

Inventory of Community Literacy Assets

(within the boundaries of Saanich School District)

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Saanich Schools



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SECTION ONE: EARLY LEARNERS (0-5 years)

Tsartlip Brighter Futures

Saanich

- Tsartlip First Nation
Mary Hayes
250.652.4473
802 Tsartlip Drive, Brentwood Bay

Saanich Collaborative Head Start Program

Saanich

First Nations parent/caregiver and child participate with books, stories and sharing. This program prepares Aboriginal children for school by meeting spiritual, emotional, intellectual and physical needs. The program helps Aboriginal parents/caregivers develop skills to contribute to their child's healthy development, increase confidence as parents and improve family relationships.

- Tsartlip First Nation
Andrea Elliott
250.652.3988, local 226
- Tsawout First Nation
Samantha Etzel (acting)
250.652.1149
7725 Tetayut Road, Saanichton
- Pauquachin First Nation
Bernice Henry
250.656.0191, local 27
8960 West Saanich Road, Victoria
- Tseycum First Nation
Victoria Pelkey
250.656.0206
1210 Totem Lane, Sidney

Greater Victoria Public Library

Brentwood/Saanich

Central Saanich Library/Bruce Hutchison Library

Programs:

Baby Time: songs, rhymes, finger-plays for babies 0-15 months and their parent/caregiver.

Toddler Time: stories, songs, puppets for toddlers 16-35 months with parent/caregiver.

Preschool Story Time: stories, songs, puppets for 3-5 year olds with parent/caregiver.

Family Story Time: stories, songs and puppets for young children.

- Central Saanich Library
www.gvpl.ca
250.652.2013
1209 Clarke Road, Brentwood Bay
- Bruce Hutchinson Library
www.gvpl.ca
250.727.0104
4636 Elk Lake Drive, Victoria

Mother Goose

Sidney

Beacon Community Services

Rhymes, songs and stories taught to parents and children at weekly meetings.

250.655.5309
9860 Third Street, Sidney

Peninsula Connections for Early Childhood (PCEC)

Saanich Peninsula

Beacon Community Services and School District 63

The Peninsula Connections for Early Childhood (PCEC) network works to build relationships and partnerships with people who provide services for young children and their families on the Saanich Peninsula. Network members are working to strengthen connections and community involvement, and to coordinate efforts so that—together—we can: raise community awareness of the importance of the early years; promote the healthy growth and development of all young children; foster early literacy development and initiatives; support parents/guardians with information and resources; and pool resources, interpret local information, and transform early childhood research into advocacy, support, and action within the Peninsula community. We believe that strong connections, plus shared goals and commitment, can lead to healthy communities.

Initiatives:

Children Count! Fair... Each spring, the PCEC network convenes a resource fair with activities for young children and information for their families. As part of package of information and resource materials for parents, a children's book is included.

National Child Day... Annually, the network plans a special event for "National Child Day" in November. Emphasis is placed on celebrating childhood and supporting families with information about child development (including literacy development). At all PCEC events, books are provided for young children.

The PCEC "1000 X 5" Children's Book Recycling Project... is sponsored by PCEC, in partnership with Success by 6® South Vancouver Island, and supported by Beacon Community Services and School District No. 63 (Saanich). The purposes of this initiative are: to collect used children's picture books from within the community and distribute them free-of-charge, to families with young children (0-5); to help ensure that all young children have the opportunity to have at least a thousand books read to them by the time they are five years-old; and promote awareness of the importance of reading to young children prior to their entry into school.

Donors may leave books at the Saanich District School Board Office or drop them off at any of the schools in District No. 63. From there, the books will be delivered to our "Collection Depot." Volunteers sort, label, and bag the books for redistribution through community agencies to families in need of support. For further information, please contact Daphne Macnaughton, PCEC "1000 X 5" Project Leader: d1mvictoria@shaw.ca

The Peninsula Parks and Play Spaces: A Community Green Map... In partnership with Success by 6® South Vancouver Island and with support from Beacon Community Services and School District No. 63 (Saanich), LifeCycles/Common Ground, and the University of Victoria, work was done to complete the map for publication in 2007. This map highlights parks and play spaces suitable for young children (0-5). On the reverse of the map, there is information for parents/guardians about how to foster children's language development and thinking through play.

