a wide range of materials for all age groups, including books, videos, CDs, audio-cassettes, book-cassette kits and magazines for loan.

### Okanagan Falls Seniors' Centre

250.497.8199

1128 Willow St

Call for information on programs.

**OLIVER**

## Early Years

*(Ages 0-5 years)*

### Books for BC Babies

Free

250.498.5080 - Health Centre

7139-362 Ave

For parents of newborns, a book bag to encourage a love for books.

### Child Care Resource and Referral

Free

Phone 250.492.2969

330 Ellis St, Penticton

Promoting quality child care and other family related programs in the South Okanagan and Similkameen.

### Community Action Plan for Children (CAPC) Desert Sun Counseling

Free

250.498.2538

35649-97 St

Individual and group support for parents of children 0-6 years and pre/post natal women. Literacy and parenting programs, nutritional education, community kitchen, free lunch, an on-site child minder, pre/post natal vitamins and a weekly food certificate for pregnant women.

### Communities for Kids (CFK)

Free

250.498.8433

Pat Buckland

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## Daycares/Playschools - Licensed

### Pitter Patter Daycare

250.498.2837 - Chris Rehbein

### Rascal Bears Daycare

250.498.6377 - Renata Hext

### Tippytoes Family Daycare

250.498.0709 - Jen Jensen

### Inkameep Preschool Daycare Centre

250.498.3010 - Karin Greig

27104 Camp McKinney Rd

**Little Lambs  
Christian Preschool**

250.498.3333  
Serena Knippelbert  
9522-342 Ave

**Tuc El Nui Preschool  
(T.E.N.)**

250.498.3415 - Tracy Hunt  
36850-79 St  
Open during school time only,  
Room 111.

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**Headstart**

Free  
Sen Pok Chin School  
250.498.2019 - Julie Millward  
or Colleen Baptiste  
27086 Sen Pok Chin Blvd  
Birth – 6 years  
Headstart, Mother Goose,  
Parents as Literacy  
Supporters, Building Blocks,  
Storytime and year-round  
daycare.

**Health Centre**

Free  
250.498.5080  
7139-362 Ave  
Prenatal and Perinatal care,  
parenting support, Baby Talk,  
and child development. Call  
for information.

**Library**

Free  
250.498.2242  
3564-93 St  
Oliver Library offers  
Babytime, Toddler time -  
under 3 and their caregivers,  
Storytime for 3-5 years,  
books for loan and more.

**Mother Goose**

Free  
250.498.5074 - Hester  
Brunner, Speech and  
Language Pathologist  
This weekly session is for  
parents and tots, from birth  
- 3 years. Circle time includes  
stories, rhymes, and songs  
for parents and tots.

**Okanagan Boys and Girls  
Club**

Free  
250.498.8844  
9727-356 Ave  
Ages 0-5 years early childhood  
programs provide young  
children with safe, meaningful  
opportunities and challenges  
in developmentally appropriate  
environments. Other services  
offered: Parenting Wisely and  
Integrated Family Development.  
Call for information.



**Okanagan Similkameen  
Neurological Society  
Child Development Centre  
(OSNS)**

Free

250.492.0295

103-550 Carmi Ave, Penticton

OSNS provides assessment and early intervention for children ages 0-6 years with special needs/autism, a child psychologist for mental health services for children under 6. Call for more information.

**Parks and Recreation**

Low Cost

250.498.4985

36003-79 St

Offers a variety of activities for pre-schoolers engaging them in play, to support social, emotional and skill development. Literacy focused activities.

**Parents and Tots**

Free, Drop in

250.498.4985

36003-79 St

Socializing for parents and children.

**Roots of Empathy**

250.809.0041 - Lisa McCall

School based program to foster empathy in young children and to prevent aggression and bullying.

**StrongStart**

Free

250.408.8361 or

250.498.3468

Dana Bedard

10359-356 Ave

(Oliver Elementary School)

StrongStart is a free preschool program primarily focused on children 3-5 years and their parents/caregivers. Younger siblings are also welcome.

**School Age**

**Aboriginal Education Program**

**School District #53**

Free

250.498.3481 extension 117

James Insley

35061-101 St, Oliver

We strive to ensure that school age Aboriginal children are receiving the services they need.

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**Before & After School Programs**

**Hang T.E.N. Afterschool Care**

250.498.1847

Jennifer Jensen

36850-79 St

(Tuc El Nuit School)

Rooms 10 and 11.

**Hangout Afterschool Program**

250.485.8041

Jennifer Jensen

10353-356 Ave

(Oliver Elementary School)

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## **Child Care Resource and Referral**

Free  
250.492.2969  
330 Ellis St, Penticton  
Promoting quality child care and other family related programs in the South Okanagan and Similkameen area.

## **Library**

Free  
250.498.2242  
35641-93 St  
Oliver Library offers Summer Reading Club ages 5 and up, Red Cedar Book Club grades 4-7 and books for loan and more.

## **Oliver Alliance**

250.498.4253  
36853-99 St  
Summer Program in August ages 5 and up.

## **Okanagan Boys and Girls Club**

Free  
250.498.8844  
9727-356 Ave  
Ages 6-12 years middle childhood recreational programs.  
Ages 13-19 years recreational programs and youth outreach services.  
Services to help families help themselves. Other services offered are child and youth counseling, youth summer program grades 10-12, crisis intervention and more.

## **Parks and Recreation**

Low Cost  
250.498.4985  
36003-79 St  
Offers a variety of activities for school age children.

## **Religious Group**

*(School Age)*

## **Bhavsagar Sikh Temple**

250.498.7896  
33859-97 St  
Gurmat spring camp ages 5 and up.

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## **Schools**

### **South Okanagan Christian Adventist School K-3**

250.498.4161  
7916-370 Ave  
Principal Angela Westcott

### **Oliver Elementary School K-7**

250.498.3468  
10359-356 Ave  
Principal David Fairbrother



**Good Shepherd Christian School K-7**

250.495.3549  
6 Finch Cres, Osoyoos  
Principal Angela Westscott

**Tuc-El-Nuit Elementary School K-7**

250.498.3415  
36850-79 St  
Principal Jan Kennedy

**Sen Pok Chin School K-7**

250.498.2019  
27086 Sen Pok Chin Blvd  
Principal Heather Kelliher

**Southern Okanagan Secondary School Grades 8-12**

250.498.4931  
8507-68 Ave  
Principal Cate Turner

**Okanagan Similkameen Outreach School**

250.498.4597  
10359-356 Ave  
Offers education K-12 for all ages. Call for more information.

