
BACKGROUND

Sept. 5, 2006

Ministry of Advanced Education

COMMUNITY ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM GRANTS – 2006

LOWER MAINLAND

Linking Communities Through Literacy – Vancouver/Strathcona **\$23,500**

Capilano College delivers a family literacy program at the Vancouver Public Library's Strathcona branch. Most participants are parents and caregivers who grew up in rural China, Latin America or Vietnam. ESL literacy supports include help with understanding report cards, reading job postings and application forms, safety issues and education system orientation.

Community Access to Family Literacy and Learning – Gibsons, Sechelt, Roberts Creek, Davis Bay, Halfmoon Bay, Pender Harbour **\$20,000**

The Sunshine Coast Community Literacy Advisory Council, in partnership with Capilano College, trains and supports tutors who work with low-literacy adults to improve reading, writing and math skills. The council is planning to work in more locations and to focus on improving family literacy and literacy programs to benefit young adults.

Carnegie Literacy Inreach/Outreach Program – East Vancouver **\$36,400**

The Carnegie Community Centre Association, with Capilano College, plans to involve new volunteers in one-on-one tutoring and small group literacy services in the Downtown Eastside at its Seniors Outreach and Carnegie Kitchen programs. Inreach and outreach programs are aimed at seniors, volunteers, women, First Nations, street-involved residents and sex-trade workers.

The Faces of High/Scope Family Literacy Program – Squamish **\$32,000**

The Sea to Sky Community Services Society – Communities That Care offers adult literacy courses for parents of pre-schoolers, including literacy instruction, parenting information and community events and activities, working in partnership with Capilano College.

The REAL (Relevant Education for Adult Learners) Program – Hastings/Sunrise **\$20,000**

Capilano College will work with Hastings Community Elementary School to develop a project to allow parents and caregivers to meet once a week at the school to engage in social activities to build a network of involved parents and offer parents and caregivers upgrading opportunities. Facilitators will also instruct parents on ways to support their children's education and to navigate the school system.

Making the Grade – Squamish **\$17,000**

Funding for the Squamish Volunteer Society will enhance the current literacy services provided at Capilano College by adding individual reading instruction using the Canadian Adult Reading Assessment method and its complementary individualized remedial reading program that is sensitive to physically based perceptual problems that may affect a student's ability to learn.

Families in Motion – Chilliwack **\$17,486**

Chilliwack Community Services and the University College of the Fraser Valley offer adult education, including an adult literacy component and a parenting component. Also offered are self-paced upgrading, basic computer literacy, and job preparation skills.

Central Gateway for Families – Chilliwack **\$21,000**

A family learning centre established by Chilliwack Community Services and the University College of the Fraser Valley provides family literacy programs to parents and their children. These programs create a positive school environment for both parent and child/ren through increased parental involvement. Programs include Parents and Children Together (PACT) and Families First.

Urban Learner Connections “Learners Talking to Learners” – Lower Mainland **\$15,000**

Fundamental literacy learners enrolled in school district adult learning centres and colleges in the Lower Mainland learn to research, budget and plan cultural, environmental and social group activities and outings. This project involves the Vancouver school district, Vancouver Community College, Douglas College and Kwantlen University College.

Parents and Children Together (PACT) – Abbotsford **\$25,000**

The Abbotsford Community Services Society and the University College of the Fraser Valley will provide an integrated literacy upgrading and parenting program for parents of pre-schoolers at three schools. The grant will fund co-ordinator and adult instructor positions.

VANCOUVER ISLAND

The Learners’ Network –Victoria **\$39,175**

Project Literacy Victoria delivers one-on-one tutoring of adults and small group instruction year round, in partnership with Camosun College. Trained volunteers provide a range of services from basic literacy to job improvement skills. Three to four times a year, 22-hour tutor training sessions are offered. Tutors meet monthly with the program co-ordinator for support, information and new resources and strategies.

The Tutoring Project – Parksville **\$40,000**

The Career Centre of Central Vancouver Island Job Opportunities Building Society recruits and trains literacy workers and offers tutoring and small group activities in partnership with Malaspina University-College. It serves School District 69, including the communities of Nanoose Bay, and Whiskey Creek as well as residents of Nanaimo, Lantzville and the Alberni Valley who request help. Numeracy and fundamental computer projects will be included.