For further information, contact:

Janis Johnson, Coordinator, Peninsula Connections for Early Childhood

peninsulaconnections@beaconcs.ca

250.415.3535



Pre-Schools and Daycare Centres on the Saanich Peninsula

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Acomtree Preschool	9295 Weiler Avenue, Sidney	686.1408
Brentwood Bears Child Centre	893 Verdier Avenue, Brentwood Bay	652.3089
Broadmead Montessori Educare	1012 Falaise Place, Victoria	
Bumble's Child Care	9588 Northlawn Terrace, Sidney	
Carrot Seed Preschool	813 Claremont Avenue, Victoria	658.2331
Child's Playground, A	1078 Lucille Drive, Brentwood Bay	
Chrysalis Child Care	6633 Oldfield Road, Victoria	652.0815
Cordova Bay Preschool	5182 Cordova Bay Road, Victoria	658.3441
Countryside Preschool	7921 St. Stephens Road, Saanichton	652.3424
Cuddles Day Care	7893 Patterson Road, Saanichton	
Discovery House	10103 Third Street, Sidney	655.3345
Discovery Rainbow House	2501 Shoreacres Road, Sidney	
Discovery Tree House	10097 Third Street, Sidney	655.3345
Forest Park Family Daycare	8700 Forest Park Drive, North Saanich	
Gingerbread Preschool Ltd.	6888 West Saanich Road, Brentwood Bay	652.1422
In The Garden Day Care	9190 East Saanich Road, North Saanich	654.0306
Jackie's Day Care	1099 Stelly's X Road, Brentwood Bay	
Jill's Playhouse	10020 Chicory Place, Sidney	
Kilbey Family Day Care	7918 Patterson Road, Saanichton	544.4959
Kiminy Cricket's Family Childcare	7193 Hagan Road, Brentwood Bay	
Lakeview Christian School Preschool	729 Cordova Bay Road, Victoria	658.5082
Little Eagle Childcare Centre	10357 West Saanich Road, North Saanich	656.1492
Little Jack Horner Child Centre	4276 Caen Road, Victoria	479.2388
Little Raven Nursery	7449 West Saanich Road, Brentwood Bay	652.1811 local 929
Little Roos Family Daycare	6392 Oldfield Road, Saanichton	
Parachute Express Playschool	9567 Hurricane Road, North Saanich	655.4476
Partners in Grime Family Daycare	5756 West Saanich Road, Victoria	
Percy's Clubhouse	2281 Henry Avenue, Sidney	656.4278
Playhouse, The	1080 Cypress Road, North Saanich	656.2567
Polly's Playhouse	7963 Larkvale Drive, Saanichton	
Puddles and Paints	4680 Blenkinsop, Victoria	
Raggedy Andy's Playhouse	2012 White Birch Road, Sidney	
Rathdown Child Care	10255 Rathdown Place, Sidney	
Rolleston Family Daycare	1117 Clarke Road, Brentwood	
Saanichton Family Preschool	7769 Scohon Drive, Saanichton	
Sidney Co-operative Preschool	2410 Malaview Avenue, Sidney	655.3333
Sidney Family Daycare	2170 James White Blvd., Sidney	
Sidney Snugglegugs	2045 Wesbrook Drive, Sidney	
SLEEMW Child Development Centre	7449 West Saanich Road, Brentwood Bay	652.0074 local 256
Tickles & Teddy Bear Daycare	2222 Amelia Avenue, Sidney	
Toad School Preschool	2108 Trident Place, North Saanich	656.9240
Unicorn Day Care	1895 Farrell Crescent, Saanichton	

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Preschool Library Program

Keating/Brentwood

School District 63

A monthly storytime program for preschoolers and their caregivers is held in the Keating and Brentwood school libraries. The 45-minute morning session consists of one or two books read aloud by the teacher-librarian followed by a related craft/activity and snack. Parents and preschoolers are then encouraged to read together in the library and select books (for both children and parents) to borrow for a week. The teacher-librarian focuses on a simple literacy strategy each month and it is implicitly taught through the read aloud experience.

