

The BUZZ on Literacy

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Dates to Note:

Book Drive: Gather up your gently used children's books to help us *Heap the Honda* at Cherry Lane Monday, January 23 to Saturday, January 28

Family Literacy Day Celebration at Cherry Lane from 10:00 to 3:00 Saturday, January 28. It's fun for the whole family!

Committee Meetings:

Adult /Workplace:
Jan. 11

Family: Jan. 12

Health: Jan. 13

Conference Planning: Jan. 19

Interested in joining one of our committees?

Contact us!

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Family Literacy Day 2012

Officially, Family Literacy Day is January 27. But we wanted to invite the whole family, so we're having our celebration on Saturday, January 28 at Cherry Lane from 10am to 3pm.

Visit the booths and participate in the activities—make-and-take crafts, face painting, and more.

Pick up some information about the many programs and services that support learning throughout the South Okanagan and

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Scenes from last year's celebration (clockwise from top left): Exploring the Penticton Museum and Archives' booth; surprised by Leif David's Mingling Magic; enjoying a story with Bubblee Bubblezz; making musical instruments out of popsicle sticks with the Children's Festival. Centre: Naomi Ludington as the ever-popular Cat in the Hat.



A Healthy New Year's Resolution

Have you made any New Year's resolutions? Here's one to consider: Beginning today, resolve that you'll get clear information about your health. We know that health information is often too hard to access. It may be full of jargon—words that make sense to

health care professionals, but not to the rest of us. Important information may be buried in a heap of other information that we don't really need to read. And when we're given information verbally, we may be too stressed to hear and understand.

We're working to help everyone improve the way we communicate about health, but there's still much to be done. Meanwhile, take charge! When in doubt, ask your health care professional to explain. Here's to a happy, healthy 2012. ❖



For information about items in this newsletter or literacy programs & services, or to apply for funding for literacy projects, please contact: Joan Chambers 250.462.0636 literacynowsos@gmail.com.

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Similkameen. While you wander, watch for magician Leif David. He'll be working his magic as he mingles with the crowd. And say hello to Bubblee Bubblezz, our cheery and very colourful clown. (These performers will appear sometime between noon and 2:00; check our program for exact times.)

Be sure to settle in for a while at our main stage, and enjoy the ongoing entertainment: storytelling and

readings, drama, song, dance, and more.

We're also thrilled that Penticton Honda is involved again. Last year, you helped us "Fill the Fit" with new and gently used books for children and youth. In 2012 we're "Heaping the Honda." It's a great time to sort out the kids' bookshelves.

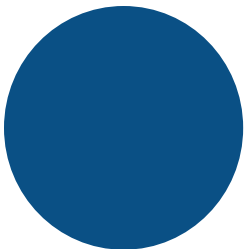
Books can be dropped off all week, from January 23 right up until the big day on January 28. We hope to see you—and your whole family—there! ❖

Below: Julia Cox, Children's Librarian for the Penticton Public Library, shares a story at last year's Family Literacy Day Celebration.



WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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Celebrating Adult Learning at OC

It's tough to get up and read in front of a group of strangers—even tougher when you know you need to strengthen your reading skills. But several students in Danielle Robinson's English 60 class did just that, standing tall as they read aloud before a gathering of fellow students and tutors.

This audience was treated to a very moving readers' theatre-style performance of Christmas Truce, a fictionalized letter from the front based on true events on the battlefield on December 24, 1914—

complete with a student-designed PowerPoint presentation.

Nancy Noble-Hearle's English 50 class followed up with a version of "What Am I?" Students provided clues in sentence form, from which the audience had to guess what object or animal the student was describing.

These students are among a growing number of adults who have decided to improve their literacy skills.

Classes at Okanagan College help with reading,

writing, math and computer use.

It is seldom easy for adult learners to return to school; they may already be juggling stressful family responsibilities and just trying to make ends meet.

The college's programs take this into account while helping the students move toward their goals.

Find out more about adult upgrading by contacting 250.492.4305. Danielle is at ext. 3244; Nancy is at ext. 3227. ❖

