

**Become a member!**

*Join us in working together for literacy!*

**Become a tutor!**

Contact Saskatchewan Literacy Network 651-7288

**Do you need help?**

*With reading, writing or math?*

Dumont Technical Institute	242-6071
Radius Community Center	665-0362
READ Saskatoon	652-5448
Royal West Campus	683-7540
Saskatoon Food Bank & Learning Center	664-6565
Saskatoon Open Door Society	653-4464
SIASST- Kelsey Campus	659-4051



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# International Literacy Day



***“Literacy is Freedom”***  
September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010

International Literacy Day Kit for  
Schools and Families

***The Saskatoon Literacy Coalition Inc.***

## *What is International Literacy Day?*

Each year, September 8<sup>th</sup> marks the celebration of literacy and learning internationally. ILD was first declared by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) in 1965 and continues to be a day to raise public awareness about those who struggle with the skills to reach their goals.

### *What is Literacy?*

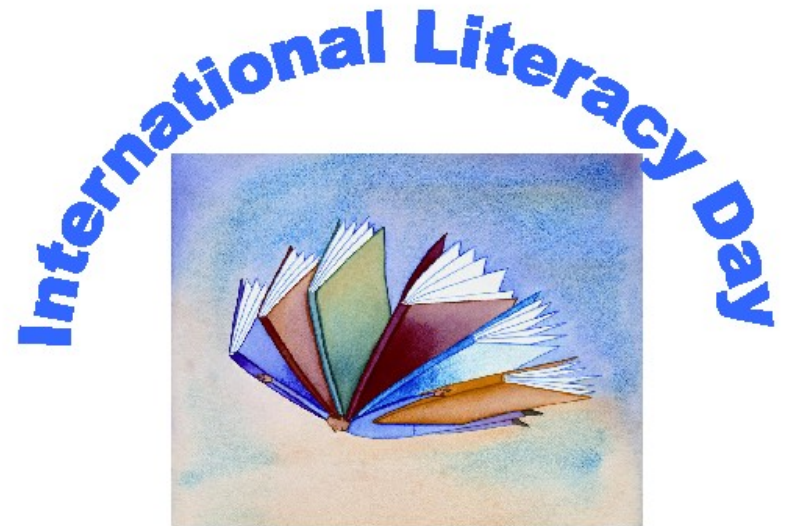
“Literacy is more than reading and writing– it is about how we communicate as a society. It is about social practices and relations, about knowledge, language and culture.”

United Nations



“Come join in the celebration and help promote literacy in our community. Your presence and interest do make a difference.”

Special thanks to Yvonne, Dana Lee, Mary Lou and Maureen from the Public School Division who provided valuable ideas for this kit.



*“Literacy is Freedom.”*

## **The Saskatoon Literacy Coalition**

invites you to

**Celebrate International Literacy Day**

**Every School, Business, Organization and Citizen in Saskatoon is invited to Drop Everything and Read for 15 minutes at 1:00 p.m. on September 8, 2010.**

*In 2009, 21,587 people in Saskatoon registered to Drop Everything and Read for 15 minutes for International Literacy Day. Let's see how many people we can get reading at once this year!*

Register your participation by emailing [CLSieben@gscs.sk.ca](mailto:CLSieben@gscs.sk.ca) with the name of your organization and number of people participating.



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*“Literacy is Freedom”*

## The Saskatoon Literacy Coalition Inc.

invites you to attend their annual celebration on



**Wednesday September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 10:00 A.M.**

at SIAST Kelsey Campus on the front lawn, Idylwyld & 33rd St.  
Literacy Day cake, entertainment, public speakers,  
free books & more.

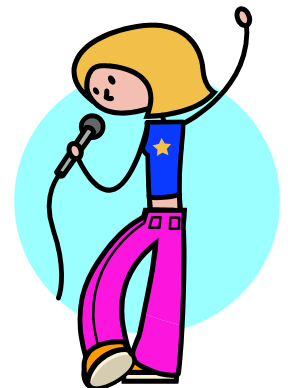
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## **How can we celebrate International Literacy Day?**

- Bring your family or classroom to SIAST Kelsey Campus for the festivities on September 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. till noon.
- Have a local author visit. Bring in guest readers or storytellers.
- Discuss why it is important to be able to read. What challenges would you face if you couldn't read?
- Make a bookmark, decorate a book bag or design a poster about literacy.
- Host a book swap between families, classrooms, schools or businesses in your community.
- Send books with fun activities home to families.
- Highlight book programs with a pancake breakfast or ILD kickoff.
- Share your favorite book with friends and relatives. Find out what are their favorite books.
- Host a “camp out and read” event.
- Host a contest to write a song, poem or rap about literacy. Try a popular game show (Idol competition, Who wants to be a millionaire?...)
- Create a photo collage on literacy.



## More ways to celebrate International Literacy Day

- Visit your public library.
- Interview a grandparent or friend on how technology has changed.
- Partner with a school in a developing country and become pen pals.
- Develop a board game and organize a games night.
- Bring in a guest speaker from a local literacy organization.
- Create a crossword puzzle based on your school's website.
- Follow a recipe.
- Perform a skit or put on a puppet show.
- Make a map of your neighborhood.
- Read *We are all born free : the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in pictures.* by Amnesty International or visit [www.un.org/cyberschoolbus/humanrights/resources/plain.asp](http://www.un.org/cyberschoolbus/humanrights/resources/plain.asp)
- Create a secret code and have a family member decipher it.
- Use student quotes over the school intercom, belief statements about literacy and quotes from famous Canadians who have faced literacy challenges.
- Find out how International Literacy Day is celebrated in other communities by visiting: [www.nald.ca/info/events/annual/ild/ild.htm](http://www.nald.ca/info/events/annual/ild/ild.htm)
- Send us your ideas on how your school or family can celebrate International Literacy Day!



## Making Books Come Alive!

Parents and caregivers:

There are many family literacy programs going on in your community and at your public library. Ask your child's teacher for more information or call your local literacy organization for details.

Find out what stories your children enjoy and build on them.

- **Ask questions** to encourage discussion about a book, magazine article or tv show.
- **Role-play!** Try acting out the story or use puppets to retell the story. Raid the toy box for props to help tell a story. Dress up in a costume, wear a funny hat or create a mask to wear to tell the story.
- Making up silly words, sounds, actions to **create humor!**
- Try a **variety of books:** touch, push, pull tab books, on-line books and I spy books.
- **Story based snack time!** Try making a snack that relates to the story you just read or are about to read.
- **Reading books on the computer.** There are lots of on-line books available for adults and children to explore together. Many are packed with games and craft ideas to follow.



Adapted from: *READ it ALoud! A parents' guide to sharing books with young children.* By Monty Haas and Laurie Joy Haas.