**Oliver Home School Parents Group**

250.498.0464  
Call for information.

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**Youth**

*(Late Teen to Young Adult)*

**English as a Second Language South Okanagan Immigrant Community Services (SOICS)**

Free  
250.498.4077 - Geody Leibel  
508 Main St, Penticton  
Daily English as a Second Language and Early Childhood Education activities plus Mother Goose Program on Fridays at Park Drive Pentecostal Church (36672-79 St).

**Learning Centre and Outreach**

Free  
250.485.0303  
9149-350 St  
Monday - Thursday  
Oliver Learning Centre provides a flexible, individualized program enabling students of any age to work toward high school graduation to upgrade current courses and to work toward self improvement. We provide a caring, friendly environment which is delivered as a "drop-in, at your own pace" style.

**Library**

Free  
250.498.2242  
35641-93 St  
Oliver Library offers books for loan and more. Call for programs and information.

## **Okanagan Boys and Girls Club**

Free

250.498.8844

9727-356 Ave

Ages 13-19 years recreational programs and youth outreach services.

Ages 0-18 years and parents, provides services to help families help themselves.

Other services offered child and youth counseling, youth summer program grades 10-12, crisis intervention and more.

## **Osoyoos Indian Band Tourism Training**

250.498.6935

Cecilia George

27090 Sen Pok Chin Blvd

Call for information.

## **Parks and Recreation**

Low cost

250.498.4985

36003-79 St

Offers a variety of activities. Call for information.

## **South Okanagan Literacy Program**

Free

250.492.4305 extension 3244

Mary Kiviste

This program is free and flexible. Students must be 19 years of age. South Okanagan Literacy Program operates through Okanagan College. Volunteer tutors are trained to work one-to-one with adults to improve their reading, writing, speaking, listening or math skills.

## **WorkZone**

Free

250.485.0115

36071-97 St

We provide free services to individuals who are seeking career guidance and support. WorkZone offers: Drop-in services, Assisted services, Youth Drop-in, and many more programs.

## **Adult**

### **Aboriginal Access and Services**

#### **Okanagan College**

250.762.5445 extension 4322

Advise on basic education options for Aboriginal adults.

### **Communities for Kids (CFK)**

Free

250.498.8433

Pat Buckland

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508 Main St, Penticton

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9149-350 St  
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to work toward high school  
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information.

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### **Families**

#### **Child Care Resource and Referral**

Free  
250.492.2969  
330 Ellis St, Penticton  
Promoting quality child care  
and other family related  
programs in the South  
Okanagan and Similkameen  
area.

**Community Action Plan  
for Children (CAPC)  
Desert Sun Counseling**

Free

250.498.2538

35649-97 St

Individual and group support for parents of children 0-6 years and pre/post natal women. Literacy and parenting programs, nutritional education, community kitchen, free lunch, an on-site child minder, pre/post natal vitamins and a weekly food certificate for pregnant women.

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Second Language  
South Okanagan  
Immigrant and Community  
Services (SOICS)**

Free

250.498.4077 - Geody Leibel

508 Main St, Penticton

Daily English as a Second Language and Early Childhood Education activities located at Park Drive Pentecostal Church (36672-79 St).

**Health Centre**

Free

250.498.5080

7139-362 Ave

Prenatal & Perinatal care, parenting support, Baby Talk, and child development.

**Headstart**

Free

Sen Pok Chin School

250.495.2019 - Contact Julie

Millward or Colleen Baptiste

27086 Sen Pok Chin Blvd

Head Start, Mother Goose, Parents as Literacy Supporters, Building Blocks, Storytime and year-round daycare.

**Library**

250.498.2242

Free

35641-93 St

Oliver Library offers Storytime for ages 3-5 years, Toddlertime - under 3 years and their caregivers, Babytime, Summer Reading Club ages 5 and up, Red Cedar Book Club grades 4-7, books for loan and more.

**Okanagan Boys and Girls  
Club**

Free

250.498.8844

9727-356 Ave

Ages 0-18 years and parents - provides services to help families help themselves. Other services offered child and youth counseling, crisis intervention and more.

**Parks and Recreation**

Low Cost

250.498.4985

36003-79 St

Offers a variety of activities. Call for information.

**Parents and Tots**

Free - Drop-In

250.498.4985

36003-79 St

Birth - 5 years

Socializing for parents and children.

## **Parenting Wisely Okanagan Boys and Girls Club**

Low Cost - \$15.00 for workbook  
250.498.8844  
9727-356 Ave  
Parenting Wisely is a highly interactive parenting program designed to support and teach parents new and effective ways of relating to their children and managing difficult behaviours. Course runs for approximately 6 weeks. Call for more information and location.

## **StrongStart**

Free  
10359-56 Ave  
(Oliver Elementary School)  
250.408.8361 or  
250.498.3468  
Contact: Dana Bedard  
StrongStart is primarily focused on children 3-5 years and their parents/caregivers. StrongStart also welcomes birth - 2 years.

## **Seniors**

### **Library**

Free  
250.498.2242  
35641-93 St  
Oliver Library offers large print materials, taped books and books for loan. Become a member of Friends of the Library. The goal of the group is to make the Oliver Library a place of great pride in the community.

## **Senior Centre Society**

250.498.6142  
34453-95 St  
Open Monday - Saturday  
Activities include: floor games, keep fit, hobbies & crafts, Tai Chi, dance, bingo and more.

## **Parks and Recreation**

250.498.4985  
Low Cost  
36003-79 St  
Offers a variety of activities. Call for information.

# **OSOYOOS**

## **EARLY YEARS**

*(Ages 0-5 Years)*

### **Child Care Resource and Referral**

Free  
250.492.2969  
330 Ellis St, Penticton  
Promoting quality child care and other family related programs in the South Okanagan and Similkameen area.

### **Community Action Plan for Children (CAPC) Desert Sun Counseling**

Free  
250.495.2623  
8307-72 Ave  
Individual and group support for parents of children 0-6 years and pre/post natal women. Literacy and parenting programs, nutritional education, community kitchen, free lunch, an on-site child minder,

pre/post natal vitamins and a weekly food certificate for pregnant women.

### **Communities for Kids (CFK)**

Free

250.498.8433

Pat Buckland

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### **Early Learning Centre (StrongStart)**

Free

250.485.7018

Starla Braithwaite

8507-68 Ave

Early Learning Centre is a free preschool program primarily focused on children 3-5 years and their parents/caregivers. Younger siblings are welcome.

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## **Daycares/Playschools - Licensed**

### **Di's Daycare**

250.495.5058

Diane Bell

### **Tammy's Family Daycare**

250.495.4772

Tammy Foster

### **Osoyoos Child Care Centre**

250.495.5020 - Cheryl Smith

6609-89 St

Play School 3 and 4 years,  
Child Care 30 months to 5  
years, Kids Club 6-11 years.

The Osoyoos Child Care Centre exists to support families by providing excellent early childhood education in a safe and nurturing environment, while valuing the whole child as a unique individual.

