

International Literacy Day September 8

The Prince Albert Literacy Network celebrated International Literacy Day by handing out free books and snacks at the Farmers' Market in September. This annual tradition is aimed to promote reading and raise awareness about literacy. Shoppers picked up novels, kids' books, and more, all free of charge.

Literacy is more than just reading books, it shapes and is a reflection of our communities. When people have strong literacy skills, they're more likely to get good jobs, stay informed, support their kids' education, and take part in community life. But when literacy levels are low, it can lead to higher unemployment, less civic engagement, and even more strain on



social services. When we invest in literacy, we're not just helping individuals, we're building a smarter, more connected, and resilient community for everyone.

Infant Sign Language

In September, we had a blast at the Healthy Start Baby Expo where we met so many amazing new and expectant moms! It was great to chat, share stories, and hand out free infant sign language books. Thank you to everyone who stopped by—can't wait to see you using those signs with your little ones!



Do you ever wish you knew what your baby was thinking? Infant sign language might just be your new best friend. Teaching babies simple signs like "milk", "more", or "all done", can help babies communicate before they can speak. That means fewer tears, less frustration, and more bonding. You don't need to be fluent in sign language to start. Just a few consistently used signs can go a long way. Imagine your little one signing "eat" instead of crying—you'll both feel more understood.

So if you're looking for a simple way to connect and communicate early

with your baby, give infant sign language a try. It's a small tool that brings big peace of mind.



Thank you, Conexus!

Financial literacy workshops remain a highly valued resource for our community. Last season, the Prince Albert Literacy Network successfully led 37 financial literacy workshops, benefitting 200 participants!

Thanks to the generous backing from Conexus Credit Union's Community Investment program, we are pleased to offer Spending Plans, Banking Basics, Borrowing Money, and Ways to Save workshops again this year, at no cost to participants and local organizations.

We sincerely appreciate Conexus for their continued and generous support. Thank you for being a fantastic partner!





We Invite You to Volunteer with Us

As part of our services, we continue to provide FREE tutoring for adult learners. Join our group of dedicated volunteers and share your gift of literacy. How do you get started?

Become a Tutor in 4 Easy Steps:

- CONTACT the Adult Literacy Coordinator at 306-922-6852 or tlc.paln@sasktel.net
- 2. COMPLETE a Volunteer Tutor Application
- 3. **GET** a Criminal Record Check
- 4. ATTEND the free Tutor Training Workshop

If you would like to volunteer with us in another way, please visit **www.princealbertliteracy.ca** and select the volunteer tab.

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