

Literacy Now

South Okanagan-Similkameen

Working Together for Literacy

How Can Literacy Now Help YOU?

We can connect you with people who can help, such as:

- Aboriginal Centres
- Adult Literacy Services
- Communities for Kids
- Community Resources
- Okanagan College
- ESL Services
- Interior Health
- Library Services
- Literacy BC
- Local Colunteer Groups
- Mental Wellness Groups
- Seniors' Centres



WHAT IS LITERACY?

INTERNET • BANK ACCOUNTS
BOOKS • NEWS • TV
PRESCRIPTIONS • RECIPES
EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS
INSTRUCTION GUIDES
SCHOOL TEXTS . . .

- Literacy is using printed information to function and be successful in our families, workplaces and communities.
- 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.

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

WHAT IS LITERACY NOW?

- Literacy Now is a part of the provincial 2010 Legacies Now. It is a project designed to provide support and funding to promote early literacy and lifelong learning.
- The South Okanagan_Similkameen Literacy Now project was planned in 2007. You can read the full document, 'A Tapestry of Stories,' at www.penticton.org.
- Literacy Now will be of interest to the whole community: parents, students, business, health and education providers, seniors, immigrants, ESL adults and children, Aboriginals, community workers, volunteer organisations, and more.

Let's ALL
Get Connected
and Get Involved!
Interested in volunteering?
Like to help your community
through sponsorship
or donations?
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SO WHY DO WE NEED LITERACY NOW?

- 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.

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