250.652.9261

Sarah Windle, Teacher-Librarian
Keating Elementary
6843 Central Saanich Road, Saanichton

250.652.3996

Sarah Windle, Teacher-Librarian
Brentwood Elementary
7085 Wallace Drive, Brentwood Bay

Ready, Set, Learn

Saanich

School District 63

Families with three-year-olds attend Ready, Set, Learn events to become familiar with their local school. Parents/caregivers receive an information kit to help support their child's learning and development. Children receive an age-appropriate book. Ready, Set, Learn "Open Houses" are held in January, February and March. Contact the School District office for information.

250.652.7300

2125 Keating Cross Road, Saanichton

StrongStart Centre

Sidney

School District 63

StrongStart BC is a free, drop-in early learning program for preschool-aged children accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Qualified early childhood educators lead learning activities, including stories, music and art. Parents and caregivers attending StrongStart BC centres can expect to participate in organized sessions such as story time, in play activities, and in serving a health snack.

250.656.2958

Kim Ainsworth, Early Learning Educator
Sidney Elementary
2281 Henry Avenue, Sidney

Vancouver Island Regional Library

Sidney

Sidney/North Saanich Public Library

Free service for residents of North Saanich, Sidney and VIRL service area

BC OneCard service for BC residents who live beyond the VIRL service area entitles members to free borrowing of books and internet access

Collections:

- books, DVDs, magazines, music CDs, talking books on cassette and CD (including book and cassette/CD kits), videos
- book collection includes: board books, picture books, fiction and non-fiction labeled by age

Computers:

- internet
- children's computer with educational software

Programs:

- **Baby Time:** songs, rhymes, finger-plays for babies 0-14 months and their parent/caregiver
- **Toddler Time:** stories, songs, finger-plays for toddlers 15 months to 3 years and their parent/caregiver
- **Storytime:** stories, songs, finger-plays, crafts for 3 to 5 year olds
- **Read to Me Club:** program to encourage parents to read to their 0 to 5 year olds
Reading records, activities, incentives. This program runs concurrent with the Summer Reading Club for school-age children

250.656.0944

10091 Resthaven Drive, Sidney

SECTION TWO: STUDENTS (K-12)

Grade	School	Phone & Fax
K - 5	BRENTWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 7085 Wallace Drive, Brentwood Bay, BC, V8M 1P9	652.3996 Fax: 652.3181
SP. CL.	CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT CENTRE 735 Cordova Bay Road, Victoria, BC V8Y 1P7	658.5412 Fax: 658.5041
K - 5	CORDOVA BAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 5238 Cordova Bay Road, Victoria, BC V8Y 2L2	658.5315 Fax: 658.4014
K - 5	DEEP COVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 10975 West Saanich Road, Sidney, BC V8L 5P6	656.7254 Fax: 656.6240
K - 5	KELSET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 1800 Forest Park Drive, North Saanich, V8L 4B8	Fax:
K - 5	LOCHSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 1145 Royal Oak Drive, Victoria, BC, V8X 3T7	658.5238 Fax: 658.4982
K - 5	PROSPECT LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 321 Prospect Lake Road, Victoria, BC V9E 1J7	727.3314 Fax: 479.2927
K - 5	SIDNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2281 Henry Avenue, Sidney, BC V8L 2A8	656.3958 Fax: 656.2826
6 - 8	BAYSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL 1101 Newton Place, Brentwood Bay, BC, V8M 1G2 Brentwood Bay, B.C. V8M 1G2	652-1135 Fax: 652.0110
6 - 8	NORTH SAANICH MIDDLE SCHOOL 10475 McDonald Park Road, Sidney, BC, V8L 3H9	656.1129 Fax: 656.2759
6 - 8	ROYAL OAK MIDDLE SCHOOL 4564 West Saanich Road, Victoria, BC V8Z 3G4	479.7128 Fax: 479.4200
9 - 12	CLAREMONT SECONDARY SCHOOL 4980 Wesley Road, Victoria, BC V8Y 1Y9	658.5221 Fax: 658.5387
9 - 12	PARKLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL 10640 McDonald Park Road, Sidney, BC, V8L 5S7	655.2700 Fax: 655.2701
9 - 12	STELLY'S SECONDARY SCHOOL 1627 Stelly's Cross Road, Saanichton, BC	652.-4401 Fax: 652.4404
9 - 12	SD 63 INDIVIDUAL LEARNING CENTRE 9774C Third Street, Sidney, BC, V8L 3A4	656.1104 Fax: 656.0394
9 - 12	SD 63 INDIVIDUAL LEARNING CENTRE 104A – 4420 Chatterton Way, Victoria, BC V8X 5J2	744-1174 Fax: 744.2534
1 - 12	SOUTH ISLAND DISTANCE EDUCATION SCHOOL 4575 Wilkinson Road, Victoria, BC V8Z 7E8	704.4979 Fax: 479.9870

