



Castlegar Literacy Calendar – Spring 2023

	CBAL Office 140 – 1402 Columbia Ave.	CBAL 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 or 250-265-6611 Registration required	Kootenay Family Place kyoko@kootenayfamilyplace.org	Castlegar & District Community Services youth@cdcss.ca
Monday	CBAL Office Hours 11 am – 2 pm	English Language Class (LINC 1 – 4) * 9:30 – 11:30 am Castlegar & District Public Library	Blueberry StrongStart 8:30 – 11:30 am Robson StrongStart* 8:30 – 10:30 am 1 – 2 pm (Babies only)		Conversation Club * 10 am – 12 pm kyoko@kootenayfamilyplace.org	
Tuesday	CBAL Office Hours 9 am – 3 pm	Computer Access Drop-in * 11 am – 1 pm (Apr. 4 – Jun. 13) CBAL office	Blueberry StrongStart 8:30 – 11:30 am Robson StrongStart * 8:30 – 11:30 am	Preschool Story Hour 10 – 10:45 am (Ages 3 - 5) Reading Buddies 3 – 4 pm	Beautiful Beginnings 10 am – 12:30 pm cpnp@kootenayfamilyplace.org	
Wednesday	CBAL Office Hours 11 am – 2 pm		Blueberry StrongStart 8:30 – 11:30 am Robson StrongStart * 8:30 – 11:30 am	Toddler Time 10 – 11 am	Family Drop-in 10 – 11:30 am	Castlegar Youth Action Network Drop-in 3:30 – 6:30 pm
Thursday	CBAL Office Hours 12 – 3 pm	English Language Class (LINC 4 – 7) * 9:30 – 11:30 am Castlegar & District Public Library	Blueberry StrongStart 8:30 – 11:30 am Robson StrongStart * 8:30 – 11:30 am	Teen Friends of the Library 3 – 4 pm (Ages 9 – 18)		
Friday			Blueberry StrongStart 8:30 – 11:30 am Robson StrongStart * 8:30 – 10:30 am	Mother Goose * 10 – 11 am (Apr. 14 – Jun. 2)	Family Time Fridays* 10 – 11:30 am (Apr. 14 – Jun. 2)	* 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 (LINC)*

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

Story Hour (Toddler, Preschool & Primary Program)

- Offers storytime and reading support

Blueberry Creek & Robson Community Schools

For information, contact:

Loreen (BCCS) 250-365-7201 or bccsalanam@telus.net
Ashley (RCS) 250-365-5922 or alaurie@cbal.org

StrongStart Program*

- Is a 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 parents)

- Is an opportunity to meet and talk with other parents. Guest speakers, free prenatal vitamins, and healthy snacks. Drop-in.

English Language Conversation Club

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

Family Drop-in

- Drop-in to KFP to interact with other families in conversation and play.

Castlegar Youth Action Network

For information contact:

youth@cdcass.ca, or on Facebook Castlegar Youth Council

- 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
Melissa 250-687-4714 castlegarsettlement@cbal.org

Family Time Friday *

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

Settlement Support *

- Offers settlement support for newcomers.

Computer Access Drop-in *

- Drop into the CBAL office to access a computer to access your email, print documents or surf the internet


One-to-One Adult Tutoring *

- Is available upon request in math, reading, writing and technology. By appointment.

Mother Goose*

- Learn songs, rhymes, and stories to share with your baby or toddler. Registration required.

Contact us for more information

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

Free Settlement Services: Melissa Boulianne, Settlement Worker, 250-687-4714, castlegarsettlement@cbal.org

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