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### **Health Centre**

Free

250.495.6433

8701 Main St

Immunizations, Prenatal classes, home visits for new moms, Postpartum Depression Support, Nobody's Perfect - 6 week program, Baby Talk - first time mom's program, Mother Goose Program - story telling.

### **Infant Development Program**

#### **Okanagan Boys and Girls Club**

Free

250.493.0512 extension 113

1295 Main St, Penticton

The Infant Development

Program offers support

services to families with

children from birth to 3

years who are at risk of, or

who already have a delay

in development. In most

cases, services to families

are offered within the family

home. Please call for more

information.

## **Library**

Free

250.495.7637

8505-68 Ave (Sonora Centre)

Osoyoos Library offers Story

Hour 3-5 years of age,

Toddler Time - under 3 years

and their parent/caregiver,

Baby Time, Summer Reading

Club 5-11 years and more.

## **Mother Goose**

Free - Pre-register

250.498.5074 - Hester Bruner,

Speech and Language Pathologist

8505-68 Ave (Sonora Centre)

This weekly session is for

parents and tots, from

birth to 3 years. Circle time

includes stories, rhymes, and

songs.

## **Okanagan Boys and Girls Club**

Free

250.498.8844

Oliver Main Office

9727-356 Ave, Oliver

Ages 0-5 years early childhood

programs provide young

children with safe, meaningful

opportunities and challenges

in developmentally appropriate environments.

Other services offered:

Parenting Wisely and Integrated

Family Development. Call for

information.

## **Okanagan Similkameen Neurological Society Child Development Centre (OSNS)**

Free

250.492.0295

103-550 Carmi Ave, Penticton

OSNS provides assessment

and early intervention for

children ages 0-6 years with

special needs/autism, a child

psychologist for mental health

services for children under 6.

Call for more information.

## **Parents & Tots Drop In**

Low Cost, Pre-registration

250.495.6562

8505-68 Ave (Sonora Centre)

Socializing for parents and

children.

## **Parenting Wisely Okanagan Boys and Girls Club**

Low Cost - \$15.00 for workbook

250.498.8844

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## **School Age**

### **Aboriginal Education Program**

#### **School District #53**

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James Insley

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Toddler Time - under 3 and

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Time, Summer Reading Club

5-11 years and more.

### **Okanagan Boys and Girls Club**

Free

250.498.8844

Oliver Main Office

9727-356 Ave, Oliver

Ages 6-12 years middle childhood recreational programs.

Ages 13-19 years recreational programs and youth outreach service. Other services: child and youth counseling, youth summer program grades 10-12, crisis intervention and more. Call for information.

### **Roots of Empathy**

Free

250.809.0041 - Lisa McCall

A school based program to foster empathy in young children and to prevent aggression and bullying.

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## **Schools**

### **Osoyoos Elementary School K-7**

250.495.7248

8507-68 Ave

Principal Bo Macfarlane

### **Osoyoos Secondary School**

250.495.6559

5800-115 St

Principal David Foster

### **Good Shepherd Christian School**

250.495.3549

6 Finch Cres

Principal Angela Westcott

**Okanagan Similkameen  
Outreach School**

250.495.7297  
8507-68 Ave (Osoyoos  
Elementary School)  
Offers education K-12 for  
all ages. Call for more  
information.

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**Youth**

*(Late Teen to Young Adult)*

**English as a  
Second Language  
Okanagan College**

Free  
250.492.4305 extension 3244  
Mary Kiviste  
The program is free and  
flexible. Must be 19 years  
of age. Settlement Program  
offers English language  
instruction to recent  
immigrants in Osoyoos.  
Participants will work one-to-  
one with trained tutors and  
have an opportunity to be  
part of a weekly classroom  
session.

**English as a  
Second Language  
South Okanagan  
Immigrant and Community  
Services (SOICS)**

Free  
250.492.6299  
508 Main St, Penticton  
English classes for Landed  
Immigrants, Settlement  
Services, Child Minding and  
Early Childhood Education,  
Unity Program, Community  
Bridging, Youth Ambassador  
Program, Buddy Program and  
other services.

**Learning Centre  
and Outreach**

Free  
250.495.5185  
8129 Main St  
Monday - Thursday  
Registration Fee of \$15.00  
Osoyoos Learning Centre  
provides a flexible,  
individualized program  
enabling students of any age  
to work toward high school  
graduation to upgrade current  
courses and to work toward  
self improvement.  
We provide a caring, friendly  
environment which is  
delivered as a "drop-in, at  
your own pace" style.

**Library**

Free  
250.495.7637  
8505-68 Ave (Sonora Centre)  
Osoyoos Library offers books  
for loan and more.

**Okanagan Boys and Girls  
Club**

Free  
250.485.2363 - Call Casey for  
information on Osoyoos Youth  
Centre. 8505-68 Ave  
For information on all other  
services call Oliver Main Office  
250.498.8844.  
Youth programs and services  
are targeted to youth  
between the ages of 13-19  
years, recreational programs  
and youth outreach service.  
Other services: child and  
youth counseling, youth  
summer program grades 10-  
12, crisis intervention and  
more.

## **South Okanagan Literacy Program**

Free

250.492.4305 extension 3244

Mary Kiviste

This program is free and flexible. Students must be 19 years of age. South Okanagan Literacy Program operates through Okanagan College. Volunteer tutors are trained to work one-to-one with adults to improve their reading, writing, speaking, listening or math skills.

## **South Okanagan Toastmasters**

250.495.5018 – Greg Byron  
5506 Main St

(Best Western Sunrise Inn)

A supportive and friendly setting to improve your public speaking skills. Toastmasters meet every Tuesday 7:00-9:00pm.

## **WorkZone**

Free employment services

250.495.3955

7611 Spartan Dr

We provide free services to individuals who are seeking career guidance and support. WorkZone offers: Drop-in services, Assisted services, Youth Drop-in, and many more programs.

## **Adults**

### **Aboriginal Access and Services**

#### **Okanagan College**

250.762.5445 extension 4322

Advise on basic education options for Aboriginal adults.

### **Communities for Kids (CFK)**

Free

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### **English as a Second Language Okanagan College**

Free

250.492.4305 extension 3244

Mary Kiviste

Must be 19 years of age.

Settlement Program offers English language instruction to recent immigrants in Osoyoos. Participants will work one-to-one with trained tutors and have an opportunity to be part of weekly classroom session. The program is free and flexible.

**English as a  
Second Language  
South Okanagan  
Immigrant and  
Community Services  
(SOICS)**

Free  
250.492.6299  
508 Main St, Penticton  
English classes for Landed  
Immigrants, Settlements  
Services, Child Minding and  
Early Childhood Education,  
Unity Program, Community  
Bridging, Youth Ambassador  
Program, and other services.  
Call for more information.

