

BC LITERACY DIRECTORY
Literacy Programs and Services Listing

School District: Burnaby 41

Community	Program	Institution type	Description	Provider	Name	Telephone	Email	Website
Burnaby-East	Adult Education	School district	Academic upgrading and vocational courses, various Burnaby locations. Please call for details.	School District 41 Continuing Education		604-664-8888	burnabyce@sd41.bc.ca	www.burnabyce.com
Burnaby-South	Adult Education	School district	Academic upgrading and vocational courses, various Burnaby locations. Please call for details.	School District 41 Continuing Education	Louise Thorburn	604-664-8888	burnabyce@sd41.bc.ca	www.burnabyce.com
Burnaby-West	Adult Education	School district	Academic upgrading and vocational courses, various Burnaby locations. Please call for details.	School District 41 Continuing Education	Louise Thorburn	604-664-8888	burnabyce@sd41.bc.ca	www.burnabyce.com
Burnaby-South	African Children's Homework Club	Community group	After-school homework club for African elementary-age children, including refugees and immigrants. Supports adaptation to the Canadian school system through homework help, study skills, and cultural activities.	Multicultural Family Centre, REACH	Ilyambabazi Sebeyeza	604-254-6468		www.burnabyfamilylife.org
Burnaby-North	Basic Level English Classes	Community group	For newcomer Afghan women unable to participate in the ELSA program. Child minding available.	Pacific Immigrant Resources Society		604-298-5888	kcarama@burnabyfamilylife.org	www.burnabyfamilylife.org
Burnaby-North	ELSA	School district	Free, basic level English training for adult newcomers to Canada.	School District 41 Continuing Education	Sanjo Choy	604-664-8888	louise.thorburn@sd41.bc.ca	
Burnaby-South	ELSA	School district	Free, basic level English training for adult newcomers to Canada.	School District 41 Continuing Education	Sanjo Choy	604-664-8888	louise.thorburn@sd41.bc.ca	www.sd41.bc.ca
Burnaby-South	English Language Development	School district	For beginner, intermediate, and advanced learners. Various locations - call for details. Students may qualify for tuition-free courses if enrolled in studies that leads to high-school graduation.	Burnaby School District	Louise Thorburn	604-664-8888	louise.thorburn@sd41.bc.ca	
Burnaby-South	ESL Classes	Public library	A drop-in program open to all ESL speakers. Call 604-871-7277 for details. Offered by Vancouver Community College	Tommy Douglas Library		604-522-3971		www.bpl.bc.ca/locations-hours/tommy-douglas
Burnaby	ESL Conversation	Community group	Drop in ESL instruction (2.30 to 4.30 Wed-Fri) and other settlement and integration services for immigrants in Burnaby and New Westminster. Call for more information.	Burnaby Multicultural Society		604-431-4131		www.bmvcc.ca/programs/courses/detail.cfm?div_id=5&prog_id=65
Burnaby-South	ESL Conversation	Community group	English Conversation classes are provided by volunteer facilitators.	South Burnaby Neighbourhood House	Rana Dhatt	604-431-0400	bms.rana@shaw.ca	http://www.sbnh.ca/adults.htm
Burnaby-North	ESL Conversation Circle	Public library	Practice your English and meet people in a friendly, relaxed environment. Each week a librarian will lead a discussion on a variety of everyday topics. Adult learners must have some knowledge of English to participate. FREE - drop-in. See www.bpl.bc.ca/events for current dates	Offered at the Bob Prittie Metrotown, McGill, and Tommy Douglas branches		604-436-5400 604-299-8955 604-522-3971	info@sbnh.ca	
Burnaby-South	ESL for Immigrant Women	Community group	Literacy and basic level English classes for newcomer women unable to attend ELSA	Pacific Immigrant Resources Society		604-298-5888	erref@bpl.bc.ca	www.bpl.bc.ca/locations-hours/tommy-douglas
Burnaby-South	ESL for Immigrant Women	Community group	A literacy and basic level English class for newcomer women who are unable to attend ELSA	Pacific Immigrant Resources Society		604-298-5888	kcarama@burnabyfamilylife.org	www.burnabyfamilylife.org
Burnaby	ESL Outreach Classes	Community college	Beginner to advanced ESL classes at various locations. Student needs and interests considered. Call for schedules, locations and eligibility. Financial aid may be available.	Vancouver Community College		604-871-7277 or 604-871-7145	ESLoutreach@vcc.ca	www.vcc.ca/programs/courses/detail.cfm?div_id=5&prog_id=65
Burnaby	ESL Outreach Homefront	Community college	Beginner to advanced ESL classes at various locations. Student needs and interests considered. Call for schedules, locations and eligibility. Financial aid may be available.	Vancouver Community College		604-871-7277 or 604-871-7145	ESLoutreach@vcc.ca	www.vcc.ca/programs/courses/detail.cfm?div_id=5&prog_id=65
Burnaby	ESL Outreach Library Drop-In	Community college	Beginner to advanced ESL classes at various locations. Student needs and interests considered. Call for schedules, locations and eligibility. Financial aid may be available.	Vancouver Community College		604-871-7277 or 604-871-7145	ESLoutreach@vcc.ca	www.vcc.ca/programs/courses/detail.cfm?div_id=5&prog_id=65
Burnaby		Other	A wide variety of courses covering everything from writing letters and formal reports to delivering technical briefings and sales presentations.	British Columbia Institute of Technology				www.bcit.ca/cas/communication
Burnaby	PELD (Professional English Language I)	Community group	Priority to EI clients. Information sessions every Tues: 10:00 am. Call to register	S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Burnaby Training Institute	Gretchen Quiring	604-412-7491	Gretchen_Quiring@bcit.ca	www.succesbc.ca
Burnaby	ESL: Employment Services	Community group	Continuous intake. Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: 9:15 - 11:30 am.	South Burnaby United Church	Louis Wong	604-434-8323		
Burnaby-South	ESL: Upper beginner only, conversation	Community group	A program for children grades 2 to 7 who experience barriers to academic success. Offered twice a week after school.				office@sbc.ca	
Burnaby-South	Homework Haven I-CARE	Community group	To help adults improve basic reading, writing and/or numeracy skills by matching them with a trained volunteer literacy tutor. Assessments and tutoring free of charge. A learner works with a tutor once a week at a time and place convenient for both.	South Burnaby Neighbourhood House		604-431-0400	info@sbnh.ca	www.sbnh.ca/children.htm
Burnaby	Immigrant Women's Support Group	Community group	Free. Group meets three times a year and runs for 2 hours, once a week for 10 weeks. Immigrant women can come and share their stories and strengths and help with English skills. Free childcare.	Douglas College		604-527-5409		www.douglas.bc.ca/ca/htm/programsandcourses/picare.htm
Burnaby	Immigrant Women's Support Group	Community group	Free. Group meets three times a year and runs for 2 hours, once a week for 10 weeks. Immigrant women can come and share their stories and strengths and help with English skills. Free childcare.	Pacific Immigrant Resources Society	Nevin Massing	604-298-5888	massingn@douglas.bc.ca	www.burnabyfamilylife.org/
Burnaby	Literacy Outreach Coordinator	Community group	Supporting literacy services and planning in your community.	Susan Cathcart			kcarama@burnabyfamilylife.org	
Burnaby	Literacy Program	Community group	Achieving literacy helps overcome many auditory, memory and language learning obstacles. This program develops new literacy skills and supports abilities that may be latent. Includes an in-depth assessment of current reading level, detailed instruction in forming new skills, and monitoring of progress. 2 hours a week, 8 weeks.	Down Syndrome Research Foundation	Susan Cathcart	604-444-3773	susan_c@telus.net	
Burnaby-East	Local library	Public library		Cameron Library	Joy Hayden	604-421-5454	joy@dsrf.org	www.dsrf.org
Burnaby-North	Local library	Public library		McGill Library		604-299-8955		www.bpl.bc.ca/cameron.htm www.bpl.bc.ca/mcgill.htm