Malaspina Volunteer Tutor Program – Nanaimo **\$26,250**

The Nanaimo Literacy Association and Malaspina University-College will recruit, train and support new tutors and continue delivering one-on-one tutoring to adult learners each week.

Adult Literacy Tutoring Program – Comox Valley **\$34,000**

Learners will acquire skills that will help them find jobs or go on to further training through this program offered by the Comox Valley Community Literacy and Learning Society and North Island College.

Cowichan Adult Learning Centre and HFN Building Literacy Program – Halalt First Nations **\$16,500**

The Cowichan Adult Learning Centre, working with Malaspina University-College, will offer 10-week sessions in family literacy, adult literacy and parent education and support to members of the Halalt First Nation.

Stepping Stones – Campbell River **\$20,000**

North Island College and the Campbell River Community Literacy Association will establish a literacy and numeracy program for parents and their children on the Holmalco First Nations Reservation. A literacy co-ordinator will support and advocate for literacy issues through various activities, including Family Literacy Day and a career fair.

Bella Coola Valley Adult Literacy Project **\$20,000**

One-on-one tutoring, small group activities and community workshops with learners will be provided by the Bella Coola Learning Society and North Island College to support families and provide career related training activities. A new project undertaken this year will involve youth, learners and elders to document seniors' stories.

Learning Adventures for Parents – Comox Valley **\$13,389**

The Comox Valley Community Literacy and Learning Society, in partnership with North Island College, will offer a family literacy project in two parts. The first is LAPS (Literacy and Parenting Skills), a nationally recognized program for low-literacy adults. The second is Math Refresher for Parents, a 10-session review of basic math skills.

Island Reflections: Women in Transition Writing Programs – Duncan **\$18,000**

The Cowichan Women Against Violence Society, working with Malaspina University-College, will provide literacy training to women who are or have been in violent relationships. The program will include a weekly writing group that will culminate in the launch of a book written and edited by the women involved. Participants will also show their writing portfolios to a facilitator to be assessed for placement in the literacy/adult basic education program at Malaspina.

INTERIOR

Partner Assisted Learning – Williams Lake **\$20,010**

This program offers small group literacy instruction based on topics that interest participants. It provides one-on-one tutoring, recruitment and training for tutors, and promotion of literacy services throughout the region. Partners are Thompson Rivers University and the Cariboo-Chilcotin Partners for Literacy Society.

Partner Assisted Learning – 100 Mile House **\$23,000**

This program offers small group literacy instruction based on topics that interest participants. It provides one-on-one tutoring, recruitment and training for tutors, and promotion of literacy services throughout the region. Partners are the Thompson Rivers University and the Cariboo-Chilcotin Partners for Literacy Society.

Reaching Learners – Year 2 – Quesnel, Williams Lake, 100 Mile House, Canim Lake, Soda Creek **\$25,000**

This project includes seven training components: Early Learning Canada, Aboriginal literacy and parenting skills, Learning and Reading Partners, one-on-one adult tutor training, group tutoring & educational planning sessions, literacy audits & plain language workshops. The Cariboo-Chilcotin Partners for Literacy Society and Thompson Rivers University will also provide on-site tutor training and workshops.

Adult Literacy Outreach II – Lillooet **\$22,000**

This program produced by the Lillooet Learning Communities Society and the Thompson Rivers University will focus on First Nations adults and will develop solutions to make best use of resources, design strategies to recruit and retain learners, and incorporate traditional cultural practices. Safety and participatory models of teaching have been pilot tested and will be expanded.

Adult Literacy in Kitimat Enrichment (ALIKE) **\$18,000**

The Kitimat Child Development Centre, working with Northwest Community College, will hire a co-ordinator to recruit and train five literacy tutors who will tutor one-on-one or in small groups. The co-ordinator will also establish a referral network with community agencies to provide family literacy services for the whole community and will co-ordinate special literacy events at the library.

