

## Boundary Communities Read

Boundary Communities Read is the local literacy program serving the entire Boundary. As the Community Literacy Coordinator, I hope to use this space on a regular basis to keep you informed about program happenings, volunteer opportunities, as well as offering tools and tips to keep you and your family engaged with books and lifelong learning.

The One to One Reading Program has been offered in various schools in the district for a number of years. This program, which was originally developed in Vancouver, partners trained volunteers with students who require extra one to one tutoring to keep their reading levels up. The volunteers commit at least one and a half hours a week, in which they see three different students, from Grades 1 - 7, for half an hour each. The success rate of this program is incredible. Children thrive when given one to one instruction. Being able to improve one's reading skills opens doors to all sorts of increased learning opportunities and skills.

This program desperately needs new volunteers. A FREE volunteer training session will be held in May. This 2 1/2 hour training session includes a manual that the volunteers get to keep. If you feel like you are able to spare 1 1/2 hours per week, to make a huge difference in a child's life, please contact me as soon as possible. The actual volunteering will not take place until September/October and the first session will run for 10 weeks.

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