

## New Storysack Alert



The Prince Albert Literacy Network was excited to work with community members to add a new Storysack to our lending library.

“Inspired by a true story, *Harley the Hero* celebrates the work of service animals and the normalization of neurodivergence. Author-illustrator, Peggy Collins, brings Harley and his class to charming life and concludes with an Author's Note about the real dog behind the fictional Harley.” *Pajama Press*

This Storysack helps teach children about interacting with service dogs and the roles they play in the lives of people in our community. We launched the Storysack at the Prince Albert Family Resource Centre around a “campfire” on the day the Prince Albert firefighters visited. Harley was so popular, we read the story three times to approximately 30 children. The stuffed Harley enjoyed walks around the centre with many of the children.

Watch for additional new releases in the Fall!!!

## Summer Literacy Activities for Families

Schools out for summer! It doesn't take too long before you hear the dreaded, “I'm bored” or you run out of ideas for things to do with the kids. Reality sinks in and you realize they have two whole months off! Here are some quick ways to keep your child's brain active all summer long!

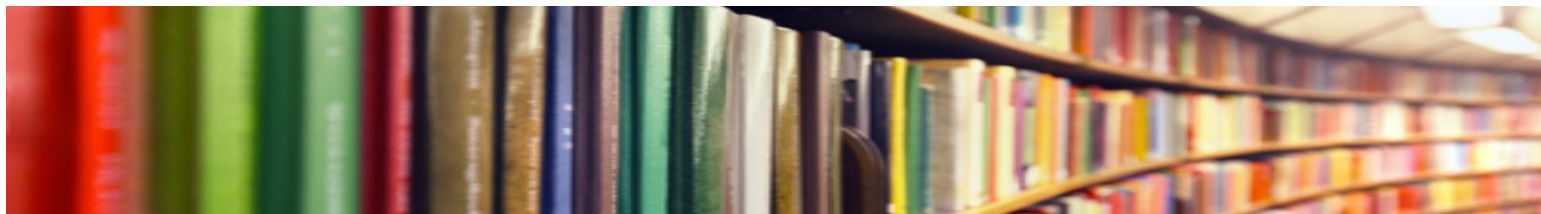
### **Read ANYTHING!**

Whether it's Pokémon cards, graphic books (comic books), recipe cards, or building instructions, just read!

**Involve your kids in any work or chores around the house and yard.** Cooking, gardening, and sorting the playroom are all great ways to encourage literacy in a real world and constructive manner.

**Going on a trip?** Near (to the park) or far (to grandma's house), it doesn't matter. Involve your children in making the packing lists and gathering everything needed for your adventures.

**Create a school break scavenger hunt.** Find all the playgrounds in town. Can you find all the letters of your name in nature?



## Volunteer Appreciation

We held our annual volunteer appreciation chili-and-a-chat gathering on May 7 to celebrate our volunteers. We acknowledge that they make waves of positive change through their gifts of time, knowledge and special skills. Our volunteers include PALN board members, tutors for adult learners, resource creators, event helpers, and adult and family literacy program facilitators. We had the good fortune to connect new volunteers with one another, share ideas and common experiences. We are always grateful for the time and thoughtfulness that all of our volunteers bring to our organization. Thank you!



*The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.*

- Coretta Scott King

## Cheryl Deforest Memorial Bursary



This year in honor of Cheryl Deforest, we awarded the Cheryl Deforest Memorial Bursary to a deserving family. We are so proud of the family who received the bursary this year. It is an understatement to say that parenting a child with diverse needs can be a challenge, but their dedication, patience, and commitment to lifelong learning is commendable and worthy of recognition. We truly feel Cheryl would have been impressed by this young family. Cheryl was a longtime PALN volunteer and advocate who went above and beyond to support others on their learning journeys. This bursary represents Cheryl's love of all things literacy and is a fitting and meaningful gift. Thank you, Cheryl and family!

