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# Castlegar Community Literacy Calendar Spring 2017



	CBAL Office #140 - 1402 Columbia Ave	Blueberry Creek Community School Hub	Kootenay Family Place	Robson Community School (RCS)	Castlegar & District Public Library
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Office Hours</b> 10 am – 12 noon	<b>StrongStart</b> 8:30 – 11:30 am	<b>ESL Conversation Club*</b> 10 am – 12 noon	<b>StrongStart*</b> 8:30 – 11:30 am	<b>Library Adventure Club</b> (6 – 10yrs.) 2:45 – 4 pm (1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of the month)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Office Hours</b> 9 am – 3 pm	<b>StrongStart</b> 12 noon – 3 pm	<b>Beautiful Beginnings</b> 10:30 am – 1:30 pm  <b>Aboriginal Family Gathering</b> 4 – 6:30 pm (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month)	<b>StrongStart*</b> 8:30 – 11:30 am	<b>Story Time</b> (3 – 5 yrs.) 10 – 11 am <b>Teen Advisory Board</b> (12 yrs. & up) 3:00 – 4:15 pm (1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month) <b>Adult ESL Classes*</b> 9:30 – 11:30 am <b>Community Learning Place*</b> 12 noon – 3 pm <b>Scrabble Club*</b> 6:15 – 7:45 pm (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Office Hours</b> 10 am – 1 pm	<b>StrongStart</b> 8:30 – 11:30 am	<b>CAPC Program (0 – 6 yrs.)</b> 10 am – 12 noon	<b>StrongStart*</b> 8:30 – 11:30 am	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Office Hours</b> 9 am – 3 pm	<b>StrongStart</b> 8:30 – 11:30 am	<b>Community Programming (0 – 6 yrs.)</b> 10 am – 12 noon	<b>StrongStart*</b> 11:30 am – 2:30 pm	<b>Story Time</b> 10 – 11 am (3 – 5 yrs.) 10:30 – 11 am (12 months – 3 yrs.)  <b>Adult ESL Classes*</b> 9:30 – 11:30 am
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Office Hours</b> 10 am – 12 noon	<b>StrongStart</b> 8:30 – 11:30 am	<b>ESL Family Time*</b> 10 am – 12 noon	<b>StrongStart*</b> 8:30 – 11:30 am	<b>Teen Time</b> (11yrs +) 2:45 – 4 pm (last Friday of the month)
<b>Saturday</b>			<b>Dads' Love 2 Learn</b> 9:30 – 11:30 am		

## Events & Ongoing Programs and Services:

**Teddy Bear Picnic**  
June 14 10 am – 12 noon  
Millennium Park

**Community Drum Circle**  
COINS (Community Services)  
Last Thursday of the month,  
5 – 7 pm  
Contact: 250-231-4968

**Settlement Services**  
Newcomers to Canada can get help with English, access local services, prepare for citizenship and more.  
Contact Corinne Svardfeldt:  
250-687-4714  
[castlegarsettlement@cbal.org](mailto:castlegarsettlement@cbal.org)

**One to One Adult Tutoring**  
Adults can improve basic reading, writing, math, computer, and job skills with a trained tutor. They can also get help with forms and tests.  
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To learn more about Castlegar literacy programs contact Alana Murdoch, Community Literacy Coordinator  
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**Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy – Castlegar**  
For program descriptions go to [cbal.org/castlegar](http://cbal.org/castlegar). For tips, ideas and the latest information on literacy events visit us on



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<p>For information contact:            Laura – 250-365-6611 or <a href="mailto:lzaytsoff@castlegarlibrary.com">lzaytsoff@castlegarlibrary.com</a>            Alana – 250-687-4983 or <a href="mailto:amurdoch@cbaal.org">amurdoch@cbaal.org</a></p> <p><b>Books for Babies*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides a book bag, books and community information for families with new babies.</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Learning Place*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offers adults help with basic computer skills, reading, writing, math, test preparation, skills upgrading, citizenship and finding out about the community.</li> </ul> <p><b>English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Helps ESL adults improve their reading, writing, listening and speaking skills. Childminding is offered during the Thursday class.</li> </ul> <p><b>Library Adventure Club</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gets kids (6 - 10 years old) together for some fun literacy activities.</li> </ul> <p><b>Scrabble Club*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gathers all levels of Scrabblers together for a fun evening of word play.</li> </ul> <p><b>Story Time</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offers preschool children an hour of stories, crafts and fun.</li> </ul> <p><b>Teen Advisory &amp; Teen Time</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gets teens together to participate in great library activities and special projects.</li> </ul>	<p>For information contact:            Alana (BCCS) – 250-365-7201 or <a href="mailto:bccsalanam@telus.net">bccsalanam@telus.net</a>            Alana (RCS) – 250-687-4983 or <a href="mailto:amurdoch@cbaal.org">amurdoch@cbaal.org</a></p> <p><b>StrongStart Program*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is a drop-in program for preschool children and their parents or caregivers. Qualified early childhood educators lead learning activities, including circle time with songs and stories and art and play opportunities to help children be successful when they enter kindergarten.</li> </ul> 	<p>For information contact:            Lynnene – 250-365-3662 or <a href="mailto:lynnene.kfp@telus.net">lynnene.kfp@telus.net</a>            Corinne – 250-687-4714 or <a href="mailto:castlegarsettlement@cbaal.org">castlegarsettlement@cbaal.org</a></p> <p><b>Aboriginal Family Gathering</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gathers families for fun activities and dinner.</li> </ul> <p><b>Beautiful Beginnings</b> (prenatal &amp; new moms)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offers a nutritious lunch, guest speakers, formal and informal sessions, free prenatal vitamins and a weekly \$10 food voucher.</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Action Program for Children (CAPC)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is a parent education program.</li> </ul> <p><b>Dad's Love 2 Learn Program*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offers dads and children a healthy breakfast, early learning activities, stories, circle and Ideas to Go.</li> </ul> <p><b>ESL Family Time *</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is for parents/caregivers and children with English as a Second Language to gather and enjoy crafts and stories, snack and learn more about the community.</li> </ul> <p><b>ESL Conversation Club*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offers conversation, food and activities with other newcomers to the community.</li> </ul> <p><b>Settlement Support *</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offers settlement support for newcomers in the community.</li> </ul> <p>*Programs offered by or in partnership with CBAL</p>