

YMCA CCRR Workshops

Defiance, Cooperation & Helping Children Soften Defences - Oct 5th, 9AM-1:30PM, Coquitlam CCRR, \$20.

Complaints & Reportable incidents - Oct 16th, 7-9PM, Coquitlam CCRR, \$5.

Expressive Art Self Care: Oct 19th, 10-11:30AM Coquitlam CCRR, FREE!

Making It Fun: Engaging Activities for Children - Oct 22nd, 6:30-8:30PM, Century House (New Westminster), \$5

Learning Together Series: Metis Nations: Oct 26th, 8:30AM-3:00PM, Coquitlam CCRR, \$5.

Visit myymca.ca to register!

YMCA CCRR Program News

Welcome Fall! This season brings so many exciting events! In September, we hosted two Open Houses at our Coquitlam and New Westminster offices, attracting over 150 visitors and featuring special guests:



Elder Maria Reed (Waabigekek Ikwe)



CreativeLime's Jenna for Facepainting



high quality vendors, door prizes, and so much more!

We hope you had the chance to visit the new Exploration Area in the Coquitlam office...



...and also our new lending library in New Westminster! If not, come by anytime. :)



Lastly, this month many families will be celebrating Thanksgiving, Halloween, and Diwali (which starts on the 31st). Check out our Library Corner for some seasonal suggestions to help you celebrate with items from our Early Learning Resource Library.

YMCA CCRR Program Features

Our Fall Seasonal Resource Sheet honors the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, incorporating insights from the Early Learning Framework. Every Child Matters encourages meaningful conversations that further the vital work we do with families, child care providers, and the child care workforce we support. Join us for our workshop, Learning Together Series: Metis Nation, to help further your learning.

NEW We are now offering supportive site visits to Child Care Programs! Sign up [here](#) to have us visit your child care program where we can provide Story/Circle Time, Provocation Setup, Event Support, and even Professional Development Workshops (certificate included!). These services include providing Early Learning Library resource drop off/pick up to families and child care programs, too!

NEW Our Early Learning Library Portal now hosts photos of our library resources, meaning you can now place holds and view photos of our library resources all in one place. Hurray!

YMCA CCRR Event Photos



Did you get photographed at one of our events? Check out our social media to see if you were featured!

Community Events

Burnaby Halloween Festival - Oct 3rd-31st, Swangard Stadium & Central Park.

All Hallow's Eve Craft Market - Oct 5th & 6th, 11AM-4PM, Sapperton Hall (318 Keary St).



Burnaby Artisan Farmer's Markets - Saturdays in October, 9AM-2PM, Burnaby City Hall.

Diwali Coquitlam - Oct 18th, 6-8PM, Town Centre Park Community Centre.



Fangtastic Family Fun - Oct 26th, 11:30AM-1:30PM, Queensborough Community Centre.

Heritage Halloween: Alice in Scary Wonderland - Oct 26th, 12-3PM, Coquitlam Heritage at Mackin House.

Family Resources

Our website now has a dedicated page for hosting the Family Drop-In Program sheets for the communities of Burnaby, New Westminster, and the Tri-Cities! To view it, please click on the below:

www.gv.ymca.ca/drop-programs

The YMCA CCRR also offers drop-in programs! Our Circle of Friends Family Resource Program and Bettie Allard Family Drop-In Program give children the chance to socialize, acquire new skills, explore artistic activities, sing songs, enjoy storytelling, and much more! Resources are also available at these programs to help you learn about child development, parenting challenges, and community supports. We invite you to join us!

Child Care News

Subscribe to the ChildCareBC Bulletin to stay informed of any updates! The latest update contains information about the following:

- New \$10 a Day Intake Coming this Fall
- The Verification Audit Unit
- 2025-26 Minor Capital Funding Requests for School Districts
- Appetite to Play: Meal Planning and Eating Well in the Early Years workshop
- First Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding on Early Learning and Child Care for First Nations

ChildCareBC - The 2024 Child Care Sector Engagement Pool Survey is now open. All child care professionals, organizations and child care sector partners in British Columbia are invited to participate in a short survey to join ChildCareBC's pool of organizations and individuals who are interested in participating in upcoming engagements. The information and feedback we receive during these engagement sessions help us continue to work to build an affordable, inclusive and quality child care system in British Columbia.