Instructional Support Teacher (First Nations)**Saanich**

School District 63

The Saanich School District provides First Nations staffing (support teacher s, educational assistants and an Instructional Support Teacher) in schools with a significant First Nations enrolment. First Nations staff meet regularly to share resources, concerns, and experiences; and to support each other in planning school-based and District-wide activities. First Nations staff also conduct home and community visits with the First Nations families and communities.

Secondary Specialized Courses: First Nations Art, First Nations Studies 12, First Peoples English 12

Culturally Relevant Materials: Art and Literature K to 12

Locally Developed Materials: *Saanich Moons* book and kit, *Saltwater People* book, *I Can Kit*, *LAUWELNEW* book (The Flood Story)

SENCOTEN Language Classes are offered at Bayside Middle School (grade 6, 7, and 8)

Sheilia Austin, Instructional Support Teacher

250.652.7321

2125 Keating Cross Road, Saanichton

Greater Victoria Public Library**Brentwood/Saanich**

Central Saanich Library/Bruce Hutchinson Library

Programs:

Reading Buddies: Once-a-week reading tutors for elementary or middle school students.

Summer Reading Club: Summer reading program to entice students to spend their summer reading; program includes book suggestions and incentives.

Author Visits: GVPL arranges for visiting authors to come to the library to read from their books and talk to children about the writing process. Whenever possible, classes are invited during the day to come to the library to join the author program.

Outreach to schools and the community: GVPL is active in the community by taking part in outreach opportunities that bring library staff and library informational materials to community events and celebrations. An information table staffed by a librarian will often be found when schools are promoting literacy events or when health professionals are setting up information fairs in community centres. GVPL also has an active middle and secondary school outreach program that offers teachers an opportunity to have a visiting librarian come to the classroom to demonstrate the GVPL website and how best to use it for library and school research.

- Central Saanich Library
www.gvpl.ca
250.652.2013
1209 Clarke Road, Brentwood Bay
- Bruce Hutchinson Library
www.gvpl.ca
250.727.0104
4636 Elk Lake Drive, Victoria

Roots of Empathy

Sidney/Saanich

Beacon Community Services

Roots of Empathy is a Canadian program which has proven to reduce levels of aggression and violence among elementary school children while raising social/emotional competence and increasing empathy. Through the guidance of a trained Roots of Empathy instructor, and monthly visits of a parent and baby to the classroom, children learn about their own feelings and those of others. The children observe how the baby grows and changes over the course of its first year of life, and see the loving relationship between the parent and the baby, as well as how the parent regulates the baby's emotions. By understanding the perspective of the baby and learning to label the baby's feelings, the students develop oral language by describing and discussing their own feelings, and expressing their empathy for the feelings of others.

pensinsulaconnections@beaconcs.ca

250.655.5309

Individual Learning Centres

Sidney/Saanich

School District 63

Provides an alternative learning environment to youth and adult students who are working to complete their graduation program or prerequisites for post-secondary programs. Self-paced environment with flexible hours and support for career preparation.