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work one-to-one with adults  
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writing, speaking, listening or  
math skills.

**South Okanagan  
Toastmasters**

250.495.5018 – Greg Byron  
5506 Main St  
(Best Western Sunrise Inn)  
A supportive and friendly  
setting to improve your public  
speaking skills. Toastmasters  
meet every Tuesday 7:00-  
9:00pm.

**WorkZone**

Free  
250.495.3955  
7611 Spartan Dr  
We provide free services  
to individuals who are  
seeking career guidance and  
support. WorkZone offers:  
Drop-in services, Assisted  
services, Youth Drop-in, and  
many more programs.

## **Families**

### **Child Care Resource and Referral**

Free  
250.492.2969  
330 Ellis St, Penticton  
Promoting quality child care and other family related programs in the South Okanagan and Similkameen area.

### **Community Action Plan for Children (CAPC) Desert Sun Counseling**

Free  
250.495.2623  
8307-72 Ave  
Individual and group support for parents of children 0-6 years and pre/post natal women. Literacy and parenting programs, nutritional education, community kitchen, free lunch, an on-site child minder, pre/post natal vitamins and a weekly food certificate for pregnant women.

### **Early Learning Centre (StrongStart)**

Free  
250.485.7018  
Starla Braithwaite  
8507-68 Ave  
Early Learning Centre is a free preschool program primarily focused on children 3-5 years and their parents/caregivers. Younger siblings are also welcome.

### **English as a Second Language Okanagan College**

Free  
250.492.4305 extension 3244  
Mary Kiviste  
The program is free and flexible.  
Must be 19 years of age.  
Settlement Program offers English language instruction to recent immigrants in Osoyoos. Participants will work one-to-one with trained tutors and have an opportunity to be part of a weekly classroom session.

### **Health Centre**

Free  
250.495.6433  
8701 Main St  
Immunizations, Prenatal classes, home visits for new moms, Postpartum Depression support, Nobody's Perfect -six week program, Baby Talk - first time mom's program and Mother Goose Program - story telling.

### **Library**

Free  
250.495.7637  
8505-68 Ave (Sonora Centre)  
Osoyoos Library offers books for loan and programs for all ages.

## **Okanagan Boys and Girls Club**

Free

250.498.8844 - Oliver Main Office

9727-356 Ave, Oliver

Ages 0-19 years and their parents/caregivers - provides services to help families help themselves. Other services offered: child and youth counseling, crisis intervention and more. Call for information.

## **Parents & Tots Drop In**

Low Cost, Pre-registration

250.495.6562

8505-68 Ave (Sonora Centre)

Socializing for parents and children.

## **Parenting Wisely**

### **Okanagan Boys and Girls Club**

Low Cost - \$15.00 for workbook

250.498.8844

Oliver Main Office

9727-356 Ave, Oliver

Parenting Wisely is a highly interactive parenting program designed to support and teach parents new and effective ways of relating to their children and managing difficult behaviours. Course runs for approximately 6 weeks. Call for more information and location.

## **Seniors**

### **Library**

Free

250.495.7637

8505-68 Ave (Sonora Centre)

Osoyoos Library offers large print books, a large selection of taped books, adult DVD's, books for loan and more.

### **Senior Centre**

250.495.6921

17 Park Place

Call for programs and services offered.

# **PENTICTON**

## **Early Years**

*(Ages 0-5 Years)*

### **Baby Talk**

Free

250.770.3418 - Dawna Erland

740 Carmi Ave (Health Centre)

Learn, grow and share.

A free informative social outing for families with children under one year of age.

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**Community Action  
Program for Children 0-6  
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and Girls Club**

Free

250.493.0512

1295 Manitoba St

**Positively Pregnant** - provides prenatal information, support and supplements as well as nutritious snacks.

**Muffin Mix Drop In** - for parents or parents to be of young children. The group enjoys a healthy lunch, uses the family friendly facility and participates in parent/child interactive activities.

**Family Special** - offers a variety of parent education/child activities.

**Family Night** - once a month, enjoy an afternoon/evening of activities with the whole family, dinner included.

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**Parenting** - a parenting program for parents with children 6 months to 5 years of age.

**Community Kitchen** - once a month we work along side parents to prepare nourishing meals for your family at minimum cost.

**Communities for Kids (CFK)**

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250.493.4793

Kelly Moog

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**Daycares/Playschools  
- Licensed**

**Angela's Daycare**

250.770.1255 - Angela

**Cinzia's Daycare**

250.493.6203 - Cinzia

**Creative Kids Daycare**

250.490.9505 - Michele

**Diane's Drop In Daycare**

250.493.6065 - Diane

**Di's Family Daycare**

250.492.6284 - Diane

**First Friend Daycare**

250.493.1776 - Sandra

**Gingerbread House**

**Family Daycare**

250.493.2121 - Debra

**Happy Days Family Child**

**Daycare**

250.493.7869 - Nancy

**Helen's Daycare**

250.492.0199 - Helen

**Jolly Jumpers Daycare**

250.492.0458 - Kim

**Lil' Ducklings Daycare**

250.492.5233 - Tina

**Little Squirrels**

250.493.7052 - Armida

**Love's Daycare**

250.493.0566 - Judy

**Lucy's Daycare**

250.492.1583 - Lucy

**Lynda's Love' n' Learn Daycare**

250.492.4336 - Lynda

**Marilyn's Daycare**

250.493.3862 - Marilyn

**Mountainside Daycare**

250.492.6222 - Mary

**Pam's Family Daycare**

250.492.0113 - Pam

**Sheila's Daycare**

250.493.3768 - Sheila

**Treasure Box Family Daycare**

250.493.7821 - Brenda

**Tigger's Treehouse Family Daycare**

250.492.0136 - Katherine

**Group Child Care – Licensed***(under 36 months)***Circle of Friends**

250.493.4875 – Cindy

**Columbus Park Child Care Centre**

250.490.9855 – Michele

**Hand in Hand Infant/Toddler Centre**

250.492.3803 – Jacqueline

**P.E.A.C.H.E.S.**

250.493.7299 – Alyson

**Preschool - Licensed***(30 months to school age)***Circle of Friends Daycare Centre**

250.493.4875 – Cindy

**Columbus Park Child Care Centre**

250.490.9855 – Michele

**Kids Connection**

250.493.4178 – Judith

**Little Triumphs Early Childhood Centre**

250.493.4244 – Fiona

**P.E.A.C.H.E.S.**

250.493.7299 – Alyson

**Penticton Early Childhood Centre**

250.492.3069 – Dawn

**Group Child Care - Licensed***(30 months to school age)***Children's Universal Montessori Preschool**

250.770.8368 - Sylvie

**Concordia Lutheran Preschool**

250.492.5902 - Colleen

**Entres Lacs Preschool/Afterschool**

250.770.7691 - Lise

**Kinderplace (OSNS)**

250.492.0295 - Virginia

**Learning for Little People**

Hastings Ave  
250.493.2331 - Colleen

**Little Paws Preschool**

250.493.7799 - Glenda

**Little Triumphs Early Childhood Centre**

250.493.4244 - Fiona

**Nana's Place**

250.488.2583 - Anne Marie

**Playshare Preschool**

250.493.5994 - Anna

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**Library**

Free  
250.770.7782  
785 Main St  
Penticton Public Library offers  
Baby Songs and Rhymes  
– Infant to 15 months.  
Toddler time – 16 months to  
3 years of age. Preschool  
Storytime – 3 to 5 years of  
age. Books for loan and more.

