

YMCA CCRR Newsletter

July 2022

Happy summer, everyone! This month's newsletter is chalk full of information about our program updates, child care news, library updates, articles of interest, and information about programs and events for families. Enjoy!

YMCA CCRR Program Updates

Stop by and visit us this summer! We have a variety of fantastic, early learning library resources available to be borrowed that can easily be used outdoors in the sunny months ahead. Come see! Before you do, make sure to give our [YMCA CCRR Summer Closures and Saturday Openings](#) a peek.

Our summer will be a busy one here at the YMCA CCRR. At selected outdoor parks in the communities of Burnaby, Coquitlam, and New Westminster we'll be offering free, no-registration required, weekly drop-in programs. Join us for stories, activities, circle time, and more! For further details, please see the following poster for your local community: [Burnaby](#) | [Coquitlam](#) | [New Westminster](#).

If you're in need of training or workshops, our [Summer 2022 Training Schedule](#) is still going strong! It holds fantastic professional development and learning opportunities for childcare providers and families alike. Interested in registering? Head on over to myymca.ca!

Summer program planning got you in a bind? If so, our [Summer Seasonal Resource sheet](#) is now out! Give it a read for activities, artwork, and songs to help harness in your program planning for the months ahead.



Join us for our [Tri-Cities Open House](#) on September 24th! Door prizes, light refreshments, fun activities (including a make and take!), and vendors from your local community will all be available for your enjoyment. The best part? It is **FREE** to attend, and a professional development certificate will be provided. Sign up today as space is sure to run out!

NEW! Our Lending Library Agreement has now gone digital! What does this mean for you? Be it from [our website](#) or here in our offices, you'll now be able to electronically and easily submit your new or renewed lending library agreement to our program. So, if your agreement has an upcoming expiry or you are new to our early learning library and haven't yet used its services, go take a look at our [digital lending library agreement](#)!

Do you know about our [YMCA CCRR Learning Portal](#)? It holds a variety of self-paced, **free** workshops (*training certificates provided*) for professional development hours to use towards your training needs. New workshops are being added regularly to the portal, so make sure to check it frequently! [Respectful Caregiving – Seeing Children as Capable and Competent](#), [Literacy Beyond Worksheets](#), and [The Impact of the Environment in Child Care](#) are some of the new titles that have recently been released to the portal. Go see!



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Lastly, and in case you missed it, our CCRR program is now able to track vacancies in your child care programs. By using the information submitted monthly to the [BC Child Care Map](#) during Child Care Operating Funding renewals, we'll now be advertising program vacancies to parents who reach out to our program for help with finding child care. If you additionally have open spaces in your program that you'd like us to advertise in our child care referrals, please let us know by emailing ccrr@gv.ymca.ca.

Child Care News

Visit us!

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New West. Satellite

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The latest [ChildCareBC Bulletin](#) brings our attention to:

- Information Session: Recruiting and Retaining ECEs using the BC PNP.
- Apply now for the 2022-23 New Spaces Fund!
- Are you interested in becoming an Aboriginal Head Start child care program?
- Celebrating National Indigenous Peoples day.

BC Gov News – [ChildCareBC's New Spaces Fund open for new applications](#):

More families will soon be able to access licensed child care space, enabling parents to pursue work, school and other opportunities, with B.C.'s ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund now accepting new applications.

ChildCareBC – [Early Learning and Child Care Engagement](#): On June 15th a facilitated webinar was held for child care operators, ECEs and the overall child care sector on recruitment and retention opportunities through the BC Provincial Nominee Program (PNP) with additional presentations on Immigration Programs and Resources for Employers from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), and on ECE Certification from the ECE Registry. A recording of this webinar and its presentation materials are now available in the "Engagements to date" section in the link above.

Statistics Canada – [Survey on Early Learning and Child Care Arrangements, 2022](#):

The snapshot of StatsCan's 2022 Child Care Census of Canadian households is in.

Early Childhood Pedagogy Network (ECPN) – [The Here and Now ECPN](#)

[Newsletter \(Issue #6\)](#): "This month we extend this important conversation [to

the process of becoming an early childhood educator] by asking: what kind of education might need to be in place to realize [a] new vision? Rethinking BC post-secondary institutions' responsibilities to shift approaches to 'educating educators' is imperative if we are committed to fully embrace this moment of unprecedented political will. At a time when we are actively working with all levels of government to create a system that nourishes the vision of creating more livable and just worlds outlined in the BC Early Learning Framework (ELF), the dispositions and knowledges to be nurtured in future educators must be at the forefront of our collective efforts."

Early Childhood Pedagogy Network (ECPN) – [Whiling time with ECPN Pedagogists \(ISSUE #4\)](#): "Drawing practice has been a focus of our ECPN collective engagements this school year. We are thrilled to offer ongoing documentation trace contributions as part of the Greater Vancouver CCRR newsletter, intended to provide glimpses of the collaborative inquiries with educators and centres we are working with. Mary's work with the infant room at the Yukon Crescent Children's Centre is featured in this newsletter."



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Early Learning Library Corner

Have you ever wondered what are our most ever borrowed resources? If so, we've got you covered this month. Visit our [Early Learning Library Portal](#) to place a hold on those you're eager to borrow!

