

# YMCA CCRR Newsletter

## January 2023

Happy New Year! Within these next few pages, you'll find information about our program updates, child care news, articles of interest, and information about programs and events for families. We hope you find this information helpful to your early learning practices!

### YMCA CCRR PROGRAM UPDATES

Beginning this January, the YMCA Child Care Resource and Referral will be hosting a Family Drop-in Program at the brand-new Bettie Allard YMCA! This will be a regularly scheduled family drop-in, and families are invited to join us for mornings of play and learning experiences in a warm and welcoming environment. To learn more about the hours and location of the drop-in program, please visit [here](#). We hope you join us!



NEW! It's time for our [annual program evaluation survey](#). It should only take you about five minutes to complete and if you do, you'll be entered for a chance to win two, FREE workshops! Please let us know your feedback and thoughts about our YMCA Child Care Resource and Referral program. Your opinion matters to us greatly, and helps guide our planning and decision making going forward. We value your feedback!

Our [Winter 2023 Training Schedule](#) is still going strong! We offer a variety of training that is both online and in-person, and we have start times ranging from evenings to Saturday mornings. Be it that you're an early childhood educator, student or parent, we are here to help meet your professional (and personal!) early learning training needs. Head on over to register at [mymca.ca](http://mymca.ca) to register and join us!

Not sure what to plan in your curricula offerings this New Year? Look no farther than our [Winter Seasonal Resource](#) sheet! We've got you covered with activities, artwork, and songs to help harness in your program planning for the months ahead.

Did you know that our CCRR program tracks vacancies in child care programs? This was a big change to our program last year. By using the information submitted monthly to the [BC Child Care Map](#) during Child Care Operating Funding renewals, we now advertise 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](mailto:ccrr@gv.ymca.ca).

Another big change to our program last year was our Lending Library Agreement going digital! Be it from [our website](#) or here in our offices, our library users are now be able to electronically and easily submit their 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](#)!

As an FYI to all, the cost of our printing and laminating services will see a slight increase starting this month. Raising these prices will help us better offset the costs we're incurring to our program, and we appreciate your understanding in these matters. The new prices will be as follows:

- Laminating (per foot): Member Cost \$2.50, Non-member Cost \$3.50
- Printing: Member Cost \$.15, Non-member Cost \$.25
- Double Sided Printing: Member Cost \$.25, Non-member Cost \$.45

# CHILD CARE NEWS

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

- Updated resource pages for early childhood professionals and New Spaces Fund
- Professional development opportunity for early childhood professionals
- Engagement opportunity: Child Care Resource and Referral program
- Decriminalizing people who use drugs and impacts on child care facilities in B.C.

Past editions of the ChildCareBC Bulletin can be found [here](#).

ChildCareBC - [Support for early childhood professionals](#): The ChildCareBC page for early childhood professionals has a new look! Based on feedback they received from the child care community and early learning sector, the Support for Early Childhood Professionals page has been updated to better reflect the current initiatives and services available.

ChildCareBC - [New Spaces Fund Resources](#): A new ChildCareBC page for the New Spaces Fund to help better support you through the planning phases of your project and applying for the fund. It includes what to consider before starting a project, best practices, building standards, licensing requirements and more.

BC Gov News - [Families in B.C. getting ahead as child care fees are reduced](#): Investments in child care continue to save money for families throughout British Columbia by putting money back into the pockets of parents and making life more affordable as child care fee reductions take effect.

BC Gov News - [Thousands more families in B.C. benefit from \\$10-a-day child care](#): Thousands more families in B.C. will save thousands of dollars per year as more than 2,450 more child care spaces moved into the \$10 a Day ChildCareBC program in December.

Government of Canada - [Government of Canada introduces historic bill to enshrine principles of Canada-wide early learning and child care system into law](#): Affordable and inclusive early learning and child care is a powerful driver of economic growth and social equality. That's why the Government of Canada is working with provinces, territories and Indigenous peoples to build an affordable, inclusive and high-quality early learning and child care system for families in Canada. Now, the Government is taking another significant step forward by ensuring the system remains in place long into the future so that generations of children in Canada can get the best possible start in life.

MNBC's Ministry of Education - [Le Villazh Maachi Kashkihtow - Fall Edition](#): MNBC Aims to bring culturally relevant information and highlights from the Ministry of Education, to inform your practice of cultural inclusion, emphasizing the Métis Way in each edition. Inside, you will find goals of the Métis Early Learning Framework, the Métis Core Values, Invitations to Play, and other quarterly highlights of the exciting work that is happening within our Ministry.

## CCRR Staff News

One of our staff here at the YMCA CCRR has been recently and greatly impacted by the ChildCareBC initiatives that have helped lower costs the cost of child care for families. After her daughter's infant and toddler child care centre was accepted to be a 10\$ a Day site, our staff member saw her daughter's child care fees go from \$850 a month to \$0 (with additional help provided by the Affordable Child Care Benefit program). This reduction in cost has been life changing for her family, and we eagerly and excitedly await opportunities for more families in BC to reap these ChildCareBC benefits!

### Tri-Cities

1130 C Austin Ave.  
Coquitlam, B.C.  
T: 604-931-3400  
E: [ccrr@gv.ymca.ca](mailto:ccrr@gv.ymca.ca)

### Burnaby/New Westminster

4460 Beresford St.  
Burnaby, B.C.  
T: 604-294-1109  
E: [ccrr@gv.ymca.ca](mailto:ccrr@gv.ymca.ca)

### New West. Satellite

10 -620 Royal Ave.  
New Westminister, B.C.  
T: 604-931-3400  
E: [ccrr@gv.ymca.ca](mailto:ccrr@gv.ymca.ca)

Visit us!