250.656.1104

9774C Third Street, Sidney

250.744.1174

4420 Chatterton Way, Victoria

Key Program for Children

Victoria

Victoria READ Society

One-to-one remedial instruction for children and youth in reading, writing and math, with experienced special education teachers. Continuous intake. Two hours per week. Assessment \$140, classes \$40/hour. Access program supports children and youth from low-income households. Call for applications.

250.388.7225

302b – 9775 4th Street, Sidney, BC, V8L 2Z8

3440 Douglas Street, Victoria

LAU WELNEW Tribal School

Brentwood/Tsartlip

Saanich Indian School Board

LAU WELNEW Tribal School is supported by the Saanich Indian School Board (SISB) and serves students from the Tsartlip, Pauquachin, Tseycum, Tsawout communities. Currently students in Preschool through grade 9 are served. LAU WELNEW Tribal School promotes the values of the Saanich People by offering a quality education guided by BC Ministry of Education IRPs and locally developed SENCOTEN language and culture curriculum.

Maryanne Gladstone, Principal

250.652.2214

7449 West Saanich Road

Youth Employment Program

Beacon Community Services

Eligibility: Youth aged 14-18 years in School District 63

For those who want to make a contribution to their community, develop excellent skills that will help in the job market and get paid to work. A volunteer job coach accompanies youth to the worksite and provides the necessary guidance and training, when needed. There is an expectation for youth who register in this program to volunteer at our thrift shops and at community events, as needed.

250.656.5537

This program is funded by the United Way, Beacon Community Services Thrift Shops and Fundraising, Municipal Grants and the BC Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (Gaming).

Literacy Services

Saanich

School District 63

Support services for all K-12 students and staff:

School Library Programs: Literacy programs, book exchange, research skills

Learning Assistance Teachers: Support for students with learning challenges

Integration Support Teachers: Support for students with learning challenges

Speech and Language Support: Speech/Language Pathologists support students with communication challenges

Hearing: Support for students with hearing impairment

Vision: Support for students with vision impairment

English as a Second Language: support for students who speak English as a second language

Professional Growth Council: Annually, one PGC meeting is devoted to literacy

Professional Book Clubs for Staff: Literacy titles are explored at book clubs.

District Resource Centre: Literacy resources and kits are available to educators and parents

Support services for elementary students and teaching staff:

Reading Recovery: Grade one reading intervention program

Supporting Early Literacy: Reading support for students in grade one

Soar to Success: Late-intermediate reading intervention program

Elementary Focus Teams: Quarterly meetings are held for district teaching staff

Support services for middle school students and teaching staff:

Target Reading: Reading intervention program

Middle School Literacy Teams: Quarterly meetings are held for district teaching staff

Support services for secondary students and teaching staff:

Secondary Literacy Coordinators: Reading intervention services

Online Book Club for Secondary Students: New titles are explored bi-monthly

Secondary Literacy Teams: Quarterly meetings are held for district teaching staff

Contacts:

Diana Wiseman, Instructional Support Teacher—Literacy K-8

Holly Mair, Instructional Support Teacher—Middle/Secondary, Literacy 6-12

Jeanne Isaac, Instructional Support Teacher—Low Incidence

250-652-7300

2125 Keating Cross Road, Saanichton

South Island Distance Education School

Saanich

School District 63

The South Island Distance Education School provides an alternative learning environment to youth and adult students who are working to complete their graduation program or prerequisites for post-secondary programs. Students are provided with a self-paced environment, online courses, and distance education with teacher support.

