

Castlegar Literacy Calendar – Spring 2024

Monday	CBAL Office Hours 1406 Columbia Ave.	CBAL Programs Registration/appointment required Computer Access Drop-in *	Robson & Blueberry StrongStart Registration required at Robson Drop-in at Blueberry Blueberry StrongStart	Castlegar & District Public Library Registration required	Kootenay Family Place Registration required Conversation Club *	Castlegar and District Community Services
Monday		10 am – 12 pm CBAL office	8:30 am – 11:30 am Robson StrongStart* 8:30 am – 11:30 am		10 am – 12 pm kyoko@kootenayfamilyplace.org	
Tuesday	CBAL Office Hours 9 am – 3 pm	English Language Class (LINC 1 – 4) * 9:30 am – 11:30 am CBAL Office Little Spring Explorers * 10 am – 11:30 am (April 16 – May 21, Ages 2 – 5) Millennium Park	Blueberry StrongStart 8:30 am – 11:30 am Robson StrongStart * 3 pm – 5 pm	Preschool Story Hour 10 am – 11 am (Ages 3 – 5) Reading Buddies 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm	Beautiful Beginnings 10 am – 12:30 pm cpnp@kootenayfamilyplace.org	
Wednesday	9 am – 3 pm	English Conversation Class * 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm CBAL Office	Blueberry StrongStart 8:30 am - 11:30 am Robson StrongStart * 9:20 am - 11:20 am 1 pm - 2:30 pm (Babies only)	Toddler Time 10 am – 11 am (Ages 1.5 – 3)	Family Drop-in 10 am – 11:30 am	
Thursday	CBAL Office Hours 9 am – 3 pm	English Language Class (LINC 4 - 7) * 9:30 am - 11:30 am CBAL Office Tech Tutoring* 8:45 am - 11:45 am Kinnaird Park Church/Seniors' Centre	Blueberry StrongStart 8:30 am – 11:30 am Robson StrongStart * 8:30 am – 11:30 am	Youth Friends of the Library 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm (Ages 9 – 18) Mother Goose * 10 am – 11 am (April 11 – May 30, Ages birth – 15 months)	CAP-C Parent Support Workshops 10 am – 11:30 am capc@kootenayfamilyplace.org	
Friday		* Offered by, or in partnership with CBAL	Blueberry StrongStart 8:30 am – 11:30 am Robson StrongStart * 9:20 am – 11:20 am		Tiny Tots Cook* 10:30 am – 12 pm (April 19 – May 24, Ages 3 – 5)	Youth Drop-In 3 pm – 5 pm

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.

Reading Buddies

• Is a program where high school students read with younger children.

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).

Kootenay Family Place

For information, contact:

Kyoko 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@cdcss.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 Jennifer 250-687-4714 castlegarsettlement@cbal.org

English Language Class (LINC)*

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

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: Jennifer Cliff-Marks, Settlement Worker, 250-687-4714, castlegarsettlement@cbal.org

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