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Burnaby-West Burnaby	Local library Mother Goose	Public library Community group	Rhymes, songs and stories taught to parents and children at weekly meetings. Call for details.	Metrotown Library Edmonds Neighbourhood Resource Centre		604-436-5410 604-659-2206		www.tbl.bc.ca/metro.htm www.burnabyfamilylife.org/programs/families.htm#MothersG
Burnaby	Mother Goose	Community group	Rhymes, songs and stories taught to parents and children at weekly meetings. Call for details.	Burnaby Family Life		604-659-2206		www.burnabyfamilylife.org/programs/families.htm#MothersG
Burnaby-North	North Burnaby Adult Education	School district	School completion for Grade 11 and 12 courses. Starts every 15 weeks. Self-paced upgrading to Grade 10 in English, mathematics, science, social studies. Prepare for GED exams or Dogwood completion.	School District 41		604-664-8533		
Burnaby	One-On-One Tutoring	Community group	We recruit and train volunteers to work with learners in the following literacy programs: Domestic Workers ESL Program, African Women's ESL Support Program, African Children's Homework Clubs, Britannia High School Homework Club, Fresh Start Alternative Classroom, ARIES Aboriginal Youth Project, Morley Elementary Learning Club, Canucks Family Education Centre, Mount Pleasant Community Literacy Circles. If you are a learner interested in these programs, please call them directly.	Frontier College		604-713-5848	burnabyoe@sd41.bc.ca	www.burnabyca.com www.frontiercollege.ca
Burnaby	Parenting and Family Literacy Centres	School district	A variety of play-based problem-solving activities for the child and parents to experience, in a culturally sensitively environment. Simultaneously, the programs prepare the school for children.	School District 41	Kathy Powelson Janey Talbot	604-664-8416	kpowelson@frontiercollege.ca talbot@sd41.bc.ca	
Burnaby-North	Parenting for Immigrants	Community group	To help with parenting in new country. Free program meets 3 times a year for 2 hours week for 8 weeks. Free childcare.	Burnaby Family Life		604-659-2211	kcmarra@burnabyfamilylife.org	www.burnabyfamilylife.org
Burnaby-North	Power of Family Reading	Community group	Promoting literacy to families of children aged 0-5, teaching the importance of reading with children.	Cameray Child and Family Services		604-291-7422	susan.roberts@telus.net	www.cameray.ca
Burnaby-West Burnaby-East	StrongStart - Cascade Heights StrongStart - Edmonds Elementary	School district School district	Play-based early learning for preschool children (attending with families/caregivers), with certified educators. Free, healthy snack. Drop-in or continuous attendance.	School District 41 School District 41		604-664-8645 604-664-8683		
Burnaby-North	StrongStart - Forest Grove Elementary	School district	Play-based early learning for preschool children (attending with families/caregivers), with certified educators. Free, healthy snack. Drop-in or continuous attendance.	School District 41		604-664-8690		
Burnaby-West	StrongStart - Maywood Community	School district	Play-based early learning for preschool children (attending with families/caregivers), with certified educators. Free, healthy snack. Drop-in or continuous attendance.	School District 41		604-664-8344		
Burnaby-South Burnaby-East	StrongStart - Morley Elementary StrongStart - Second Street Community	School district School district	Play-based early learning for preschool children (attending with families/caregivers), with certified educators. Free, healthy snack. Drop-in or continuous attendance.	School District 41 School District 41		604-664-8774 604-664-8819		
Burnaby-South Burnaby-East	StrongStart - Stride Avenue StrongStart -Twelfth Avenue	School district School district	Play-based early learning for preschool children (attending with families/caregivers), with certified educators. Free, healthy snack. Drop-in or continuous attendance.	School District 41 School District 41		604-664-8854 604-664-8870		
Burnaby	Study Buddy	Community group	The Study Buddy Program nurtures the self-esteem of girls by matching them with caring volunteers who offer them educational support and academic assistance. This program is for girls, ages 7 to 17, who demonstrate a need for academic support and are from either a single parent family or a dual parent family who cannot access one-to-one tutoring due to financial constraints.	Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland		604-873-4525 ext. 300		www.bigsisters.bc.ca/en/Home/Programs/StudyBuddy.asp www.bigsisters.bc.ca
Burnaby	Youth Centre	Community group	Drop-in tutorial help for Chinese Canadian youth 13-25.	Chinese Christian Mission		604-877-8606		