250.704.4979
4575 Wilkinson Road

Out-of-School Care

Boys & Girls Club	7162 West Saanich Road, Brentwood Bay	652.3021
Caboose Club	5238 Cordova Bay, Road, Victoria	658.0548
Deep Cove Kids Club	10975 West Saanich Road, North Saanich	656.9868
Keating Out-of-School Care	6843 Central Saanich Road, Victoria	652.5546
Kids Club Beaver Lake School	4828 West Saanich Road, Victoria	479.5670
Kids Club Commonwealth Site	4636 Elk Lake Drive, Victoria	589.5437
Kids Club Prospect Lake School	321 Prospect Lake Road, Victoria	
Lochside After-School Program	1145 Royal Oak Drive, Victoria	658.1337
McTavish After-School Care	Portable, 1720 McTavish Road, North Saanich	
Otter Be Fun Care	7085 Wallace Drive, Brentwood Bay	652-6686
Tigger's Club	1649 Mt. Newton Cross Road, Saanichton	544.6777

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Vancouver Island Regional Library

Sidney

Sidney/North Saanich Public Library

Free service for residents of North Saanich, Sidney and VIRL service area

BC OneCard service for BC residents who live beyond the VIRL service area entitles members to free borrowing of books and internet access

Collections:

- books, DVDs, magazines, music CDs, talking books on cassette and CD (including book and cassette/CD kits), videos
- book collection includes: board books, picture books, beginning readers, fiction and non-fiction categorized by age level, young adult fiction and non-fiction including graphic novels

Computers:

- internet access
- children's computer with educational software

Programs:

- **Storytime:** stories, songs, finger-plays, crafts for 3 to 5 year olds
- **Summer Reading Club:** This program encourages children 5 years and older to read during the summer. Reading records, activities, incentives
- **Read to Me Club:** This program encourages parents to read to their 0 to 5 year- olds. Reading records, activities, incentives. The program runs concurrent to Summer Reading Club
- **Teen Summer Reading Club:** This online reading program is available at teensrc.ca; the program encourages teens to share their thoughts about books with other teens.
- **Author Visits** and special programs
- **Outreach to School and Community Groups**

250.656.0944

10091 Resthaven Drive, Sidney

SECTION THREE: ADULT LEARNERS

Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria

Sidney

English Language Services for Adults (ELSA); Beginner to Intermediate. Morning or afternoon sessions. Child care available for preschool children of students. Small, friendly classes which focus on practical English and information about life in Canada. Classes are free for newcomers in some categories. Please contact an ELSA assessment centre for qualification requirements. Funded by the Ministry of Attorney General.

Volunteer English as a Second Language (VESL): Levels 1-5. Morning or afternoon classes. Practical English skills for adults taught by carefully selected volunteer teachers. Open to all newcomers, visitors and students. Sliding fee scale.

Host Program: Matching new immigrants and refugees with Canadian volunteers. Host volunteers help newcomers become more familiar with their new community as well as helping to improve conversational English.

Winnie Lee, Coordinator
250.388.4728
930 Balmoral Road, Victoria

Nobody's Perfect Parenting Program

Sidney

Beacon Community Services

For parents/caregivers of children from birth to age five. Program provides education and support for low-income parents/caregivers who may feel isolated, lacking in formal education and needing help with parenting skills for infants and toddlers.

250-656-0134
9860 Third Street, Sidney

Seniors: Learn for Life

Sidney

Silver Threads

Various programs are offered in the Learn for Life series, including computer training, financial workshops, etc.

250-656-5537
10030 Resthaven Drive, Sidney

Academic Upgrading for Adults

Victoria

Camosun College

Fundamental and intermediate certificate programs are offered for students upgrading basic reading, writing, math and basic computer skills, who want to work towards a secondary school diploma, or who need employment preparation. Monthly Starts.

250-370-3110

3100 Foul Bay Road

Adult Basic Education

Brentwood Bay

Saanich Adult Education Centre/Camosun College

The Adult Basic Education program offers adults the opportunity to complete a secondary school diploma at their own pace. Intake is ongoing. Daycare may be available.

