



# Salt Spring Literacy

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

## News and Views

**February 2016**

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### **Books + Jewels = A Sparkling Fundraiser**

It's been a few months since the Giant Book Sale and Jewels for Literacy sale were the talk of the island and we basked in the unprecedented success of our collective efforts.

The Nov. 19-21 sale at the Farmers' Institute raised \$20,680 for Salt Spring Literacy after all the expenses were paid, exceeding our goal of \$20,000.

The book sale grossed \$19,318 and the jewellery sale brought in \$4,642. Book sales were up by more than 13% over the previous year and the first-ever Jewels for Literacy sale exceeded all hopes and dreams by a mile.

Thank you to the over 100 volunteers who helped before, during and after the sale!

Some 962 volunteer hours were logged in sorting books at our new year-round storage facility on Robinson Road, and 480 hours were chalked up at the five set-up and sale days. (Hours donated to the book pick-up effort are not tallied but that process is also hugely time consuming.)

We collected over 1,000 boxes of books (with an average of 20 to 25 books per box), which were sorted into over 42 different categories and set up on 95 tables.

New this year were blue coroplast table signs, a huge map of the hall to help people find what they were looking for, and use of Square Readers so we could accept credit card purchases.

On the Thursday night before the book sale we held a preview for SSL members, with Chris Humphreys as our entertaining emcee and guest author Ronald Wright presenting. The board supplied the appies and the Rangers group of the Salt Spring Girl Guides served. Some 60 members attended.

Planning will soon be underway for the 2016 sale, set for Nov. 18-20. If you'd like to be involved with the planning effort, or with collecting or sorting the books, please contact board member Kim Ballantyne at [kimballantyne@telus.net](mailto:kimballantyne@telus.net).



### **Salt Spring Literacy Board and Staff**

<b>Gail Sjuberg</b>	Board Chair	<b>Eva Kuhn</b>	Board Treasurer
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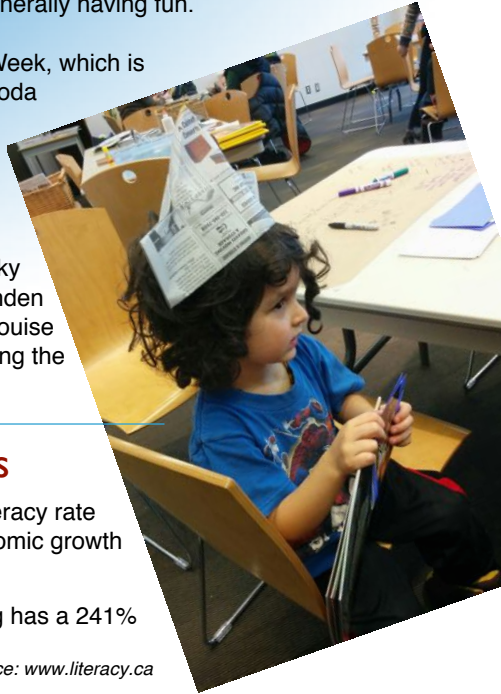
## Family Literacy Day Event

In partnership with the Salt Spring Public Library, Salt Spring Literacy held a fun Family Literacy Games Day on Jan. 30.

More than 20 children and families attended at the library, and enjoyed playing games together, doing crafts and generally having fun.

The event marked Family Literacy Week, which is celebrated across B.C. through Decoda Literacy Solutions at the end of January each year, and the Canada-wide Family Literacy Day, held this year on Jan. 27.

Thanks go to children's librarian Nikky McCarvill, library co-op student Camden Jenkins and Salt Spring Literacy's Louise Shelly for help in planning and running the day.



## Literacy Facts

In Canada a 1% increase in the literacy rate would generate \$18 billion in economic growth every year.

Investment in literacy programming has a 241% return on investment

source: [www.literacy.ca](http://www.literacy.ca)

## Smooth Sailing Project and Workshops: *Supporting Seniors' Health Literacy*

Seventeen members of the public attended the first of two free Smooth Sailing seniors health literacy workshops co-sponsored by Salt Spring Literacy on Feb. 20.

A second workshop with the same material is set for the Salt Spring Library Program Room on **Saturday, Feb. 27 from 1 to 4 p.m.**

Salt Spring Literacy is a partner with Salt Spring Community Services in the project, which has seen Lady Minto Hospital social worker Angela Huser hired as program developer. Angela completed a needs assessment and inventory of health services available to seniors on Salt Spring Island and created the workshop sessions. Shellyse Szakacs, the Seniors Wellness Program coordinator, and Christy Linder, executive director of Salt Spring Hospice, also provide information.

The workshop covers the benefits of health literacy, health literacy tips, patient rights, how to access the resources available and the resource gaps on Salt Spring. The goal of the workshops is to enable seniors and those supporting them to obtain accurate information, develop knowledge and skills, and access support in order to better navigate community and health resources and foster empowerment.



## Tutors & Learners Save the Date

- Some members of our ESL English practice group are planning a tutor-learner potluck lunch for families at the Salt Spring Sailing Clubhouse. All welcome! Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 13, 12:30-2:30.
- For more information, or to help out, contact Stella Weinert.



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Seniors and others interested in learning more about how to support seniors in navigating the system (in an informal or in volunteer/professional roles) are welcome. See you there!

Special thanks go to New Horizons for Seniors for providing the grant for this valuable project.