

BC Family Literacy Week 2008

Events in the Lower Mainland

Admission to events is free (except afternoon workshop on Friday 25th), but space is limited.

Register early by email (family@literacy.bc.ca) or phone (604-684-0624).

All events are at the Vancouver Public Library, 350 West Georgia Street, Lower Level.

Pay parking available in underground parking lot – entrance on Hamilton Street.

Wednesday, January 23

Bridging Early Family Literacy with Social Responsibility: Fin's Friends Character Education Program 7:00 – 8:30 pm – Alice MacKay Room

Learn about the innovative partnership between the Vancouver Canucks and the public education sector and how the Fin's Friends Character Education program is leading the way in early literacy and social responsibility curricula in BC classrooms. Find out why it's needed, why it's working, and how to get your school or library involved. With Jessica Danylchuk (Coordinator, Community Partnerships & Education, Vancouver Canucks & Fin's Friends Program Manager) and Diane Nelson (District Principal, West Vancouver School District, Director, Sentinel Sports Academies & Fin's Friends Author).

Thursday, January 24

Richard Van Camp 7:00 pm – Alice MacKay Room

Good medicine stories for the whole family. An evening of oral storytelling and readings from the published works of Richard Van Camp, proud member of the Dogrib (Tlicho) First Nations from Fort Smith, NWT. He is author of the novel, *The Lesser Blessed*, a collection of short stories, *Angel Wing Splash Pattern*, and two children's books with Cree artist, George Littlechild: *A Man Called Raven* and *What's the Most Beautiful Thing You Know About Horses?* His baby book, *Welcome Song for Baby: A Lullaby for Newborns*, is the official selection of the Books for BC Babies Selection Committee.

Friday, January 25 – Breakfast of Champions

Bridging Cultures and Strengthening Communities 7:30 - 10:00am – Alice MacKay Room

John Corcoran, author of *Bridge to Literacy: No Child – or Adult – Left Behind*, on his foundation's online tutoring and assistive technology initiatives; **Calvin Helin**, author of *Dances with Dependency*, on the importance of literacy to Aboriginal communities; **Ian Thomson**, Director of TEFA International, on the success of a 'Computers in Homes' program in promoting learning for Maori families in New Zealand; **Vince Walter**, Advisor to the Rotary International Literacy Resource Group, on their Computer Assisted Literacy Solution.

Breakfast provided by Panago and Starbucks

Friday, January 25

I can sing! I can read! Early literacy in early childhood: a workshop with Peggy Bennett

1:00 - 4:00pm – Alice MacKay Room – Cost is \$20

Peggy Bennett is Professor of Music Education and Director of the early childhood MusicPlay program at Oberlin Conservatory, Ohio. An award-winning teacher, Peggy has presented clinics for teachers around the world and is the author of pedagogical and research articles, co-author of the popular SongWorks books, and contributing editor to the early childhood text SongPlay. Don't miss this exciting "hands-on" workshop! Young children can fall in love with reading. Singing and simple symbols are springboards for early literacy and confidence with reading. Video examples will illustrate.

Saturday, January 26

Write On! 12:00 – 3:00 pm – Lower Level, Vancouver Public Library

An exciting afternoon of literacy for children accompanied by their parents. Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear authors Linda Bailey (Stevie Diamond Mystery series, Good Times Travel Agency series) and Kari Winters (*Jeffrey and Sloth*, *Princess Fiona: My Purrsonal Story*).

Lunch provided by Panago and Starbucks

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