



Unplug and **PLAY**

Family Literacy Week

EXPLORE: a bookcase, the backyard, your family's story

CREATE: a collage, a story, a Lego vehicle, a blanket fort

READ: a poem, the newspaper, a graphic novel

MOVE: hop, skip, run, dance, stretch, spin

LEARN: to bake, paint, skate, whistle, play a new game

January 24 - 31, 2026

Week-long **FREE EVENTS – JOIN IN THE FUN!**

Book donations for the Bright Red Bookshelf program will be accepted at all Family Literacy Week events, at Beem Credit Union, as well as Earthwalker on Granite Avenue. Come Read With Me literacy information sessions for reading strategies to use at home for Kindergarten and Grade 1 families will run at each elementary school plus one open community-wide session at the Merritt Public Library.

Saturday, January 24, 2026; 9am to noon, Crossroads

Church East Entrance (2990 Voght Street)

YMCA BC Merritt Child Care Resource and Referral is hosting a Celebrating Family Literacy drop-in session with storytelling, arts & crafts, physical literacy games, and light refreshments.

Saturday, January 24, 2026 (7pm) & Sunday, January 25, 2026 (5pm)

Come cheer on the **Merritt Centennials** at the **Nicola Valley Memorial Arena** and bring your book donations for the local Bright Red Bookshelf program. *Must purchase tickets to watch the hockey games.*

Monday, January 26, 2026; 6pm @ Crossroads Church

East Entrance (2990 Voght St), Community Hall Room

***NEW* “Screenagers Elementary Student Edition”** – a film that discusses ways families with elementary school students can manage and decrease struggles around smartphones, social media, video games and much more.

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

- **Come Read With Me**, Diamondvale Elementary, 1pm
- **Dungeons and Dragons** (ages 13-17), Merritt Public Library, 3:30pm to 5pm – to register, please phone 250.378.4737
- **Come Read With Me**, Merritt Public Library (open community-wide session), 6 pm
- **Jeff Bloom Books author presentation**, Merritt Public Library, 6pm
- **Family Dinner and Recipe Exchange** hosted by the YMCA BC, Merritt; 4pm to 6pm, Crossroads Church East Entrance (2990 Voght Street) – melissa.cummings@bc.ymca.ca to RSVP or recipe share

Win with Beem!

To celebrate UNPLUG AND PLAY, Beem Credit Union is giving away

THREE \$100 Indigo gift cards!

For a chance to win, go to Beem social media and follow their contest prompts

www.facebook.com/beemcreditunion
www.instagram.com/beemcreditunion/#

Starting on
January 7 ending
January 30 at
midnight



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