

# YMCA CCRR Newsletter

## September 2022

Welcome back, everyone! We hope you had a great summer. Fall is on the horizon, and this month's newsletter is full of helpful information for the months ahead 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



We heartily thank all the families and child care providers that showed up to our drop-in series this summer in Burnaby, New Westminister, and Coquitlam.

Good times were had by all, memories were made, and it helped further affirm for us the joy we feel in being a helpful and supporting presence in the communities we serve.

Thank YOU!

Our Fall Training Schedule is hot off the press! We have a particularly powerful line up this Fall of workshop and networking opportunities that are chalk full of diversity, inclusion, and embracing of differences. Childcare providers and families alike can join us! Interested in registering? Head on over to [myymca.ca](https://myymca.ca)!

**\*EXCITING!\*** Join us for our Tri-Cities Open House on September 24th! Door prizes, light refreshments, and fun activities (including a make and take!) 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!

In need of program planning support for the Fall months ahead? If so, give our Fall Seasonal Resource Sheet a peek! If you need ideas about activities to try and resources you can borrow from our program to help supplement your curricula, we've got you covered.

Are you a child care provider that is a member of our program? If so, this fall is a great time to renew and update with us the information we have about your child care program on file. We have made it easy for you to do so with our online CCRR Membership Update form. Let us know the most accurate information about your program so we can guarantee we're sending out correct information to families that call us in need of child care. It helps us all! Not a member yet? Fix that easily by filling out our YMCA CCRR Membership Form!

Back in June, our Lending Library Agreement officially went 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!

# CHILD CARE NEWS

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

- Child Care Guidance from the BC Centre for Disease Control
- Are you interested in becoming an Aboriginal Head Start child care program?
- \$10 a Day expansion intake now closed
- Apply Now for the 2022-23 New Spaces Fund

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ChildCareBC – [Affordable Child Care Benefit Service Provider Portal](#): NEW! Licensed and Registered Licence-Not-Required providers are invited to register for the My Family Services - Service Provider portal. Registered providers will be able to complete online Child Care Arrangement forms submitted by parents starting July 25. Licensed child care providers and Registered Licence-Not-Required child care providers can use the Service Provider Portal to access self-service options related to Affordable Child Care Benefit claims, benefit plans and payments.

ChildCareBC – [\\$10 a Day ChildCareBC Centres](#): The call for applications for the \$10 a Day ChildCareBC Program is now open. Please refer to the Apply page for information on how to apply to become a \$10 a Day ChildCareBC Centre.

BC Gov News – [Early childhood educator bursaries support career growth for key professionals](#): More early childhood educators (ECEs) are furthering their education goals with financial support from the ECE Education Support Fund. Child care centres may also benefit by having more qualified staff they need to offer high-quality child care to parents throughout B.C.

BC Gov News – [B.C. expands early childhood education dual-credit programs for high school students](#): More students in grades 11 and 12 will be able to earn both high school and post-secondary credits toward careers in early childhood education with the introduction of 30 new dual-credit programs at school districts throughout B.C.

Stats Canada: Economic and Social Reports – [The value of unpaid childcare and paid employment by gender: What are the impacts of the low-fee universal childcare program?](#): This paper presents an estimate of unpaid childcare, other unpaid household activities, and paid employment in Canadian provinces for the period from 1998 to 2015. The estimate is then used to assess the effects of the low-cost childcare program launched in Quebec in 1997 on paid employment and to examine the contribution of unpaid childcare and other unpaid household activities to wellbeing and welfare in Canada.

Early Childhood Pedagogy Network (ECPN) – [The Here and Now ECPN Newsletter \(Issue #7\)](#): This summer Issue critically engages with questions of What happens if we consciously and collectively approach early childhood as an invitation into a process of creating conditions for something otherwise to emerge?

# Early Learning Library Corner

September 30th is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and is also known as “Orange Shirt Day”. It is a day to honor the Indigenous children who were taken away to residential schools in Canada. It is also a day to learn more about Indigenous history. Below are some resources that you might enjoy sharing with children and learning more about Indigenous culture.



13869 Phyllis' Orange Shirt

Do you know the history of Orange Shirt Day? This wonderful resource tells the story of what happened in the Indigenous residential schools and how it became Orange Shirt Day.



