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# Inspiring Stories

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## Family Literacy Week

Early literacy and numeracy skills are the building blocks for language, reading, and writing development. By reading together, singing, counting, and playing, parents can help build foundational skills that help support their children's educational and learning goals in the long run. In the Province of BC's Family Literacy Week Proclamation, it states that "Improving the reading, writing and other essential skills of all British Columbians is vital to the social and economic development of the Province, and research shows the strong influence parents have on the literacy development of their children."

NVDPL champions Family Literacy Week and Family Literacy Day every January with events that support children and parents learning together. One of the ways NVDPL Librarians are encouraging parents to develop literacy skills with their children is by placing tailored Literacy Tips on sticky notes and attaching them to books- and they are flying off the shelves! Check out some of the tips below.

### LITERACY TIPS

- "Read aloud to your children no matter how old they are! **They can understand much more than they might be able to read** on their own."
- "Engage with the book beyond the stories! You can **count objects** on the page or even talk about the colours."
- "Choose books about events in your child's life, such as starting preschool, going to the dentist, or getting a new pet!"
- "**Make reading part of your daily routine.** Try to think of unique times to read: read aloud while your children are having a snack or even at breakfast time."
- "Did you know the library has LOTS of books on animals. **Ask us to help you find a book** about your child's favourite animal!"
- "Short chapter books can be fun to read with younger children as bedtime stories. You can read one chapter each night!"

