

YMCA CCRR Workshops

Guiding, Caring & Discipline

Jan 22, 10:00AM – 11:30AM, Online
via ZOOM, FREE!

Networking: Behaviour in the Early Years: A Conversation

Jan 23, 6:30PM – 8:00PM, Burnaby
CCRR, \$5.

Visit myymca.ca to register!

YMCA CCRR Event Photos



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

YMCA CCRR Program News

"It's not about what it is. It's about what it can become." – Dr. Seuss

Hello, 2025! A new year brings a fresh beginning, and we have just 78 days until the arrival of spring!



While we wait, let's keep the festivities going with Chinese New Year! The Year of the Snake will be welcomed on January 29th, 2025.



We eagerly anticipate our annual CCRR Early Learning and Child Care Conference scheduled for February 22. This year's conference will feature exciting highlights, including five Professional Development hours, an ECPN Exhibit, gift bags, prizes, and vendors!



Reflecting on our past, we hosted some enjoyable Networking events in December. If you missed out, feel free to enjoy the photos on the left and be sure to register early for the upcoming events that are on the way!

In the meantime, don't forget to explore our "Staff Title" Resources available in our Early Learning Lending Library at the end of this newsletter!

YMCA CCRR Program Features

It's time for our yearly program evaluation survey! Completing it will take approximately five minutes, and by doing so, you'll have a chance to win two FREE workshops! We would love to hear your feedback and thoughts regarding our YMCA Child Care Resource and Referral program. Your opinions are incredibly important to us and will help shape our future planning and decision-making. We truly value your input!

In case you haven't heard, CCRR programs throughout the province can now help promote early learning job openings on EYPD. Are you a child care provider with a job opportunity you'd like to advertise on EYPD? If so, please reach out to us here. This service is provided at no cost, and we are here to help.

Have you signed-up for a supportive site visit yet? Our consultants are eager to assist you with Library Resource Provocation Setup, Story/Circle Time, Event Support, and even Professional Development Workshops (certificate included!). Additionally, we offer resource drop-off and pick-up services for our Early Learning Library materials! Request a supportive site visit here.

For a dose of seasonal inspiration, take a look at our Winter Seasonal Resource Sheet, which offers thoughts and ideas to help you navigate this delightful season. We'd love to see how you're utilizing our library resources, so please share your photos with us to be included in the Child Care Corner of our annual Seasonal Resource Sheet!

Are you making the most of our Early Learning Library Portal? This resource allows you to search for items and place them on hold, ensuring they're available when you need them! Additionally, it features photos and content lists that simplify the resource counting process significantly!

Make sure to also explore the Indigenous Edition Catalogue of our Early Learning Resource Library for inspiration that can enhance your practice.

Are you seeking additional Professional Development hours but find yourself short on time? Explore our Self-Paced online Workshops available through YMCA Ignite, allowing you to study anytime, even at midnight! If you prefer in-person workshops, sign up here.

Community Events

Lights at Lafarge: Lafarge Lake, now until the end of February 2025, 4-10PM daily.

Port Moody Winter Farmers Market: Port Moody Recreation Complex, Sundays until April 27th, 10AM-2PM.

Christmas Tree Chip and Disposal - Events and Programs:

- Burnaby (Jan 6-24)
- Port Coquitlam (Jan 4-5)
- Coquitlam (Jan 4-5)



Winter Discovery Days: Fraser River Discovery Center, Dec 21 – Jan 5, 10AM–4PM daily.

Lunar New Year Celebration: Coquitlam Heritage at Mackin House, Jan 18th, 12PM-3PM.

Safe Community Series: City of Burnaby (online Via Zoom), January 23rd, 6-7PM.

Family Resources

Every season, the YMCA CCRR offers free Drop-in Program sheets for families with young children in Tri-Cities, Burnaby, and New Westminster. These programs include in-person and online activities for children up to 6 years old. Check out this season's Drop-In Programs!

Families with young children are invited to our two drop-in programs: Circle of Friends Family Resource Program and the Bettie Allard YMCA Family Drop-In. These welcoming spaces offer opportunities for socialization, sharing parenting experiences, learning from guests, and engaging in creative activities with your children. We hope to see you soon!

Child Care News

Subscribe to the ChildCareBC Bulletin to stay informed of any updates! Past Bulletin editions can be found here.

Government of Canada - Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Early Childhood Education: Did you know that you can nominate an early childhood educator or teacher for the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Early Childhood Education? Award recipients are celebrated for their leadership, outstanding practices in early childhood education, and dedication to providing children with a strong foundation for a successful start in life. These awards are managed by Innovation, Science and Economic Development on behalf of the Prime Minister, in collaboration with Employment and Social Development Canada, Indigenous Services, and the Public Health Agency of Canada. Be sure to nominate a child care provider or teacher by the deadline of January 15th!

Article of Interest

Ruptures in the Margins: Storytelling Outside of Euro-Western Practices Pt 1 - Chelsea Hann (Early Childhood Pedagogy Network).

"In early childhood programs, stories are woven into the fabric of daily life in many ways. Whether greeting children and hearing about their weekend adventures, comforting a sick child with a favourite book, exchanging ideas with a group of children at the lunch table, or sharing exciting moments of the day with families, stories are ever-present. These examples highlight how stories thrive in exchanges; this is not an exhaustive list of how stories live within early years programs.

Stories are central to early childhood education because they shape how we understand ourselves and the world around us. In this blog post, I explore the complexity of the term "story" and consider what stories in early childhood education might look like and make possible... "

To read more, see here.



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

We're kicking off the New Year by sharing some of our staff's favorite library resources! Stop by to chat with our team and discover how these resources can enrich your childcare program or be used with your child at home. Each featured resource below includes its shelf location within our early learning resource library for your convenience. Enjoy!



Circle Stories
29428 Good-Night Owl



Infant
33370 Dune Ride 2



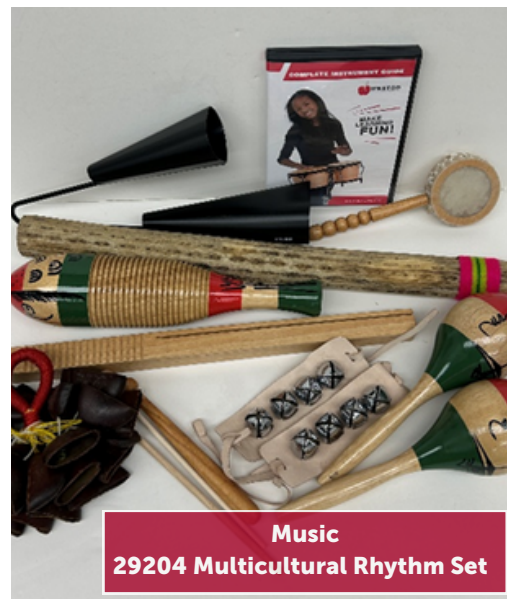
Toddler
32596 Animal Farm



Manipulative
50358 Mix & Match Owls



Science
14073 Snap Circuits Jr



Music
29204 Multicultural Rhythm Set

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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