



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.

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One-to-One Reading Success

Mid-May saw the wrap-up of a successful implementation of the One-to-One Reading program for the 2015-16 school year.

Tutors went to Salt Spring's four elementary schools for 12-week sessions in the fall and spring to help students develop their reading skills. Students who were engaged in the program read to a tutor 3 to 4 days a week. Some 65 tutors and 62 students were involved.

Tutors listened to the students reading, encouraged them, and provided gentle coaching for reading strategies when needed. Students and teachers noticed increased reading levels and a more positive approach to reading by the end of the program. Tutors enjoyed the one-to-one time they had with students.

"I have watched those students who do not get regular reading time at home and who have been noticing a difference between their reading level and the level of their peers, blossom with confidence and a keenness to read after their time with you. You have given our students the gift of reading and the gift of confidence, and for that we are grateful," commented Kelda Logan, principal at Fernwood Elementary School.

Clearly a win-win situation! The popular program will continue next year. Please contact us if you would like to volunteer. A sincere thank you to the Salt Spring Foundation and to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 92, who supported this implementation year with essential grants. Your gifts made it possible.



Salt Spring Literacy Board and Staff

Gail Sjuberg	Board Chair	Eva Kuhn	Board Treasurer
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It's time to gear up for the 2016 Giant Book Sale!

The collection bins have been set out at Island Savings, BMO and CIBC in Ganges, so the process of picking up, sorting, cleaning and packing the books has begun. As always, an army of volunteers is required to pull off the sale, which is an essential fundraiser for Salt Spring Literacy. If you are not yet on our volunteer list (or are unsure if you are on the list), please be in touch with sale coordinator Kim Ballantyne at kimballantyne@telus.net.

At this point we need people to help pick up the books from the banks and deliver them to our storage spot on Robinson Road, and people to go through the books and get them ready for the sale or recycling. Book sorting is not for everyone, but if you'd like to give it a try, we're happy to hear from you. And people who can do pick-ups even once in a while are welcomed. Contact Kim and she will get you in the rotation.

Donating Books

If you have a small-ish number of books to donate to the sale, they can be dropped off at one of the financial institutions. For contributions of four or more boxes, please call Salt Spring Literacy at 250-537-9717 (or email coordinator@saltspringliteracy.org) or email Kim Ballantyne to arrange either a visit from our collection experts or a drop-off at the literacy centre or sorting site.

Book Sale Dates

The most important thing of all is that the Giant Book Sale is at the Farmers' Institute from Friday to Sunday, November 18-20, with set-up on Wednesday & Thursday of that week and the preview event on Thursday evening. Mark your calendars now!

Jewels for Literacy

Following the dazzling success of the first Jewels for Literacy sale, we will of course be holding another one at the Giant Book Sale. And yes, there will be even more jewellery and space devoted to displaying it this time. If you or your friends and family members have jewellery to donate, it can be dropped off at Cafe Talia, Salt Spring Literacy or Mondo Trading Company.



A scene from the sorting hut last year. Book collection and sorting has begun for the 2016 sale.

Annual General Meeting Moved to September

We will be holding the 2016 annual general meeting of the Salt Spring Literacy Society in **September** this year in order to bring it closer to the time of the Giant Book Sale.

We will send out a notice with the confirmed date, time and location, and otherwise publicize it through local media.

2nd Annual Tea Fundraiser Was a Great Success



Performance poet Taryn Muldoon at the Spring Tea fundraiser at Lions Hall. Nedjo Rogers also performed. Thanks to everyone who supported this event, including generous silent auction item donors and purchasers! Ticket sales and silent auction proceeds contributed about \$1,200 for SS Literacy programs.



Goodies on the cake tiers at the Spring Tea held April 26. Board members, staff and friends made the wonderful treats, and board members Kim Ballantyne and Eva Kuhn made the cake tiers from china and glasses they collected for the occasion.



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