



# Family Literacy Focus

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January 27, 2012 is

## National Family Literacy Day

Family literacy is the passing of information from one person to another to help promote a family's intellectual, social, emotional, spiritual and educational growth.

### Celebrate Family Literacy Day by:

- ◆ **Taking part in the PA Literacy Network's "Passport to Family Fun"**. Mark off the activities and enter to win one of 10 prize packages. Passport is available to print at: [http://www.nald.ca/paln/calendar/fld2012\\_passport.pdf](http://www.nald.ca/paln/calendar/fld2012_passport.pdf)
- ◆ **Submit pictures\* of your family members enjoying reading, playing games and family time** to the PALN. Be creative! Watch for your pictures to be used in upcoming newsletters, posters and literacy promotion.  
\*Please note that submitting pictures gives us your permission for them to be used.
- ◆ Challenge families to have screen free times. TV, computers and electronic games prevent family interactions and creativity.
- ◆ Attend the Family Literacy Day activity at John M. Cuelenaere Public Library at 2:30pm, Saturday, January 28th. Enjoy Robert Munsch stories, Family Literacy activities, prizes and snacks.
- ◆ Share your Family Literacy Day activities at <http://abclifeliteracy.ca/fld/events/>





Our greatest blessings are our children.

Learn, Live...

Literacy!

## Families Together

As a joint project with the YWCA, the John M. Cuelenaere Public Library and the PALN, a 5 week Families Together program was held for newcomer families. Each week, children with their parents or grandparents shared rhymes, books, and creative activities. Each week the eight families had the opportunity to learn and practise English, make new friends and to borrow library materials. As well, they were given a new children's book to keep.



Feedback from the participants was very positive and they have requested another program to be offered.



## Adult Tutor Training~ Jan. 20 & 21, 2012

The Prince Albert Literacy Network is looking for volunteers interested in taking a 2 day training and becoming Adult Literacy Tutors. Volunteer tutors meet with an adult learner for 1.5-2 hours per week. Tutors encourage and support the adult learner by:

- \* Helping to develop confidence and a positive attitude about learning
- \* Respecting and encouraging learner involvement in decisions about the learning process
- \* Selecting adult materials and approaches that are suitable for the learner's ability and needs
- \* Supporting and praising the learner for her/his efforts

The application form can be found at [http://www.nald.ca/paln/calendar/tutor\\_training\\_application.pdf](http://www.nald.ca/paln/calendar/tutor_training_application.pdf)

## "MOVE with Me" training opportunity



Come Learn about "PHYSICAL LITERACY" by taking part in the **MOVE with me from birth to 3 Workshop** Thursday Jan. 26, 8:45 am – 3:30 pm



*Cancelled/postponed!*

*The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Dr. Seuss.*



Be a



# Family Literacy Star



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- 1** **Read with your child.** Encourage a love of reading and learning by sharing books with your children. Look at the pictures, follow words from left to right, guess what is going to happen next, and ask questions about what you've read.
- 2** **Be active.** Stimulate mind and body with 30 minutes of daily activity. Throwing, catching and jumping skills build brain connections that help with reading.
- 3** **Be an example.** When children watch adults reading and writing, they see it as an important activity and will want to do it too.
- 4** **Cook together.** Follow a recipe, mix, measure, and have fun learning basic math, science, and sequencing. Plus, time spent together creates great memories.
- 5** **Sing a song.** Singing is a fun way to learn about rhythm, rhyme and words. Add actions, silly voices or sounds, and extra verses to make it even more fun.
- 6** **Limit screen time.** Hands on learning is important for mental and physical growth. Turn off the TV and talk, sing, read, or create.
- 7** **Provide materials.** Give your child paper, crayons, pencils, and a place to use them to encourage writing and drawing.
- 8** **Play a game.** Games help children learn counting, colors, reading, sequencing, following directions, taking turns, being a good sport, and strategy.
- 9** **Family meal time.** Eating at the table together is a great time to share stories and talk about the day.
- 10** **Visit the library.** Take part in free programs and reading incentives. Get a library card to borrow books and materials for all reading levels.

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**Have Fun!** Sharing family time does not require fancy toys, trips or gadgets. Create positive memories by laughing, talking and playing together.



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**The Prince Albert Literacy Network** has monthly meetings to discuss literacy activities in our area. Meetings are:

- Held the first Thursday of each month
- 4-6 pm at JMC Public Library meeting room.

**Everyone is welcome to attend.**

## Storysack Lending Library

**Replacement Storysack props needed. Can you help?**

- ◆ Blue heron
- ◆ Peacock
- ◆ Robin

Come check out our large selection of Storysacks. Do you need a specific theme or topic? See the website for pictures and descriptions of the Storysacks. The lending library is open Mondays from 12-4pm.

### Jungle Bullies by Steven Kroll

No one in the jungle will share. Elephant orders Hippo out of the pond. In turn Hippo orders Lion off the path; Lion orders Leopard out of the grass; and Leopard orders Monkey off the branch of the tree. But Monkey's Mama has some very good advice. This book is a great introduction to sharing and to discussing bullying.



- ◆ How do you think the Hippo felt when Elephant ordered him out of the pond? Have you ever felt like Hippo?
- ◆ Monkey went to his Mama to tell her that Leopard had bullied him. Children should be encouraged to share with an adult when they are not being treated well.
- ◆ Have you ever felt like any of the animals? When? What did you do?

## Fun Family Things To Do During The Winter

- ☺ Go sledding at Little Red Park. Take a lunch and hot chocolate to enjoy together. Get to know others on the hill and look at the beautiful scenery.
- ☺ Have an exciting game of hockey in the back yard, basement, or garage. Discuss the rules, being a good sport, and the proper gear.
- ☺ Watch a favourite old movie together. Talk about your favourite parts.
- ☺ Build a snowman or snow family. Add scarves, hats, buttons, arms, and faces. See if they look like your family. Have a snowball fight.
- ☺ Build an indoor fort out of chairs and blankets. Invite your teddy bears to join you in stories, games and snacks.

