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Salt Spring Literacy is a not-for-profit agency promoting literacy on Salt Spring and the Southern Gulf Islands.

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One-to-One Reading Launches in Schools this Fall!

Salt Spring Literacy will launch a new program, One-to-One Reading, after a successful pilot at Fulford Elementary School last spring. Fulford teacher Sarah Kerrigan commented after the pilot: "Great program! Loved that the kids were getting one-on-one time with enthusiastic, knowledgeable adults."

The program, which has run in Lower Mainland schools since 1989, sends tutors into elementary schools to work with students on their reading. Selected students are those characterized as "falling through the cracks," who lack confidence, or who are reluctant readers. They read with tutors three times a week over a 12-week period.

The program will run in the fall and again in the spring. This sustained practice should see students gain confidence and skills, including fluency and comprehension. We are excited to begin providing literacy support at this critical level. SS Literacy will train tutor volunteers to work with the students. No experience is necessary, just an enjoyment of kids and books! The commitment is a minimum of one hour per week. Interested volunteers can phone, stop by the Literacy office at 126 Hereford Ave. or email our Literacy Outreach Coordinator Stella Weinert at sweinert@saltspringliteracy.org.

Salt Spring Literacy gratefully acknowledges the support of the Salt Spring Foundation to enable us to get the program up and running.



Student and volunteer tutor at Fulford Community Elementary School during the spring 2015 pilot of One-to-One Reading.

Salt Spring Literacy Board and Staff

Gail Sjuberg	Board Chair	Eva Kuhn	Board Treasurer
Pat Campbell	Board Vice-Chair	Kim Ballantyne	Board Member
Aletha Humphreys	Board Secretary	Shinobu Murata	Board Member

Stella Weinert - Literacy Outreach Coordinator
Inma Segura - Administrative Assistant

Giant Book Sale Update

Did You Know?

- That we already have 125 boxes packed and ready to go for the Giant Book Sale, with hundreds of boxes worth still waiting to be cleaned and sorted?
- That every book in the Giant Book Sale is checked; wiped clean; cleared of any bookmarks, pencil marks or papers left inside; torn covers are repaired; old stickers are removed with rubbing alcohol; cobwebs are brushed off with toothbrushes; and all books that are too worn out or musty get recycled?
- That books must be stored in a dry area, as damp basements and garages make them too smelly and musty to sell?
- That the books are sorted into 42 different categories for the book sale?
- That most of these wonderful books cost a mere \$1 or \$2?
- That last year volunteers donated over 1,000 hours of service in sorting books, and on the set-up and sale days?
- That we still need volunteers to help sort and pack?
- That we are still collecting more books and have collection boxes at all of the financial institutions in town as well as Rock Salt Cafe?
- That last year the Giant Book Sale grossed over \$17,000 for Salt Spring Literacy's many programs?
- That being a member of SSL (which only costs \$10 a year) gives you entrance to the Giant Book Sale Preview, the night before the sale, which has guest speakers, wine and appies, and entitles you to purchase two books prior to the sale?



Tables of clean books sorted into categories and waiting to be packed

If you want to volunteer to be a sorter at any time between now through October, or make sure your name is on the list to volunteer for the Nov. 20-22 sale at the Farmers' Institute (with set-up on Nov. 18-19), contact board member/sale volunteer coordinator Eva Kuhn at evamkuhn@gmail.com.

Tutors & Learners Save the Date

- This year's Tutor & Learner Appreciation Picnic will be held on Sunday, Sept. 13 from 12 to 2:30 p.m. at the Armour family's beach on Beddis Road. For more information, or to help out, contact Stella at sweinert@saltspringliteracy.org.



Jewels for Literacy

Salt Spring Literacy has a gem of an idea!

We are hosting our first annual jewellery fundraiser during the Giant Book Sale on Nov. 20-22. So, this year, we need your used jewels AND books.

Please take this opportunity to find a new home for your old jewellery. We welcome necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings and watches. We accept costume, handmade, vintage and designer jewellery. So, please take the time to clean out your jewellery box for a good cause!

Drop-off boxes for donated jewellery can be found at Café Talia, Mondo Trading Company and the Salt Spring Literacy office. For more information, email jfl@saltspringliteracy.org.

It's Time to Renew!

While many people became members of the Salt Spring Literacy Society at last November's Giant Book Sale Preview event, our bylaws state that memberships run until the next AGM, which was held in June.

Technically that means anyone who didn't renew their membership at the June 24 AGM is no longer a society member, but we will continue to send you our newsletter unless you do not renew your membership at this year's book sale.

If you'd like to renew before then, just bring or mail \$10 to the Elma Rubright Learning Centre at 126 Hereford Ave. in Ganges during its open hours and we will make sure your membership in the society continues without interruption. Otherwise, we hope to see you at the membership table at the Giant Book Sale or on the preview evening.

Elma Rubright Learning Centre Hours

Tues-Fri: noon - 4pm
Sat: 10am - 12:30pm
Closed Sun, Mon

Computer Help Drop-In
Wed: 10am to 2pm



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AGM Report and Board/Staffing News

Thanks to everyone who came to our annual general meeting on June 24 at the Salt Spring Public Library.

Society members in attendance approved the following special resolution:

“Be it resolved that the term of renewable membership described in Section 2.6 of the bylaws of the Salt Spring Literacy Society be changed from two years to one year.”

Elected to the board of directors for a second term were current chair Gail Sjuberg, vice-chair Pat Campbell and treasurer Eva Kuhn, with Shinobu Murata beginning her first full term after being appointed in March 2015.

Our past executive director Aletha Humphreys joins the board to complete the second year of a position made vacant by the resignation of Connie Brett. Kim Ballantyne is completing the second year of her first two-year term.

The board held its first meeting on July 6, where the following officers were appointed:

Gail Sjuberg, chair
Pat Campbell, vice chair
Aletha Humphreys, secretary
Eva Kuhn, treasurer

Directors at large are Kim Ballantyne, who is the board's fundraising committee chair and book sale coordinator, and Shinobu Murata, who is also our learner rep with much business and technical expertise to share.

At the July 6 meeting, the board also approved a restructuring of staffing that sees Educator Stella Weinert's position retitled Literacy Outreach Coordinator (LOC), with some past duties executed by Aletha as executive director added to Stella's responsibilities. The society will no longer have an executive director position, which is often the case for literacy organizations, whose main staff person is the LOC.

Inma Segura, who has worked in the Elma Rubright Learning Centre on Thursdays and Fridays as an Administrative Assistant for the past few months, will continue in that role.



Stella Weinert
*Literacy Outreach
Coordinator*



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Administrative Assistant



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Shinobu Murata

Special Thanks From the Board

Thank you to Aletha for being such an amazing ED when SSL was “recharged” in the fall of 2013, and continuing to be involved with SSL as a board member, even though becoming the owner of Cafe Talia this spring has been a major undertaking.

Thank you to Stella for stepping into an even bigger role at SSL and for providing almost two years of invaluable service to the organization and community.

Thank you to Inma for making all of the changes possible and being such a welcoming presence at the centre.

Thank you to Connie for serving on the board and for continuing to be our newsletter editor.

Thank you to all of our other much-valued volunteers and learners who make SS Literacy such a vibrant and going concern.

