



LET'S CONNECT!

Explore: your backyard, your family history, or your bookcase!

Build: a blanket fort, a snowman, or a jigsaw puzzle!

Reflect: imagine, daydream, ponder, write or review!

Learn: to knit, paint, bake, snowshoe, budget or whistle!

Create: a recipe, a story, a collage, or a game!

Read: a comic book, a poem, a research article, or the newspaper!

Move: jump, hop, skip, run, dance, or skate!

January 22nd to 29th, 2022

Saturday, January 22nd

1PM to 3PM – Merritt Bench Park

Kick off Interior Savings Unplug and Play Family Literacy Week with an outdoor community event at the Merritt Bench Park. PacificSport Interior BC will be bringing sledge hockey to Merritt. This is your chance to try a new sport. Merritt Sparks, Brownies and Guides will be hosting a variety of game stations and Merritt Nature Kids will be leading a guided nature walk 1-2pm. Take home some Literacy Loot!

Thursday, January 27th

10AM or 6PM - <https://bit.ly/3hTZjHb>

Virtual Come Read With Me -- Grade 1 Parents/ Caregivers learn reading strategies to use at home with their children. Participants will receive a "free" resource kit. Registration Forms will be sent home with your grade one student.

Week-long

From January 22nd to January 29th, pick up Literacy Loot during regular hours at Interior Savings, the Merritt Library and the Nicola Valley Arts Centre Gallery and Gift Shop. From colouring, to games, books, art projects and more, be sure to collect Literacy Loot at these locations.

COMING SOON!

Stay Tuned for **FUTURE Literacy Programming**
literacymerritt.com * [facebook.com/LMNVS](https://www.facebook.com/LMNVS)

ACTIVE STORIES - Ages 3 to 6

Active Stories is a FREE drop-in Physical Literacy Program for children with their Caregivers/Parents. Each session is centred around a children's story book followed by physical activities based on the storyline. The activities encourage the development of movement skills, improvisation and creativity. Bring your running shoes! Start dates, times and locations will be posted on literacymerritt.com and [facebook.com/LMNVS](https://www.facebook.com/LMNVS) once they are confirmed.

EXPLORE ART LITERACY - Ages 4 to 6

Explore Art Literacy is a FREE Art Literacy Program for children with their Caregivers/Parents. Registration is required for this 4-session exploration of literacy and art. Bring your painting clothes! The first session is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 15th at the Nicola Valley Arts Centre Clubhouse. Register online at programs@nicolavalleyarts.com or in person at the Nicola Valley Arts Centre Gallery and Gift Shop. Please note that due to Covid regulations/protocols the program has limited participation. Register early! For up-to-date information, visit literacymerritt.com or [facebook.com/LMNVS](https://www.facebook.com/LMNVS).

For more information:

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CONTEST ALERT!




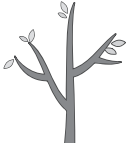





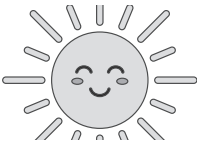
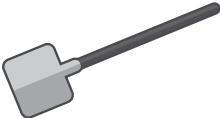









Interior Savings will draw 3 names to win 1 of 3 \$100 gift cards from Indigo

For a chance to win, go to their Facebook page
www.facebook.com/interiorsavings
and follow the instructions in the contest post



Go on an outdoor scavenger hunt

Take your learning outdoors! Next time you go on a walk, bring along this fun scavenger hunt and see if you can find all of the items.

 <input type="checkbox"/> evergreen tree	 <input type="checkbox"/> leaf	 <input type="checkbox"/> bird	 <input type="checkbox"/> bare tree
 <input type="checkbox"/> snowman	 <input type="checkbox"/> rabbit	 <input type="checkbox"/> rock	 <input type="checkbox"/> squirrel
 <input type="checkbox"/> hat	 <input type="checkbox"/> the sun	 <input type="checkbox"/> snow shovel	 <input type="checkbox"/> mittens
 <input type="checkbox"/> nest	 <input type="checkbox"/> acorn	 <input type="checkbox"/> scarf	 <input type="checkbox"/> chimney smoke
 <input type="checkbox"/> icicle	 <input type="checkbox"/> animal tracks	 <input type="checkbox"/> sled	 <input type="checkbox"/> boots

Make your own scavenger hunt card when you get home and use it the next time you go for a walk outside or even when you visit the grocery store.