**Okanagan Similkameen Neurological Society Child Development Centre (OSNS)**

Free  
250.492.0295  
103-550 Carmi Ave  
OSNS provides assessment  
and early intervention for  
children ages 0-6 with  
special needs/autism, a child  
psychologist for mental health  
services for children under 6.  
Call for more information.

**Parents as Literacy Supporters (PALS)**

Free  
250.770.7658  
330 Power St  
PALS is a program for  
parents/caregivers and their  
preschool child.

**Parks, Recreation and Culture****Penticton Community Centre**

250.490.2426  
325 Power St  
Parks and Recreation offers  
programs for all ages. Call for  
information.

**Prenatal Classes**

Free  
250.770.3434  
740 Carmi Ave (Health Centre)  
Prenatal classes are for  
women under 25 years. Over  
25 years prenatal classes are  
offered at Okanagan College.

**StrongStart (4 Locations)**

Free  
1) 250.770.7685  
Brenda Barber  
330 Power St  
(Queen's Park Elementary)  
2) 250.770.7676 1437 Allison St  
(Columbia Elementary School)  
Principal Jan Ramsey  
3) 250.770.7697  
400 Carmi Ave (Carmi  
Elementary School)  
Principal Sharon Sola  
4) 250.770.7691  
1077 Nelson Ave  
(Ecole Entre Lacs)  
Outreach Program  
StrongStart is a free  
preschool program primarily

focused on children 3-5 years and their parents/caregivers. Younger siblings are also welcome.

## School Age

### Child Care Resource and Referral

Free  
250.492.2969  
330 Ellis St  
Promoting quality child care and other family related programs in the South Okanagan and Similkameen area.

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### Group Child Care - Licensed *(School Age)*

**Okanagan Boys and Girls Club of Penticton**  
250.493.0512 - Chandra

**Concordia Out of School Care**  
250.492.5901 - Stephanie

**Diane's Drop In Daycare**  
250.493.6065 - Diane

**Entre Lacs Preschool/ Afterschool**  
250.770.7691 - Lise

**Imagination Clubhouse**  
250.770.7232 - John

**Kids Connection**  
250.493.4178 - Judith

**Little Rascal Daycare**  
250.770.7669 - Julie

**Nana's Place**  
250.488.2483 - Anne Marie

**Penticton Afterschool Program**  
250.492.4616 - Jeremy

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**Integrated Family Development Program Okanagan Boys and Girls Club**  
Free  
250.493.0512  
1295 Manitoba St  
Integrated family development provides flexible and effective support and counseling to children, youth and families.

**Library**  
Free  
250.770.7782  
785 Main St  
Penticton Public Library offers After School Program 6-12 years, Summer Reading Club 6-12 years, books for loan and more.

**Ooknakane Friendship Centre**  
Free  
250.490.0891  
1203 Main St  
**Children's cultural after school program** is offered two days a week. Cultural and traditional teachings are components of this program.  
**R'Native Voices** - a fun and interactive youth program designed to keep youth connected with culture and develop skills to keep themselves healthy.

**Youth drug and alcohol outreach worker** - assists youth in developing skills to say no to drugs and alcohol.

**Summer Youth Services** - summer day camps, recreational, cultural, educational, social activities, camping and more.

**Family Literacy** - is a program to strengthen the role of reading and writing in families.

**Parks, Recreation and Culture Penticton Community Centre**  
250.490.2426  
325 Power St  
Parks and Recreation offers programs for all ages. Call for information.

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## Schools

**Elementary Schools K-5 Carmi Elementary School**  
400 Carmi Ave  
250.770.7697  
Principal Susan Johnston

**Columbia Elementary School**  
250.770.7676  
1497 Allison St  
Principal Jan Ramsay

**Parkway Elementary School**  
225 Kinney Ave  
250.770.7686  
Principal Kelly Jones

**Queen's Park Elementary School**  
250.770.7680  
330 Power St  
Principal Ian Graham

**Uplands Elementary School**  
250.770.7678  
145 Middle Bench Rd S  
Principal Catherine Bowes

**West Bench Elementary School**  
250.770.7698  
1604 West Bench Dr  
Principal Chris Philpotts

**Wiltse Elementary School**  
250.770.7694  
640 Wiltse Blvd  
Principal Miles Smitten

**Outma Squilxw Cultural Elementary School K-5**  
250.493.2421  
200 Westhills Dr  
Michele Woitzik

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## Middle Schools

*Grades 6-8*

**Kettle Valley Railroad Middle School** - offers French Immersion  
250.770.7600  
300 Jermyn Ave  
Principal John Olfert

**McNicoll Park Middle School**  
250.770.7683  
1213 Debeck St  
Principal Roland Holowaty

**Skaha Lake Middle School**

250.770.7674

110 Green Ave W

Principal Dave Brunelle

**Ecole Entre Lacs**

Preschool

Junior Kindergarten – Grade 8

250.770.7691

1077 Nelson Ave

Principal Lise Sequin

**Secondary Schools***Grades 9-12***Penticton Secondary School**

250.770.7750

158 Eckhardt Ave E

Principal Bill Bidlake

**Penticton Alternate School**

250.770.7769

274 Eckhardt Ave E

Principal Bill Bidake

For information on Penticton Alternative school contact Bill at Penticton Secondary School.

**Penticton Learning Centre**

250.770.7740

324 Eckhardt Ave E

Principal Marsha Saldat

**Princess Margaret Secondary School**

250.770.7620

120 Green Ave W

Principal Don MacIntyre

**Home Learners' Program**

250.770.7718

225 Kinney Ave

Call for information.

**Independent Schools****Concordia Lutheran School K-5**

250.492.5902

2800 Main St

Principal Kathleen Simard

**Holy Cross Catholic Elementary School K-7**

250.492.4480

1299 Manitoba St

Principal to be announced

**Penticton Christian School K-12**

250.493.5233

102-96 Edmonton Ave

Principal Karl Boehmer

**Veas Reading Event**

Free

250.492.0394

Jackie Frederick

"Read to Succeed"

The aim of this literacy program is to help motivate children to read. Veas players visit classrooms, grades 2-5 throughout the school year and read to students from a series of children's books.