Reminder: The 2024 British Columbia general election is scheduled for October 19, 2024. Starting September 21, 2024, when the election is officially called, the B.C. government will enter a caretaker period which limits government communication to statutory, routine, emergency or public health and safety matters. Families, providers and the early childhood workforce will continue to be supported through ChildCareBC programs during the caretaker period.



Article of Interest



The BC Aboriginal Child Care Society has a resource library that you can access! The Resource Centre's collection is focused on materials with Indigenous content and promotes learning and information sharing among parents, child care students and professionals, educators, academics, researchers, policymakers and anyone interested in Indigenous early learning. Become a member to borrow materials, get discounts on their annual conference, and more!

Highlighted here is one of their ECE Curriculum Kits-Moe the Mouse® Speech and Language Development Program. This kit is an innovative early speech and language resource that uses Indigenous toys and stories to enhance language development in children ages 3-5. Activities and materials in the curriculum box help parents and educators provide opportunities for children to practice language skills in a natural setting.

For further information, please see:

- Moe the Mouse® Speech and Language Development Program
- BCACCS Resource Centre

YMCA CCRR Services ... We are here to help!

Families

- Child Care Information and Referrals, including community referrals.
- Knowledge of ChildCareBC initiatives to help lessen the cost of child care (Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative) and support with the application process (Affordable Child Care Benefit).
- Workshops, drop-in programs and family programming to help assist you in your parenting journey.
- Early learning library resources for borrowing to help foster your child's development through play.

Child Care Providers and Child Care Workforce

- Information on becoming a Licensed Child Care Provider.
- Application assistance for ChildCareBC initiatives, i.e., Start Up Grant Funding, Wage Enhancement, Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative., etc.
- Workshops and courses to help nourish your early learning practices.
- Community referrals to help strengthen your child care programs.
- Professional networking opportunities to help widen your child care community.
- Early learning library resources for borrowing to help supplement your curricula and early learning provocations.

Early Learning Library Corner

This October, our library proudly presents the Metis Nations BC kits, developed by the Metis Nations BC as a part of the ongoing Learning Together Series. Don't miss the chance to participate in a workshop about these kits on October 26 – register [here](#).

Additionally, Thanksgiving offers a wonderful opportunity to express gratitude while exploring the themes of growing, harvesting, and enjoying delicious food!



**Metis Nations BC Kits:
50317; 50325; 50333**



09255 Growing Vegetable Soup



01013 Thanks to the Animals

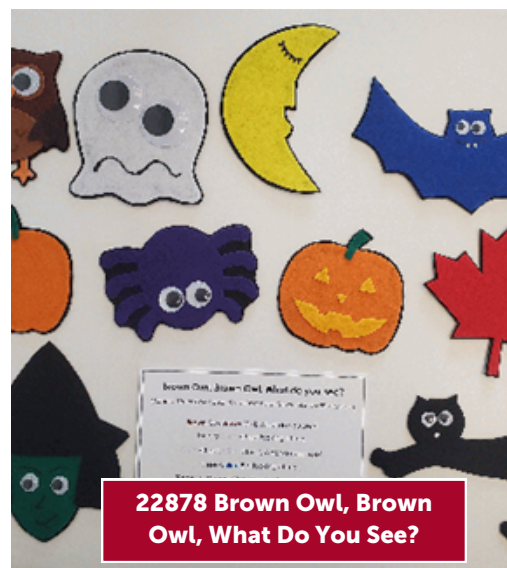
October is also a lovely month for events and special days, including Diwali and Halloween!



32075 Diwali



31598 First Halloween



22878 Brown Owl, Brown Owl, What Do You See?

**Social Media & YMCA CCRR
Early Learning Library**

On our social media platforms, we frequently showcase resources through our Exploring Materials series. Moreover, our Virtual Story Times highlight our resources in use, complete with song suggestions. Follow us to explore these offerings!

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