Circle Time Resources: Top Five Borrowed



11640 Five Little Monkeys



11715 Barnyard Song



11368 Old MacDonald
Had a Farm



02904 Weather Bear



09263 The Big
Hungry Bear

Infant (0-18 months) Resources: Top Five Borrowed



00114 Farm Animals



00155 Rainbow and
Friends



10246 See Through Bags



23579 Sensory
Stacking Tower



12721 Colour Discovery
Boxes

Toddler (18-36 months) Resources: Top Five Borrowed



11491 Dinosaur Play Set



11673 Knock
Down Cans



06350 Barnyard Activity Boxes



09958 Tree Blocks &
Farm Animals



15401 Giant Fishing

Preschooler (ages 3-5) Resources: Top Five Borrowed



09347 Tegu Magnetic
Blocks



16391 Wavy Paths



15203 Lock Box



12739 Magna Cars &
Trucks



07663 Shape Toss

School Age (ages 5+) Resources: Top Five Borrowed



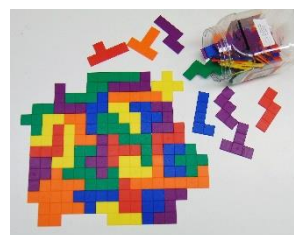
14974 Bamboo Marble
Run



06715 Bridge Building
Centre



12838 Brain Teasers



06806 Pentominoes



22787 Super
Marble Run

Articles of Interest

Policy Options – [Taking care of the care workers](#): The work of caring for our children, older adults and those with disabilities has always been undervalued. Yet the social benefits are enormous.

Canadian Child Care Federation – [The Canada-wide Child Care Plan: What You Need to Know](#): On April 19, 2021, the Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Finance, announced in the federal budget, a historic and transformational \$34B investment in child care, marking the most important policy advancement for Canadian women, children and the economy in a generation. The question now is, how is it advancing?

The Tyee – [Where Did Vancouver's Children Go?](#): New data show fewer kids in many neighbourhoods. What's the impact? Where are families moving?



Family Resources



Are you looking for free or low-cost drop-in programs to attend this summer during the day with children that are aged 0-5? If so, we've got you covered with up-to-date program lists that span our provider communities!

- [Burnaby & New Westminster Summer Programs.](#)
- [Tri-Cities Summer Programs.](#)

Circle of Friends, our family resource program, has updated its [summer hours](#). Join us for opportunities to socialize, learn new skills, explore art activities, sing songs, enjoy stories, and more! Resources are

additionally made available to learn more about child development, parenting issues and the supports available to you in your community.

"Children more than ever, need opportunities to be in their bodies in the world...
It's this engagement between limbs of the body and bones of the earth where
true balance and centeredness emerge."

— David Sobel

Events

Burnaby

- [Burnaby Village Museum Summer Season](#) – This year marks 50 years since the Burnaby Village Museum opened to the public for its first full year in 1972. We will celebrate the momentous occasion with new exhibits, entertainment, and activities. We're also excited to reopen for the summer season from May 7 to September 5, offering visitors an immersive experience of the 1920s village comprising heritage and recreated buildings.
- [Symphony in the Park](#) – This year's 33rd anniversary performance of Symphony in the Park on July 16th will transport listeners to other worlds, whether it's the gritty streets of New York (Leonard Bernstein's West Side Story), the story of an alien visitor (Adventures on Earth (Theme from E.T.) by John Williams) or one of the greatest love stories of all time (Tchaikovsky's Romeo & Juliet – Fantasy Overture). Come early for free family activities, bring a blanket or chair and a picnic and settle in for a wonderful evening with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra.

New Westminster

- [On Your Block Festival](#) – July 9th's On Your Block is a multicultural festival that is about bringing communities together to promote unity, celebration, and togetherness. Embracing ourselves and the diverse talents and cultures within our communities. It will also be about building new friendships as well as reconnecting and nurturing old ones. There will be plenty of food trucks, live music, entertainment, local vendors, arts and crafts, and activities for everyone to enjoy.
- [Fridays on Front](#) – Fridays on Front, presented by the Downtown New West BIA and Douglas College, kicks off every Friday from 5:00-9:00 pm (July 8 – August 19, 2022) on the 600 block of Front Street (short walk from Skytrain.) The fully licensed street social will feature live entertainment, artisan vendors and food trucks. Admission is FREE, so bring the entire family!



Tri-Cities

- [Summer Craft Mornings](#) – July 8th – July 29th: We have expanded our Summer Craft mornings to happen every Friday! Summer is the best time to enjoy our train station and caboose. Parental attendance is required. Runs for one hour 11:30am to 12:30pm. Free. RSVP & donations appreciated.
- [Ribfest](#) – A three-day (July 15 – 17) community festival that features live music, family-friendly activities and barbecued ribs in Rocky Point Park in Port Moody. The YMCA CCRR will be there. Come say hi!

Additional events for the lower mainland can be found at: [Vancouver Mom](#) & [FamilyFunVancouver](#).

The YMCA Child Care Resource and Referral is here to help!

- Child Care and Community Referrals
- Affordable Child Care Benefit information and support with the application process
- Information on becoming a Licensed or Registered Child Care Provider
- Available start-up funding for Child Care Providers
- Curbside pick-up and drop-off of Early Learning Resources

Contact us!