Kaleb Child, Director: 652-2214

250-652-3849 ext. 222

Brentwood Bay

*** Adult Basic Skills**

Victoria

Victoria READ Society

Basic education/literacy classes in reading, writing and math for adults. Twelve weeks of full-time classes, 8 student maximum. Call to discuss eligibility.

250-388-7225

201 – 3440 Douglas Street

*** ELSA: ESL: Beginner & Intermediate**

Victoria

Victoria READ Society

Free, basic level English training for adult newcomers to Canada.

250-388-7225

201 – 3440 Douglas Street

- * Note: While these programs are available to residents on the Peninsula, they are not currently offered within the School District Boundaries.

English Language Development

Saanich/Victoria

Camosun College

ESL Beginner to advanced (CLB 1-8). Continuous intake. Day and evening. Full-time and part-time. Required assessment test available. Daytime child minding may be available. Financial aid may be.

250-370-4941

Interurban and Lansdowne campuses

First Nations Academic Upgrading

Brentwood Bay

Saanich Adult Education Centre/Camosun College

English and Math courses from the fundamental to the Provincial Levels for First Nations people. Cultural activities included.

Wendy McDonald, Camosun College

First Nations Services Assistant, Health & Human Services

250-544-2192

Brentwood Bay

First Nations Advisor

Duncan

Camosun College

Advice on basic education options for Aboriginal adults and young adults.

250.370.3659

Coast Salish Employment & Training Society

Duncan

9 Essential Skills (in planning stages)

Marlene Rice, Program Officer & member of guiding team

250.746.0183

Head Office: Duncan

WILNEW Employment & Training

Brentwood Bay

Text to follow

Bruce Underwood

250.544.1407

Greater Victoria Public Library

Brentwood/Saanich

Central Saanich Library/Bruce Hutchinson Library

Literacy Collection: This collection is available at all branch locations.

ESL Collection: This collection is available at all branch locations.

Computer Literacy Training: This service is offered, free-of-charge, to enable adults to learn to use email and search the internet. The training is offered by librarians at all GVPL branch locations.

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www.gvpl.ca
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- Bruce Hutchinson Library
www.gvpl.ca
250.727.0104
4636 Elk Lake Drive, Victoria

Individual Learning Centres

Sidney/Saanich

School District 63

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Sidney location
250.656.1104
9774C Third Street, Sidney

Broadmead location
250.744.1174
4420 Chatterton Way, Victoria

South Island Distance Education School (SIDES)

Saanich

School District 63

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250-704-4979
4575 Wilkinson Road

Springboard to Success

Sidney/Saanich

Beacon Community Services

This program is for people 15-30 years old. Participants are paid for their involvement in the 10-week course which includes workshops, certificates and an active job search/volunteer component. A low level of literacy is one of the criteria for eligibility. Eligible participants must be:

- Unemployed and not in school
- Not eligible for EI
- Looking for long-term employment or volunteer experience
- Potential participants qualify if they meet one or more of the criteria:
 - single parent
 - aboriginal youth
 - youth with disabilities
 - recent immigrants
 - living in rural and remote areas
 - health or drug and alcohol-related problems
 - low literacy
 - street involvement
 - risk of homelessness
 - high school non-completion or GED

Dano Underwood
250-655-5309

STEP Program

Saanich

Saanich Adult Education Centre

From Foundations to Step 5, for adults to complete high school. Students enter at the level they feel comfortable with. Daycare may be available.

Kaleb Child, Administrator
250-652-2214, ext. 237
4575 Wilkinson Road

Student Advocate

Saanich

School District 63

Call for advice on basic education options for adults and young adults.

Contact: Carly Hunter, Student Advocate
250-652-7392
2125 Keating Cross Road, Saanichton

Vancouver Island Regional Library

Sidney

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- include literacy and language learning materials, large print books, and audiobooks for people who have a print impairment

Computers:

- Internet access includes large print viewing option
- word processing

Programs and Services:

- **Author Visits** and special programs
- **Homebound Delivery Service:** This service is for customers with health or physical impairments that prevent them from visiting the library in person

250-656-0944

10091 Resthaven Drive