The community the program serves.

Brief description of program

Lead organization providing the service - if more than one in partnership, the one a learner should contact to find out more

The name of the contact person responsible for providing information about the program.

The number, with extension if applicable, that should be called to find out more about or join the program.

The email address that should be used to contact person responsible for providing information about the program.

The webpage url that would be most relevant for someone wanting to find out more.

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-	Aboriginal Education Coordinator	School district	We strive to ensure that school age Aboriginal children are receiving the services they need.	School District 41	Lyn Daniels	604-664-8294	lyn.daniels@sd41.bc.ca	www.sd41.bc.ca
-	Adult/Continuing Education Coordinator	School district	Call for advice on basic education options for adults and young adults.	School District 41	Donna Scott	604-664-8502	donna.scott@sd41.bc.ca	www.sd41.bc.ca
-	ESL Coordinator	School district	Your school district is here to serve school-age children with ESL needs.	School District 41	Franca Zumpano	604-664-8567	franca.zumpano@sd41.bc.ca	www.sd41.bc.ca
-	Literacy Coordinator	School district	We strive to ensure that school age children are receiving the services they need.	School District 41	Jennifer Bach	604-664-8311	jennifer.bach@sd41.bc.ca	www.sd41.bc.ca
-	Special Needs Coordinator	School district	We strive to ensure that school age children are receiving the services they need.	School District 41	Elizabeth Crescenzo	604-717-5073	ecrescenzo@sd41.bc.ca	www.sd41.bc.ca
-	Greater Vancouver Distance Education School (Vancouver Learning Network)	School district	Flexible learning for all ages. Work independently using paper-based and/or online course materials. Grades K-12.	DISTANCE ED for School District 41	Cindy Gauthier	604-713-5520		vln.vsb.bc.ca