**Youth***(Late Teen to Young Adult)***Adult Learning**

Penticton Indian Band

250.770.3210

200 Westhills Dr

Henry Michel

Adults can complete their high school diploma. Call for information.

**Integrated Family  
Development Program  
Okanagan Boys and Girls  
Club**

Free  
250.493.0512  
1295 Manitoba St  
Integrated family  
development provides flexible  
and effective support and  
counseling to children, youth  
and families.

**Library**

Free  
250.770.7782  
785 Main St  
Penticton Public Library offers  
Teen Reading Club, books  
for loan and more. Call for  
information.

**Nobody's Perfect  
Okanagan Boys and Girls  
Club**

Free  
250.493.0512 - Lori Gillard  
1295 Manitoba St  
Nobody's Perfect is for  
parents of children 0-6 years  
of age, to learn skills to assist  
in raising children.

**Okanagan College**

250.492.4305  
583 Duncan Ave W  
The college offers Adult Basic  
Education, Literacy Skills for  
Adults, and student service to  
help you with any questions  
and/or guidance.

**Ooknakane Friendship  
Centre**

Free  
250.490.0891  
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**Penticton Community Centre**  
250.490.2426  
325 Power St  
Parks and Recreation offers  
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**Penticton Learning Centre**

250.770.7740  
324 Eckhardt Ave E  
Marsha Saldat  
Two programs are available:  
the Work-Learn Program and  
the Pathfinders Program.  
The Pathfinders Program  
is a computer-managed  
learning method that provides  
individualized self-paced  
learning for young adults and

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### **Prenatal Classes**

Free  
250.770.3434  
740 Carmi Ave (Health Centre)  
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### **South Okanagan Literacy Program**

Free  
250.492.4305 extension 3227  
Nancy Noble-Hearle  
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### **Toastmasters (2 locations)**

#### **1) Peachcity Toastmasters**

250.493.1161 Tina  
250.487.1196 Kevin  
696 Main St (United Church)  
Thursday 12pm – 1pm

#### **2) Penticton Toastmasters**

250.276.4705 Paul  
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### **WorkZone**

Free  
250.493.0225  
Toll Free: 877.493.0245  
101-575 Main St  
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### **Writing Out Loud**

Free  
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Mary Kiviste  
Adults are invited to join a free workshop. No one sees your work but you! Journals and pens provided. Call for next session.

### **Adults**

#### **Aboriginal Access and Services Okanagan College**

250.762.5445 extension 4322  
Advise on basic education options for Aboriginal adults.

### **Adult Learning**

Penticton Indian Band  
250.770.3210  
200 Westhills Dr  
Henry Michel

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### **English as a Second Language South Okanagan Immigrant and Community Services (SOICS)**

Free  
250.492.6299  
508 Main St

English Language Services for Adults Program (ELSA) provides basic and intermediate level English training for newcomers to Canada, Settlement Services, Child Minding and Early Childhood Education, Unity Program, Community Bridging, Youth Ambassador Program, Buddy Program and other services. Call for more information.

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Free  
250.493.0512  
1295 Manitoba St  
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### **Library**

Free  
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## **Library**

Free

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785 Main St

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## **Ooknakane Friendship Centre**

Free

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1203 Main St

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## **Parents as Literacy Supporters (PALS)**

Free

250.770.7658

330 Power St (Queen's Park Elementary School)

PALS is a program for parents/caregivers and their preschool child.

## **Parks, Recreation and Culture**

### **Penticton Community Centre**

250.490.2426

325 Power St

Parks and Recreation offers programs for all ages.

## **StrongStart (4 Locations)**

Free

1) 250.770.7685

Brenda Barber

330 Power St

(Queen's Park Elementary)

2) 250.770.7676

1437 Allison St

(Columbia Elementary School)

Principal Jan Ramsey

3) 250.770.7697

400 Carmi Ave

(Carmi Elementary School)

Principal Sharon Sola

4) 250.770.7691

1077 Nelson Ave

(Ecole Entre Lacs)

Outreach Program

Principal Lise Sequin

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## Seniors

### **Computer Club**

Low cost - membership fee  
250.770.7848  
439 Winnipeg St  
Classes on everything from basic computer knowledge to advanced graphics and letter writing (these courses are fun and very informative). A drop-in program where members can get free advice about problems they may be having with their computers. One-on-one advice from our computer literate instructors. Monthly meetings featuring guest lecturers.

### **French Conversation Club and Scrabble Club at Penticton Senior's Drop-In**

Free  
250.493.2111  
2965 Main St  
French Club and Scrabble Club is offered once a week.

### **Learning in Retirement**

Free  
250.487.7455 – Pam Jackson  
696 Main St  
Learning in Retirement addresses the learning needs and interests of mature adults by providing affordable, accessible day-time opportunities for intellectual stimulation and personal enrichment.

### **Library – Book Delivery**

Free  
250.770.7781 – Lisa Gilhooley  
785 Main St  
Penticton Public Library offers book delivery for any Penticton resident unable to come to the library due to illness, disability, or hospitalization. Library staff will select books and other materials for you according to your reading tastes or specific requests. You will get a delivery directly to your door every two or four weeks.

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### **Penticton Museum**

Free

250.490.2451

785 Main St

Offers a large variety of public programs: Brown Bag Lecture Series, Sunday family art project, summer programs, seniors' recreation programs, research the archives using a variety of research material.

### **Seniors on Senior Technology**

Free

250.492.5289 – Mindy Rollins

Seniors on Senior Technology workshops will focus on:

Cellular Telephones (cell phones), Personal Emergency Response Systems, Blood Pressure Monitors, Caller ID, Voice Mail, and Answering Machines.

## **SUMMERLAND**

### **Early Years**

*(Ages 0-5 Years)*

### **Baby Talk and Mother Goose**

Free

250.404.8054 - Pene

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Learn, grow and share.

An informative social outing for families with children under one year of age.

### **Child Care Resource and Referral**

Free

250.492.2969

330 Ellis St, Penticton

Promoting quality child care and other family related

programs in the South

Okanagan and Similkameen

area.

### **Communities for Kids (CFK)**

Free

Blair Lischeron

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based early childhood development (ECD) initiative.

If you wish to learn more

about CFK, please call Blair

Lischeron.