23454 Indigenous Animals Multi-Game

Block puzzle animals with Indigenous designs. Develop creativity by building blocks and domino games. Support social skills while playing roll a dice Jenga game. It also promotes children's imagination, turn taking and having fun!



04629 Native Northwest Coast Books

Want to learn more about Indigenous culture? This resource is all about sharing the land together!



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## 07887 West Coast Ocean Animals

Let children explore and follow their interest with these materials. Fine motor skills, memory and problem-solving, language & literacy development are just some of the skills children can develop with this resource.



## 33735 Salish Sea

These fabulous puppets and stories of Indigenous peoples and animals provide a wonderful, child friendly perspective of our beautiful lands.



## 08000 Storm Boy

Vibrant illustration with a historical story that will lead you to learn about Indigenous peoples & animals of the Pacific Northwest Coast.



Are you interested in further resources we have to support your early learning curricula? If so, visit our [Early Learning Library Catalog](#) to view all the pictures of our resources. Visit our [Early Learning Library Portal](#) to then place a hold on those you're eager to borrow!

## ARTICLES OF INTEREST



Rimbey Review – Non-profit launches pledge to increase use of parental leave by fathers, non-birthing parents: Women in Capital Markets, a Canadian non-profit, has launched a national pledge for companies and organizations in the financial sector to increase their use of parental leave by non-birth parents.

Child Care Now – Ministers responsible for child care urged to make workforce crisis their first priority: The critical shortage of qualified early learning and child care educators across Canada is a major obstacle to fulfilling the Government of Canada's promise to build a high quality \$10 a day child care system that all young children can access, says Child Care Now, Canada's national child care advocacy association.

The Globe and Mail – How much parents benefit from the national child-care plans depends on where they live: The Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care agreement, which promises to make more daycare spots available and affordable, has so often been referred to as the \$10-a-day child-care plan that many parents might assume they will all be paying the same set rate, as in the much-heralded Quebec system. But the goal of the national deal is to get to an average 50-per-cent reduction of fees by the end of this year, and then to an average of \$10 a day – not necessarily a flat fee for everyone – by 2026. Provinces and territories, which each signed separate deals with the federal government, have leeway in how they choose reach that average. Most families will see savings, but some will see none at all.

*"Kids don't remember what you try to teach them. They remember what you are."  
Jim Henson*

## FAMILY RESOURCES

Are you looking for drop-in programs to attend 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!

- [New Westminster Drop-In Programs](#)
- [Tri-Cities Drop-In Programs](#)

Burnaby's drop-in sheet is due to be released soon by Burnaby's Early Childhood Development table, Kids in Burnaby. Check [here](#) for updates!

Did you know that our YMCA CCRR has a family resource program? Circle of Friends provides children with the opportunities to socialize, learn new skills, explore art activities, sing songs, enjoy stories, and more! Are you free Wednesday evenings and looking for something to keep your little ones busy? Join CoF from 5:30-7:30PM (Wednesdays) for our drop-in program – a light dinner will additionally be provided.



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# EVENTS

## Burnaby

Flea Market: Join the City of Burnaby on Saturday, September 10th for a flea market! Clean out your cupboards or find yourself a great bargain! More than 50 tables of pre-loved items are on display to comb through.

World Rivers Day: Join us on September 25th to celebrate our local waterways at World Rivers Day. Join us for this free family-friendly event and learn about our local waterways and restoration efforts to help protect these environments. Activities include demonstrations, displays, tours, activities, crafts and live entertainment.

## New Westminster

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: On September 30th, Spirit of the Children Society will honour the lost children and survivors of residential schools, their families, and communities. All ages are welcome to this free family event.

Wooden Boat Center Open House/Rendezvous: On September 24th, the Wooden Boat Center in New Westminster is holding an open house and gathering of hand crafted and heritage wooden boats. Talk to artisans, take part in kids boatbuilding and learn about the history of wooden boats.



## Tri-Cities

Paper Play: Dolls from Around the World: Join us September 24th for our Culture Days activity and learn about the wonderful world of paper dolls! Craft paper dolls from various cultures, learn about the vast array of dolls in Coquitlam Heritage's collection, and help us celebrate the launch of our new online collection database.

Rivers and Trails Festival: Celebrate Port Coquitlam's rivers and trails! In celebrating the Annual Rivers & Trails Festival and World Rivers Day, community groups are invited to participate in a shoreline clean-up along the Coquitlam River on Sunday, September 25th.

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

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