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Celebrate Family Literacy Day January 27

Tips for Parents

Watch a Book: Many children's stories have been adapted for the big screen. Read these stories with your children first, then watch the movie equivalent; *Winnie the Pooh* books and videos are great examples.

Let them catch you reading: Act as a reading role model for your children by reading in your spare time. Remember that children learn by example.

The Count: Have your child count as you grocery shop; the numbers of cans you put in the cart or vegetables in the bag. Reinforce the importance of math in everyday life.

Hi Ho the Merry-o: Engage in sing-along sessions with your children.

FAMILY LITERACY

Family Literacy refers to the many ways families develop and use literacy skills, from enjoying a storybook together at bedtime and during the day, to playing with word games, singing, writing to a relative or friend, sharing day-to-day tasks such as making a shopping list or using a recipe, and surfing the Internet for fun and interesting sites.

(Family Literacy in Canada: Profiles of Effective Practices, Adele Thomas, Soleil Publishing Inc., 1998)

Communities for Kids is a coalition of three early childhood development initiatives. We promote optimal health and development of all children, from conception to age 6, in the South Okanagan-Similkameen. Our coalition includes *Communities for Kids*, *Success By 6®* and *Understanding the Early Years*.

COMMUNITY COMPUTERS ARE LOCATED AT:



The parent-child bond

*The more time a child spends with a parent reading aloud to them, the more their level of attachment is likely to increase and their sense of security enhanced. Also, the child learns that their parent values them and wants to spend time with them. (Adapted from *How to Raise a Reader*, 1987)

* When a parent or other caring person reads aloud with their children, it helps the children learn listening skills, vocabulary and language skills. It also helps the children develop imagination and creativity. (Adapted from *Family Literacy Foundation*; 2001)

For more information on literacy or family literacy please visit:

www.abc-canada.org


Hedley Library	Scott & Irene St.	292-8209
Keremeos Library	638 - 7 Ave.	499-2313
Oliver Library	35641 - 93 St	498-2242
Okanagan Falls Library	#101 - 850 Railway Lane	497-5716
Osoyoos Senior Centre Association	17 Park Place	495-6921
Destination Osoyoos	9912 Hwy 3	495-5070
Osoyoos Chamber of Commerce	7610 Veterans Way	495-7142
Osoyoos Library	8505 - 68 Ave.	495-7637
Penticton Library	785 Main St.	770-7781
Princeton Library	167 Vermilion Avenue	295-6495
Naramata Library	3580 Third Street	496-5679
Kaleden Library	101 Linden Avenue	497-8066
Summerland Library	9525 Wharton St.	494-5591

Note: Not all computer locations may be listed here.

Check out Osoyoos, Oliver and Okanagan Falls Libraries for the Family Literacy Day

For more fun stuff to do with your kids, check out our web site at

www.communitiesforkids.ca

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