



### Castlegar & District Public Library

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#### **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:

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#### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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#### **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](mailto:castlegarcoordinator@cbal.org) or Facebook  Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy

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