



2022 Year End Library and Literacy Support Review Shellene MacInnis

Literacy continued to be a primary focus this year at Salmo Elementary School. The school-based team worked arm in arm with classroom teachers to provide both push-in and pullout support for students on a regular basis. Support included Tier 2 and 3 essential literacy skills practice, literature circle facilitation, novel studies in small groups, digital tool instruction (ie: typing, Google Chrome tools, Pixton, Minecraft Edu., etc.), digital citizenship instruction (Be Internet Awesome) and specialized lessons from the Barton Reading System for students with severe language processing difficulties, such as dyslexia.

SES received support from the Fostering Literacy program again this year where tutors came three mornings a week to read one-on-one with students in the intermediate wing. Students really looked forward to this time each week. Thank you, Lori Dunn, at CBAL for making that happen!

The library was a central hub of the school. Comfy seating, quiet spaces and a great selection of magazines, books and activities kept students wanting to come back. A great big thank you goes out to the Telus Ambassadors in Nelson for helping us provide new and interesting books for our students. They gave a generous donation of brand new books in the fall. Thank you also to PAC for the amazing Scholastic book fair where teachers and the library were gifted “wish list” books for the classrooms. The book fair was one of the highlights of the year for our students.

Another highlight was our first ever Reading Link Challenge which took place at the end of March. This was a truly magical event, which nurtured the excitement for reading and generated great teamwork. Thank you to Marianne Hansen for coming and being our quizmaster. Special thanks to the Salmo Valley Public Library for generously donating sets of novels for the challenge. We couldn't have done it without you.

Some ideas to keep the literacy growing this summer: (some borrowed from [Reading Rockets](#))

- **Read aloud with your child everyday** (most important and most helpful)
- Take advantage of audiobooks
- Visit your local library and take advantage of the summer reading programs (see below)

- Encourage your kids to be pen pals with friends they may not see over the summer
- Encourage your kids to keep a summer scrapbooks
- Subscribe to a magazine that your child likes or see if your local library has them. (*WILD, Chirp, National Geographic Kids, Bazoof, etc*)
- Play games such as *Scrabble, Bananagrams, Sequence Letters, Alphabet dominoes, etc*
- As you as travelling point out words or letters on street signs, buildings, etc.
- Play *I Spy* alphabet search as you travel

Remember to make it fun!

Here are some activities happening at the Salmo Valley Public Library this summer.

Summer Reading Club - Story Theatre

Salmo Valley Public Library

Thursday, June 30, 2022

3:00-4:00

<https://salmo.bc.libraries.coop/event/summer-reading-club-story-theater/>

Find information and resources about the BC Summer Reading initiative here:

<https://bcsrc.ca/parents/>

[Salmo Valley Public Library website](#)

Draw Together

Thursday, June 23

KP Park picnic area

4:00-5:30

Kids 5-9 and their caregivers