



Castlegar Literacy Calendar – Fall 2021

	CBAL Office 140 – 1402 Columbia Ave.	CBAL Online castlegarcoordinator@cbal.org or 250-687-4983 Registration required	Robson & Blueberry StrongStart castlegarcoordinator@cbal.org or 250-687-4983 Registration required	Castlegar & District Public Library lzaytsoff@castlegarlibrary.com Registration required	Kootenay Family Place kyoko@kootenayfamilyplace.org	Castlegar & District Community Services youth@cdcass.ca
Monday			BlueberryStrongStart 8:30 – 11:30 am Robson StrongStart* 8:30 – 11:30 am		Conversation Club * 10 am – 12 pm kyoko@kootenayfamilyplace.org	Castlegar Youth Action Network Drop-in 3 :15 – 6 pm
Tuesday	CBAL Office Hours 9 am – 1 pm	English Language Class * (LINC 4 – 7) 9:30 – 11:30 am	BlueberryStrongStart 8:30 – 11:30 am Robson StrongStart* 8:30 – 11:30 am	Storytime 10 – 10:45 am (Ages 3 – 5)	Beautiful Beginnings 10 am – 12 pm cpnp@kootenayfamilyplace.org	
Wednesday	CBAL Office Hours 10 am – 2 pm	English Language Class * (LINC 5 – 8) 6 – 8 pm	BlueberryStrongStart 8:30 – 11:30 am Robson StrongStart* 8:30 – 11:30 am		Family Drop-in 10 – 12 pm	Castlegar Youth Action Network Drop-in 3 :15 – 6 pm
Thursday	CBAL Office Hours 9 am – 1 pm	English Language Class * (LINC 4 – 7) 9:30 – 11:30 am Mother Goose * 10 – 11 am (Oct. 14 – Dec. 9)	BlueberryStrongStart 8:30 – 11:30 am Robson StrongStart* 8:30 – 11:30 am	Storytime 10 – 10:45 am (Ages 3 – 5)	CAP-C 10 – 12 pm capc@kootenayfamilyplace.org	Castlegar Youth Action Network Drop-in 3 :15 – 6 pm
Friday			BlueberryStrongStart 8:30 – 11:30 am Robson StrongStart* 8:30 – 11:30 am	Storytime 10 – 10:30 am (Ages 18 mos. – 3)		* Offered by, or in partnership with CBAL

Castlegar & District Public Library

For information contact:
Laura 250-365-6611 or lzaytsoff,@castlegarlibrary.com

Books for Babies *

- Provides a book bag, books and community information for families with new babies. Given to new parents during their first public health visit.

English Language Class *

- Helps adults improve their reading, writing, listening and speaking skills – online.

Story Hour (Toddler, Preschool & Primary Program)

- Offers children stories, crafts and fun. Come to the library to pick up your activity kit prior to joining the online programming.

Blueberry Creek & Robson Community Schools

For information, contact:
Alana (BCCS) 250-365-7201 or bccsalanam@telus.net
Rhonda (RCS) 250-687-4983 or
castlegarcoordinator@cbal.org

StrongStart Program*

- Is a drop-in program for preschool children and their parents/caregivers. Early childhood educators provide learning activities (circle time with songs & stories; art; play opportunities) – by registration.

Kootenay Family Place

For information, contact:
Kyoko Smith kyoko@kootenayfamilyplace.org

Beautiful Beginnings (prenatal & new moms)

- An opportunity to meet and talk with other parents. Guest speakers, free prenatal vitamins and a weekly \$10 food voucher – by appointment.

Community Action Program for Children (CAPC)

- Is an early learning, parent education program – by appointment.

English Language Conversation

- Offers conversation and activities with other newcomers to the community – online.

Castlegar Youth Action Network

For information contact:
youth@cdcass.ca, or on Facebook Castlegar Youth Council

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- Youth (ages 12-19) can bring their ideas, talents and creativity to the drop-in program.

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Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy

For more information, contact:
Rhonda 250-687-4983 castlegarcoordinator@cbal.org
Mandy 250-687-4714 castlegarsettlement@cbal.org

Family Time for Immigrants *

- Is for parents/caregivers and children to meet, enjoy songs, stories and to learn community information – online.

Settlement Support *

- Offers settlement support for newcomers.

Tech Learning Place *

- Support with laptops, iPads and other digital devices – by appointment.


One to One Adult Tutoring *

- Available upon request in math, reading, writing and technology – by appointment.

Mother Goose*

- Learn songs, rhymes and stories to share with your baby – online, registration required.

Contact us for more information

Free Programs, Workshops & Events: Rhonda Palmer, Community Literacy Outreach Coordinator, 250-687-4983, castlegarcoordinator@cbal.org or Facebook  Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy - Castlegar

Free Settlement Services: Mandy Huser, Settlement Worker, 250-687-4714, castlegarsettlement@cbal.org

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