



Read On!

A news page for
Renfrew-Collingwood learners

ESL Learning Centre at Renfrew Library

The Renfrew Branch of the Vancouver Public Library has an ESL Learning Centre. The address is 2969 East 22nd Avenue.

The Renfrew Learning Centre is open on Tuesday from 2:30 pm to 8:30 pm and on Thursday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. You may drop-in. This means you don't have to register before you go and you may go at any time the ESL Learning Centre is open. You may stay for a short time or a long time.

The ESL Learning Centre is part of Vancouver Community College. This service is free. You must be a permanent resident, a Canadian citizen, a convention refugee or have an extended work permit to join this program.

Students work alone and are assisted by a tutor. A tutor is similar to a teacher, but a tutor works with one or two people. When possible the tutor helps students work together. Students listen to recorded lessons, practice writing and ask the tutor questions. The tutor is there to help you improve your English.

There are other ESL Learning Centres at other



branches of the Vancouver Public Library. To find a list of all the centres, you can go to www.eslprograms.vcc.ca and click on "Learning Centres."

On that website, you will also find information about other ESL programs. One is called Homefront Tutoring. People who can't leave the house easily can still learn English. The trained volunteer tutors go to the learner's home.

You will also find a blog for ESL students. A blog (short for web log) is a personal journal that is on-line. The person that writes the blog is called a blogger. Check out www.englishinthecommunity.blogspot.com

Vancouver Community College's Outreach Program provides many ways to learn English right here in our community. You don't have to go far from where you live to find new ways to improve your English.






Pat Steiner coordinates this page for learners. She is an ESL teacher.

Read On! has a web page where you can:

- Read and listen to articles
- Print teachers' notes

www.cnh.bc.ca/rccnews/readOn.html

Reading levels on this page

1. easy and short 
2. so-so 
3. a little harder 

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The following is a paid advertisement by
Adrian Dix, MLA for Vancouver/Kingsway

Dear Neighbours,

5th Annual Seniors' Health & Wellness Fair

I would like to invite all seniors and their families to attend an entertaining and informative event in the Renfrew-Collingwood Seniors' Health and Wellness Fair. This event will take place at the Renfrew Park Community Centre on April 6, 2011, 2010. Doors will open at 10 am. There will be over 20 exhibitors providing participants information on issues such as heart health and stroke prevention, arthritis, diabetes and more. In addition to the wide range of exhibitor booths, we will also have live entertainment, gift bags and a free lunch! Register soon by calling my office at 604-660-0314 or by calling Renfrew Park Community Centre, Cheryl Palidda at 604-257-8390. We had a full crowd last year, so be sure to register early!



Apply Now for Neighbourhood Small Grants – Deadline March 31st

I am pleased to have the opportunity to share information about our own Collingwood program to increase the amount of diverse, community events happening in our community. Through the Neighbourhood Small Grants Program, any resident can apply for and receive \$50-\$500 of funding to host a community event! This funding can be put towards block parties, community gardens, roadside planters, a neighborhood street hockey tournament, cooking classes, mural painting supplies, or anything other ideas you have to brighten up our community!

The deadline to apply for a 2010 Neighbourhood Small Grant is March 31st. To apply, pick up a form at Collingwood Neighbourhood House at 5288 Joyce St (the corner of Joyce and Euclid) or call 604-435-0323 for more information.

Congratulations to Allison Lee!

I am proud to recognize the achievement of Allison Lee at Stratford Hall, who was recently presented with BC Science Achievement Awards by the British Columbia Innovation Council and the BC Science Teachers' Association. These awards are presented annually to students who have achieved outstanding academic performance in science subjects at the senior level. Again, my congratulation goes out to Allison and I am sure you will join me in her the best of luck in her future academic endeavours.

Please feel free to stop by my Community Office, located at 5022 Joyce St, (just north of the Joyce Collingwood SkyTrain station), at any time for help with a provincial government ministry or agency, information on government or community activities, or to let me know your opinion on issues of any nature. You can also reach me by phone at 604.660.0314 or by email at adrian.dix.mla@leg.bc.ca