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### **Daycare/Playschool/Preschool - Licensed**

#### **Summerland Christian Playschool**

250.494.3881

Stephanie Erdt

#### **Jodi's House Daycare**

250.494.1787

Jodi Breitzkreuz

#### **Fun Times Daycare**

250.494.7409 - Lynn Shiele

#### **Julia Street Daycare**

250.494.0297 - Tammy Carter

**Kiddie Corner  
Family Daycare**

250.494.7998 - Laurel Boothe

**Kids R Us Daycare**

250.494.7194 - Arlene Fenrich

**Little Angels  
Family Daycare**

250.494.7585 - Dionne Bakalos

**Little Explorer's  
Family Daycare**

250.494.1721 - Trudy Ingram

**Rent A Mum Daycare**

250.494.9800  
Donna Ruggaber

**The Little Yellow  
House Daycare**

250.494.7993 - Mae Kruger

**Trout Creek Daycare**

250.494.0744  
Peggy Kennedy

**Glenfir School Society**

250.494.0004 - Tina Bootsma  
Child care 30 months to  
school age.

**Montessori Preschool**

250.494.7266 - Lisa Jaager  
30 months to school age.

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**Library**

Free  
250.494.5591  
9525 Wharton St  
Summerland Library offers  
Preschool Storytime,  
Toddlertime, Parent and Child  
Rhymetime, books for loan  
and more.

**Mom's Morning Out**

250.494.2250  
Barbara Wellborn  
Call for more information.

**Okanagan Boys and Girls  
Club**

Free  
250.404.0440  
9111 Peach Orchard Rd  
Early childhood programs  
from birth to 5 years;  
Family Resource Programs  
encompasses a variety of  
programs that are offered  
to parents and their young  
children and provide support,  
assistance, learning and  
friendships with other  
families; Infant Development  
Program serves children from  
birth to 3 years of age, who  
are at risk for, or who already  
have delay in development.  
In most cases, services to  
families are offered in the  
family home. Call for more  
information.

**Okanagan Similkameen  
Neurological Society  
Child Development Centre  
(OSNS)**

Free  
250.492.0295  
103-550 Carmi Ave, Penticton  
OSNS provides assessment  
and early intervention for  
children ages 0-6 years with  
special needs/autism, a child  
psychologist for mental health  
services for children under 6.  
Call for more information.

## **Parents as Literacy Supporters (PALS)**

Free - pre-register  
250.494.7876  
5811 Nixon Rd  
PALS is a program for parents and their preschool child.

## **StrongStart**

Free and Drop-In  
250.770.7671  
Suzanne Chavarie  
10503 Prairie Valley Rd  
(Giant's Head Elementary School)  
StrongStart is a free program primarily focused on children 3-5 years and their parents/caregivers. Younger siblings are welcome. Nutritious snacks are provided.

## **Summerland Parks and Recreation**

250.494.0447  
13205 Kelly Ave  
Parks and Recreation offers recreation activities and programs for all ages. Call for information.

## **Tumble Time**

Free  
250.494.3881  
13018 Elliott St  
(Baptist Church)  
Birth – Kindergarten  
Tues 9:30-10:30 or  
10:30-11:30.

## **School Age**

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### **Before and After School Care**

#### **Okanagan Boys and Girls Club**

250.493.0512  
Carol Rodrigues  
Call for information.

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9525 Wharton St  
Summerland Library offers Steller Awards Book Club, school age summer reading club and books for loan.

#### **Okanagan Boys and Girls Club**

Free  
250.404.0440  
9111 Peach Orchard Rd  
Middle Childhood Programs for children aged 6-12 give kids the chance to belong in a Club setting that is safe and supervised by positive adult role models. Youth programs and services are targeted to youth who are between the ages of 13-19 years.

Youth Outreach Services are designed to deliver support services to youth who are experiencing personal, family or social difficulties and require people, resources and services to assist them in getting the help they need.

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## **Schools**

### **Summerland Montessori School Junior Kindergarten – Grade 5**

250.494.7266  
10317 Prairie Valley Rd  
Principal Calvin Johnson

### **Giant’s Head Elementary School K-5**

250.770.7671  
10503 Prairie Valley Rd  
Principal Craig Dunbar  
Read to Me, Breakfast Program, PALS - Parents as Literacy Supporters. Call the school to pre-register and for information.

### **Trout Creek Elementary School K-5**

250.494.7876  
5811 Nixon Rd  
Principal Paula Reay  
After school program - call Laurel at 250.492.1194. One-to-One Reading -call Corine at 250.404.0534.

### **Summerland Middle School Grades 6-8**

250.770.7685  
13611 Kelly Ave  
Principal Katie Hicks  
Offers breakfast program and DARE program through RCMP.

### **Glenfir School Junior Kindergarten – Grade 12**

250.494.0004  
7808 Pierre Dr  
Principal Daphane O’Sullivan

### **Summerland Secondary School Grades 9-12**

250.770.7651  
9518 Main St  
Principal Dave Searcy  
Offers breakfast program, peer tutoring, junior and senior alternate program.

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### **Summerland Asset Development Initiative (SADI)**

Free  
250.494.9722  
Michelle Stefan  
9117 Prairie Valley Rd  
Provides opportunities for local youth to identify activities they feel are important to themselves, as well as to the community. Call for more information.

### **Vees Reading Event**

Free  
250.492.0394  
Jackie Frederick  
“Read to Succeed”  
The aim of this literacy

program is to help motivate children to read. Veas players visit classrooms, grades 2-5 throughout the school year, and read to students from a series of children's books.

## **Youth**

*(Late Teen to Young Adult)*

### **English as a Second Language South Okanagan Immigrant and Community Services (SOICS)**

Free

250.492.6299

508 Main St, Penticton

English classes for Landed Immigrants. Settlement Services, Child Minding and Early Childhood Education, Unity Program, Community Bridging, Youth Ambassador Program, Potential Buddy Program and other services. Call for more information.

### **Library**

Free

250.494.5591

9525 Wharton St

Summerland Library offers school age summer reading club, Cyber Book Club, young adult book section and more.

### **Okanagan Boys and Girls Club**

**13-19 years**

Free

250.404.0440

9111 Peach Orchard Rd

Recreation programs support leadership and character

development, self esteem and a sense of belonging through peer interaction and positive adult relationships. Youth Outreach Services are designed to deliver support services to youth who are experiencing personal, family, or social difficulties and require people, resources and services to assist them in getting the help they need.

### **South Okanagan Literacy Program**

Free

250.492.4305 extension 3224

Nancy Noble-Hearle

This program is free and flexible. Students must be 19 years of age. South Okanagan Literacy program operates through Okanagan College. Volunteer tutors are trained to work one-to-one with adults to improve their reading, writing, speaking, listening or math skills.

### **Summerland Community Learning Centre**

Free

250.770.7660

Doug MacDonald

9518 Main St

The Learning Centre provides flexible hours, individual education plans, work at your own pace and more. There is no fixed start or end dates for the program. Each student starts and ends their program on an individual basis according to their specific needs.