# Early Learning Library Corner

Are you curious about the resources available in our Early Learning Library? Below are just the few of many we have available for you to borrow and use in your early learning practices!



## 31127 Winter Playscape

This dramatic play resource has the winter season's essentials: natural materials of birch and pine, and animals like deer, wolf, and horse. These are sure to provide lots of tactile experience and will help provoke the children's imagination through storytelling.



## 31994 The Kitten's Mittens

This singable story is always good for young children to develop their cognitive, literacy and self help skills. It's repetitive rhyme is also great for young children's memory. The colourful mittens will additionally help correspondence and colour matching activities.



## 05055 Loose Parts

Loose parts play offers many benefits for developing children's skills. Children use such items in creative and imaginative ways, and it encourages experimentation through open ended play. Use loose parts to help explore the concepts of sound, shape, pattern, colour, texture, counting, sorting, and building.



## 05626 Light Cube

This cube light resource (comes with remote control) is available for borrowers. It offers endless learning and is great for colour science and sensory activity set ups. It will quickly attract children's attention and inspire curiosity. Try placing transparent objects and building activities on it to help provoke children's exploration!

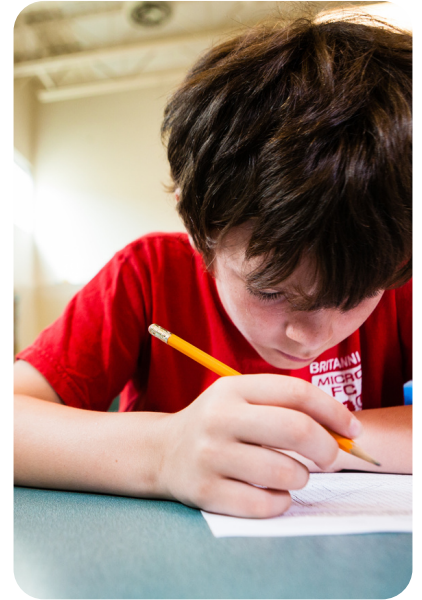
Our [Early Learning Resource Library webpage](#) hosts many helpful resources, such as the YMCA CCRR online library portal, digital lending library agreement form, and a photo catalogue of resources. [Go see!](#)

## ARTICLES OF INTEREST

HELP - [EDi Provincial Summary: Wave 8](#): "The Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP, UBC) collects data through the Early Development Instrument (EDI) and other Child Development Monitoring System tools in BC with the intent to "shine the light" on how children are doing and inspire action to promote healthy development and well-being. Wave 8 (data collected 2019-2022) marks 20 years of EDI data collection in BC. This report provides a foundational summary of EDI data across these last two decades, setting the stage for more analysis and research to come."

Spring - [Poverty wages for childcare workers jeopardizes \\$10-per-day childcare](#): "A central cause of this shortfall in childcare supply is the result of a workforce crisis in the sector. Poverty-level wages and harsh working conditions have meant that many childcare workers do not stay employed in the field for long, causing staff shortages and high turnover rates for centres who struggle to survive, much less expand their operations."

BC Gov News - [Premier Eby commits to maintaining individualized autism funding, engaging in deeper consultation for a new funding and service model for children and youth with support needs](#): "Government will maintain individualized funding for children with an autism diagnosis instead of phasing it out in 2025 as was announced in October 2021. Additionally, they committed to engaging in deeper consultation with parents and caregivers, First Nations, Indigenous Peoples, communities, experts and practitioners, and other stakeholders with lived experience to understand how the system can be transformed and together build a better system of supports, co-developed with Indigenous communities."



*I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're Doing Something.*

~ Neil Gaiman

## 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 Westminister 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 and a family drop-in program? Both our [Circle of Friends](#) family resource program and [Bettie Allard](#) family drop-In program provide children with 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. Join us!



# EVENTS

## Burnaby

Pajama Toonie Skate: Wear your pajama's! Come and enjoy ice skating, face painting and crafts. January 28th.

New To You Market: Join us on January 21st for great deals on gently used clothing, shoes, purses & bags, housewares, books! Proceeds from the sale support Martyr Anglican Church church and a variety of international, national, and local charities.

## New Westminster

Shine Bright - Fortune in your Hands Workshop: Celebrate Lunar New Year and the year of the rabbit with a traditional paper cutting art experience. Create your own, unique 'fortune' banner decoration. All supplies are included and parent participation is required. January 15th.

Shine Bright - Family Sky Lantern Workshop: Listen to a storytelling, celebrate the year of the rabbit, and decorate your own sky lanterns. Open to anyone wanting to drop-in, learn, and light up the sky! All supplies included. January 15th.



## Tri-Cities

Family Literacy Day: On January 27th, come to the Terry Fox library for an after-hours fort-building session & enjoy reading with your family by flashlight. Please bring your own flashlights and a tidy snack. Fort-building materials are provided. Please register ahead as there is limited space.

Lights at Lafarge Lake: Didn't get a chance to visit Lafarge Lake over the holidays? If not, there's still time to take in the dazzling lights display at Coquitlam's Town Centre Park! The dazzling light displays that encircle the 1.2 km Lafarge Lake loop and start at dusk. On until January 31st.

*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!