Adult Literacy Program – McBride **\$17,000**

The Robson Valley Home Support Society and the College of New Caledonia will provide individual tutoring, ESL services and counselling sessions based on individual needs. A part-time co-ordinator will be hired to administer and promote the program and liaise with community members to promote literacy.

NORTHERN INTERIOR

Through the Back Door – Dawson Creek **\$18,000**

The Dawson Creek Literacy Society and Northern Lights College will organize and host a training tutor conference and will enhance their distance tutoring program. The program will also continue to offer one-on-one tutoring and small group literacy services and will create a drop-in program for those who need help with their writing skills.

Family Literacy and Contact Centre – Fort St. John **\$28,240**

The Fort St. John Literacy Society and Northern Lights College provides adult and family literacy programs including “CHOOSE”, Success Family Literacy, Mother Goose and volunteer one-on-one tutoring. The centre aims to train new tutors to work with adult learners.

Atlin Community Literacy Outreach **\$15,800**

The Atlin Community Library and Tlingit Family Learning Centre and Northern Lights College will provide small group and individual literacy training, including computer literacy and family literacy. The special project for the year will be a book program featuring local artwork and stories. The use of music and art as paths to literacy will be introduced this year.

Valemount Adult and Family Literacy Program **\$16,500**

The Valemount Learning Society, with the College of New Caledonia, offers one-on-one tutoring and small group activities. Along with regular literacy support, the centre also offers

computer literacy and literacy services for seniors. Program organizers also work with other community groups to help them include literacy components in their programs.

Learning Circle Literacy Program – Prince George **\$24,000**

PG Native Friendship Centre provides tutoring for Aboriginal adults and small group activities in literacy, numeracy and life skills in partnership with the College of New Caledonia. The program focuses on providing an environment that is culturally appropriate, inviting and learner-centred.

Reading With Your Parents – Tsay Keh Dene **\$27,000**

The College of New Caledonia provides a family literacy program to serve the Aboriginal community in Tsay Keh Dene. Tutoring is provided one-on-one and to small groups. This year they will extend their hours of instruction to include interactive learning on the computer.

Houston Link to Learning – Program Delivery **\$32,000**

Houston Link to Learning and Northwest Community College provide one-on-one tutoring and small groups instruction workshops like learner led workshops, a learner's licence group and Stepping Out (a newspaper discussion and column-writing group). Ongoing family literacy activities also include a community kitchen, parent and child drop-in, a borrowing box of books, parent involvement in education workshops, a family literacy brunch, and computer camps.

Upper Skeena Literacy on Wheels **\$18,200**

A literacy bus travelling throughout the Upper Skeena Valley provides books, letter writing and creative writing workshops to residents in 12 communities. This year, the partnership between the Learners Opportunity Group Society and Northwest Community College will add a small group for dads.

Community Adult and Family Literacy Initiative – Haida Gwaii **\$25,000**

As well as literacy tutoring and training in math skills, the program involves developing a weekly literacy page for the Observer newspaper, creating partnerships with other programs on Haida Gwaii that need a literacy component, expanding the resource library and continuing family literacy activities including Book Buddies and Mother Goose programs. The Haida Gwaii Learning Circle and Northwest Community College are partners in this project.

Community Readers and Writers Program – Terrace **\$28,000**

The Terrace Volunteer Bureau and Northwest Community College offer one-on-one tutoring and small group literacy sessions. The program plans to expand on learning resources and teaching materials, and will continue to liaise with community groups to increase public awareness about literacy issues.

Smithers Community Learning Services – Smithers, Telkwa, Moricetown **\$29,394**

The Smithers Community Services Association, in conjunction with Northwest Community College, offers one-on-one tutoring, trains tutors, holds learner events, and liaises with the community to strengthen literacy supports. Family literacy activities include Book Bags for Babies, teen parent literacy programs and outreach programs to the Wet'suwet'en office.

Prince Rupert Literacy Program **\$13,500**

Northwest Community College provides a program for one-on-one tutoring and small groups to support literacy. Family literacy programs will be introduced this year, focusing on First Nations stories and traditions. Learners have access to computers for structured tutorials.

