



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

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Salt Spring Literacy is on the Move!

After several years in our home at 126 Hereford Ave. in Ganges, Salt Spring Literacy will be moving to 125B Rainbow Rd., currently the home of Bohemia Consignment, towards the end of May.

The new space will allow our operations to be on one floor and with good visibility on Rainbow Road.

Thank you to our wonderful landlords Eddy and Jan Jang for providing a home for the Elma Rubright Learning Centre and a base for the Salt Spring Literacy Society.

We may put out a call for some moving help, and will certainly welcome everyone to an open house when everything is set up.

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One to One Volunteers Welcomed

After a snowy start, the second One to One Children's Reading program is operating in all four local elementary schools. Fulford school, which piloted the program, will complete its third year of operation this May, while Fernwood, Phoenix and Salt Spring elementary will all be completing their second year of operation.

The first One to One Reading program began in Vancouver in 1989 and has expanded to operate through local literacy societies in over 20 communities throughout B.C. It is a unique children's literacy program that provides one-to-one tutoring to children during regular school hours.

Salt Spring Literacy provides training for the volunteer tutors who work with students selected by their classroom teachers. Typically, each student in the One to One program spends 30 minutes two to four times a week with a volunteer tutor. These children have an opportunity to practise their reading in an environment where they feel free to take risks, make mistakes and learn at their own pace.

For anyone who loves to listen to children read, this is a great opportunity. Very little time is required, just 60 or 90 minutes once a week for 12 weeks. We would welcome your participation as a full-time volunteer or as a substitute volunteer.

For more information, contact Louise Shelly, the One to One program coordinator for Salt Spring Literacy: lshelly@saltspringliteracy.org or phone 250-537-9717.



Salt Spring Literacy Board and Staff

Gail Sjuberg	Board Chair	Eva Kuhn	Board Treasurer
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Stella Weinert - Literacy Outreach Coordinator
Louise Shelly - One to One Program Coordinator
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Books & Gems - a staggering success!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2016 Giant Book Sale and Jewels for Literacy Sale a staggering success!

Besides being a wonderful, feel-good community event, we sold \$22,865 worth of books, \$6,783 of jewelry, for a best-ever total of \$29,648, which was \$6,442 more than our record-setting year before. Our expenses were \$3,316, but the \$2,500 donation of our major sponsor, the Rotary Club of Salt Spring Island, covered most of that amount, for net revenue of \$28,833.

The sale saw a 37% increase in attendance, with 1,702 individuals counted coming through the door.

Special thanks go to sale coordinator Kim Ballantyne, book sale committee members Jill Mclvor, Wendy Vine, Ed Walkner, Eva Kuhn, Deb McGovern, Cathy McCluskey, Gail Sjuberg and Pat Campbell (heading up Jewels for Literacy) plus the 85 volunteers who picked up, sorted and cleaned books, and worked at the book sale in so many capacities, plus Pat's enthusiastic jewelry crew.

The 2017 sale takes place Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 17, 18 and 19 at the Salt Spring Farmers' Institute. Save the dates!

Book collection will begin at our local financial institutions at the beginning of June. A book and jewelry drop-off day at Country Grocer is also planned for **Tuesday, April 11** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Stay tuned for confirmation about the exact date and times.

If you would like to volunteer for the 2017 effort, as a collector, sorter or for the actual sale, please send an email to coordinator@saltspringliteracy.org and we will make sure you are on our volunteer communication list.



A happy Giant Book Sale customer!



Salt Spring Literacy chair Gail Sjuberg accepts a \$2,500 cheque from Salt Spring Rotary Club president Gillian Taylor.



From left, book sale volunteers extraordinaire Wendy Vine, Kim Ballantyne, Ed Walkner and Jill Mclvor at the sale's volunteer party.

How to Support Your Child's Reading

Join Salt Spring Literacy's Stella Weinert and Janet Hoag of School District 64 for a special presentation

When: Tues., April 7 at 7 p.m.
Where: Salt Spring Public Library

Many parents would like to help their children succeed with reading, but are uncertain how to do so. This workshop, led by Janet Hoag, School District 64 Curriculum Coordinator and Stella Weinert, Salt Spring Literacy Coordinator and retired teacher, is designed to provide effective strategies for parents to effectively help their children and feel comfortable doing so.