Students under the age of 18 will not be admitted to any program without permission from their school principal and parent. Tuition fees may apply. Call for more information.

### **WorkZone**

Free  
250.404.4256  
14-13604 Victoria Rd N  
We provide free services to individuals who are seeking career guidance and support. WorkZone offers: Drop-in services, Assisted services, Youth Drop-in, and many more programs.

### **Adults**

#### **Aboriginal Access and Services Okanagan College**

250.762.5445 extension 4322  
Advise on basic education options for Aboriginal adults.

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#### **English as a Second Language South Okanagan Immigrant and Community Services (SOICS)**

Free  
250.492.6299  
508 Main St, Penticton  
English Language Services for Adults Program (ELSA) provides basic and intermediate level English training for newcomers to Canada, Settlement Services, Child Minding and Early Childhood Education, Unity Program, Community Bridging, Youth Ambassador Program, Potential Buddy Program and other services.



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### **Okanagan Boys and Girls Club**

Free

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9111 Peach Orchard Rd

Family programs and services are targeted to families.

These programs are based on the principles of early intervention and helping families to help themselves.

We provide a place for families that is welcoming, supportive and where real help and support is available to parents and their families.

### **Parents as Literacy Supporters (PALS)**

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250.494.7876

5811 Nixon Rd

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### **Senior Drop-In Centre**

Free

250.494.9377

9710 Brown St

Drop-In Centre offers carpet bowling, bingo, 5 pin bowling, Tai Chi, EZ pacers, co-ed exercise, floor shuffleboard and Whist. Call for more programs and services offered.

## **Seniors**

### **Library**

Free

250.494.5591

9525 Wharton St

Summerland Library offers monthly book club, Friends of the Library, Library at your door - for those who are house bound, large print books, taped books and books for loan.

# WHAT IS LITERACY?

INTERNET • BANK ACCOUNTS

BOOKS • NEWS • TV

PRESCRIPTIONS • RECIPES

EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS

INSTRUCTION GUIDES

SCHOOL TEXTS . . .

*2008 data shows that 48% of Canadian adults have low literacy skills and literacy challenges affect people across the whole of society.*

- Literacy is using printed information to function and be successful in our families, workplaces and communities.
- Literacy is confidently communicating with health care providers.
- Literacy can include many skills: reading, writing, mathematics, understanding and using languages, technology, media and more.
- Literacy learning happens throughout our whole lives. We can all become more literate.

## WHAT IS LITERACY NOW SO-S?

- Literacy Now South Okanagan-Similkameen developed a community plan in 2007 with funding from 2010 Legacies Now.
- You can read the full document, “Weaving a Tapestry of Stories” at [www.literacynowso-s.ca](http://www.literacynowso-s.ca).
- It is a project designed to provide support and funding to promote early literacy and lifelong learning.

*Let's ALL  
Get Connected  
and Get Involved!  
Interested in volunteering?  
Like to help your community  
through sponsorship  
or donations?  
Email:  
[literacynowsos@gmail.com](mailto:literacynowsos@gmail.com)*

## SO WHY DO WE NEED LITERACY NOW SO-S?

- There are new literacy challenges in our world because of new forms of communication and technology.
- We need access to lifelong learning to meet present and future changes, in the workplace, the local community and the wider world.
- We need to work together to improve the life chances of all children and adults in our communities.



# Important Web Addresses

## **Child Care Resource and Referral**

[www.pdcrcs.ca](http://www.pdcrcs.ca)

## **Footprints to Technology**

[www.footprintstotechnology.com](http://www.footprintstotechnology.com)

## **Learning Centre SD#53**

[www.youlearn.ca](http://www.youlearn.ca)

## **Learning Centre SD#67**

[www.sd67.bc.ca](http://www.sd67.bc.ca)

## **Libraries**

[www.orl.bc.ca](http://www.orl.bc.ca)

## **Okanagan Boys and Girls Clubs**

[www.boysandgirlsclubs.ca](http://www.boysandgirlsclubs.ca)

## **Okanagan College**

[www.okanagan.bc.ca](http://www.okanagan.bc.ca)

## **Oliver Parks and Recreation**

[www.oliverrecreation.ca](http://www.oliverrecreation.ca)

## **Ooknakane Friendship Centre**

[www.friendshipcentre.ca](http://www.friendshipcentre.ca)

## **Penticton Community Centre**

[www.penticton.ca](http://www.penticton.ca)

## **School District #53**

[www.sd53.bc.ca](http://www.sd53.bc.ca)

## **School District #67**

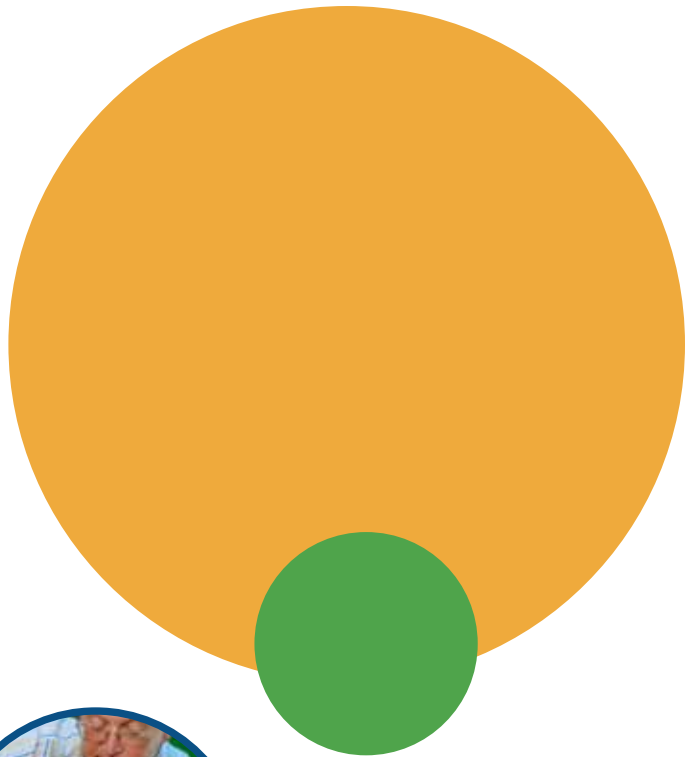
[www.sd67.bc.ca](http://www.sd67.bc.ca)

## **Summerland Asset Development Initiative (S.A.D.I.)**

[www.sadi.ca](http://www.sadi.ca)

## **WorkZone**

[www.workzonebc.ca](http://www.workzonebc.ca)



**Literacy Now South Okanagan - Similkameen**  
**250.462.0636 or 250.689.0244**  
*Email: [literacynowsos@gmail.com](mailto:literacynowsos@gmail.com)*