OKANAGAN

Similkameen Family Literacy Outreach – Keremeos, Cawston, Olalla, Hedley \$20,000

In partnership with Okanagan College, the Lower Similkameen Community Services Society offers literacy workshops and in-home tutoring, small group instruction primarily for new immigrants with low literacy skills and family literacy events. This year, the program offers summer reading program for 10-16-year-old children and their parents.

Volunteer Adult Tutoring Literacy Program – Revelstoke \$17,072

Okanagan College and Revelstoke Volunteer Adult Tutoring offer one-on-one and small group sessions for adults with low literacy skills, as well as training sessions and evening workshops for literacy tutors.

South Okanagan Community Literacy Program – Osoyoos, Oliver, Okanagan Falls \$25,000

The Oliver branch of the Okanagan Regional Library trains tutors, offers one-on-one tutoring and literacy supports. The program co-ordinators are also seeking new community partners in their promotion of literacy issues. Outreach activities are planned to reach immigrant populations, Aboriginal communities and people seeking to overcome literacy barriers to employment.

Revelstoke Family Literacy Program \$13,153

Okanagan College and Revelstoke Volunteer Adult Tutoring will offer family literacy programs such as Books for Babies, Mother Goose, Family Night Out, Family Tutoring and a workshop for parents on how to help their children with literacy at home.

KOOTENAYS

West Kootenay Adult Volunteer One-on-one Tutoring and Community Outreach Program – Castlegar, Nelson, Grand Forks, Trail, Nakusp, Slocan Valley \$36,000

Outreach programs in six communities will be offered by the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy, in conjunction with Selkirk College. The project trains tutors, offers one-on-one and small group tutoring and includes literacy awareness campaigns.

Community and Family Literacy Programs in the West Kootenay/Boundary Region – Castlegar, Nelson, Grand Forks, Trail, Nakusp, West Boundary, Salmo, Kaslo \$36,000

The Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy and Selkirk College offer nine family literacy programs, one-on-one tutoring, small group activities, and tutor training and support. Programs offered include Family Night Out, Learning Adventures for Families, Love 2 Learn, Stress Free Reading workshops, parenting and family centres, book clubs and homework clubs.

Community and Family Literacy Programs in the East Kootenay Region – Fernie, Creston, Sparwood, Invermere, Elkford, Golden, Cranbrook, Kimberley \$36,000

Six East Kootenay communities have formed a partnership with College of the Rockies to share literacy services equitably. Programs offered include: Books for Babies, Parent-Child Mother Goose, parenting and family literacy centres, family tutoring, Young Parents Education Program, one-on-one tutoring, tutor training, Parents Learning, Growing Together, Parents Reading/Children Succeeding and Turning Pages Reading Circle.

Adult Literacy in the East Kootenay Region – Sparwood, Creston and the Windermere Valley **\$20,000**

The Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy offers literacy training in partnership with the College of the Rockies. Included are small group sessions in Creston, small group and one-on-one instruction at Sparwood’s adult learning centre, and family literacy programs and one-on-one adult tutoring at the Windermere Valley’s Headwater Parenting and Family Literacy Centre.

PROVINCEWIDE

Provincial Literacy Information, Referral and Resource Services **\$200,000**

This grant allows the provincial literacy coalition, Literacy B.C., to maintain a toll-free literacy line, the Provincial Literacy Resource Centre and web-based catalogue, and a database of literacy programs and referral directories. It also publishes a semi-annual literacy newsletter, supports adult learning cost-shared projects and increases public awareness of literacy issues.

Provincial Family Literacy Development and Co-ordination: Keeping the Core Strong **\$30,000**

Literacy B.C. plans and co-ordinates provincial family literacy awareness events (Raise-a-Reader, International Literacy Day and Family Literacy Week). With this funding the society will also provide support to new and existing family literacy programs and projects, create and maintain provincial family literacy resources, and continue to work with other groups in research, promotion and support of family literacy.

TOTAL **\$1,288,569**

Contact: Paul Woolley
Communications Director
250 952-6508 / cell 250 213-1171