



THE BUZZ ON LITERACY

Literacy Now, South Okanagan-Similkameen
www.literacynowso-s.ca

Literacy Now at the International Rotary Children's Festival in Penticton May 21-23

Literacy Now was part of the Children's Festival in May and hopes to be a regular participant in the future. What a great venue to spread the word to families about the value of literacy and the many learning resources in our community.

We had many book donations from the community to give away as draw prizes. Coles Books, Dragon's Den, School District 53 and 67, Penticton Writers and Publishers and Books N' Stuff gave us many new and used books to give away to children at the festival. Books N' Stuff (the fabulous used bookstore on Main Street) wish to partner with us again next year to supply even more used books to give away! Thank you all for being part of literacy at the festival!



Thank you to the volunteers!
Suzanne Chavarie, Giant's Head
StrongStart, Cherry Campbell, Literacy Now, Julia Cox, Penticton Library, and Christine Schwarz, Hub Coordinator PDCRS



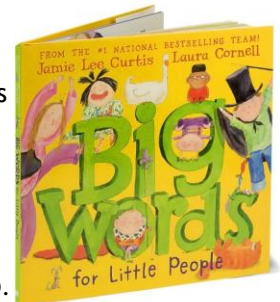
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Summer Reading

Big Words for Little People

By Jamie Lee Curtis



I know some Big Words.
I'll teach them to you.
Although you are small,
you can use Big Words too.
Big Words aren't scary.
They're big fun to learn.
I was taught once and now it's your turn.

The eighth hilarious picture book by the #1 *New York Times* bestselling team of Jamie Lee Curtis and Laura Cornell helps little people communicate in a big person's world. With grown-up words like cooperate, respect, patience and considerate, a big, boisterous and zany family celebrates the power of language and discovers that words—big or little—are the bridge that connects us all.

Pictured at left:

1. Julia Cox, Children's Librarian, Penticton Public Library reading to children at the Literacy Now table at the Children's Festival
2. Cherry Campbell, Literacy Now Directory Coordinator and Naomi Ludington, Literacy Now Coordinator getting ready for the crowds
3. Children at the festival looking at the books and draw prizes!



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New School

Young people who face significant reading challenges are less likely to finish high school and are at risk of other personal and social problems. In partnership with School District 36 (Surrey, BC), Literacy BC facilitated and researched the development of a comprehensive intervention for youth ages 16 to 18. Not only did students return to and remain in school, their reading levels increased significantly and their ability to succeed in school and in life improved markedly.

Please go to www.youthliteracy.ca to review New School reports from the research, promising practices, and teaching resources. It would be useful for adult education providers and social service agencies working with young adults who have limited literacy skills and continue to be at-risk. Teaching materials may also be useful for adult learners.

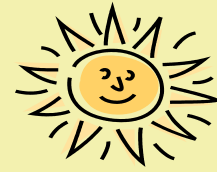
Raising a Reader



To help you raise children who love books and reading, 10 great tips:

- Read aloud to your children every day
- Get a library card
- Take your children to the library once a week
- Discuss children's books with your children
- Take your children to storytimes, author visits, and other public programs
- Buy books that you know will interest your child
- Create a comfortable reading space for your child
- Visit the Web sites of favourite authors and illustrators
- Once a week, cook together using a children's cookbook
- Buy your children a good dictionary and use it regularly

By Elizabeth Kennedy, About.com



Summer Family Community Events Penticton Community Centre Call 250.490.2426 for more information

Family Time Yoga Sunday, July 19 and August 16 at 10am. Relax and reconnect with family during this fun and playful time. Suitable for all ages. Only \$3 per family.

Pre-Teen Yoga Have fun improving your balance and flexibility as you clear your mind and escape on a magical journey through stretches, poses and relaxation. Ages 7-9, 10-12, and 8-11 years.

Amazing Race Saturday, June 27 - noon to 10pm Just like the reality show, teams of 2 will race to be the first to reach the final pit stop by following clues and completing challenges. Ages 12-16 years.

Family Scavenger Hunt Friday, July 17, 9.30 - 11.30am Explore Penticton's history with a walk and exciting scavenger hunt along Okanagan Lake. Discover our history and the natural world that exists in our City. 1 month - 5 years. \$5 per family.



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