

Strathcona Library Weekly News

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Dear students and families,

June is both National Indigenous History Month and PRIDE Month! Both events are important for our diverse and inclusive community. I am committed to anti-oppression education, and as the teacher librarian at Strathcona, I buy and promote children's literature that is inclusive and promotes diversity as a strength. I prioritize buying books that feature historically silenced voices. If you have any suggestions of books you would like to see in the library, please call the school or email me at jhong@vsb.bc.ca.

[Indigenous Children's Literature](#) [PRIDE Books for Children](#)

This is the final newsletter of the year. I have enjoyed writing these newsletters. Thank you for all your feedback and I wish you a wonderful, healthy summer with your loved ones. I look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Jen Hong
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Acknowledges that she lives on the unceded and traditional territories of the *skwxwú7mesh* (Squamish), *sel̓wítulh* (Tsleil-Waututh), and *xʷməθkʷəy̓əm* (Musqueam) nations.

Returning library books

[Please return all library books using these two methods:](#)

- Students returning to school can use the library return slot (beside library doors)
- A bin outside by the lunch pick up

Please note, families are not allowed in the school unless you have made an appointment with Janine or Jason.

Strathcona Restart Video

Are you wondering what Strathcona is like in these Covid times? Check out the [Strathcona Restart video](#)

VPL's Summer Reading Program

The Vancouver Public Library is hosting their fun summer reading program online! For more information, check out the VPL's

[Explore the Universe Video](#)
[Summer Reading Program Website](#)



Free Digital Books

[Vancouver Public Library](#)
Free ebooks and online databases/

[Indigenous Storybooks](#)

Multilingual including 5 Indigenous languages, English, French and Spanish. Read aloud option, printable.

[Storybooks Canada](#)

Multilingual books from African Storybooks. Read aloud option, printable.

[Starfall](#)

Literacy and math for primary students. Contact your classroom teacher for a free 4 month code.

[Raz Kids & Headsprout](#)

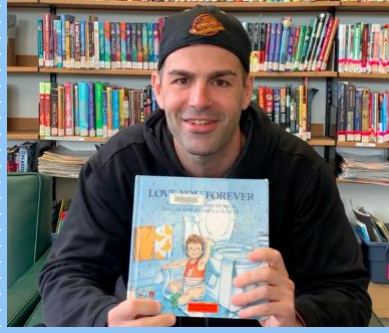
[Tumblebooks](#)

[Epic Books](#) free until June 30 through your classroom teacher

Special Guest Reader!

Join Steve Valente as he reads one of his favourite childhood stories!

[Love You Forever](#)



VSB Digital Library

Free databases

library.vsb.bc.ca

Select:
[Lord Strathcona](#)

Login using your
student number
and password

TIP: do NOT use
#@learn.vsb.bc.ca

Minecraft Trivia Kahoot Challenge!

Back by student request, I have reopened the latest Minecraft Trivia Challenges. Click the links below to play until Friday, June 19 @ 6pm

[Minecraft Novice Level](#)

[Minecraft Master Level](#)

Anti-Racist Children's Literature

If you are looking for anti-racist books to read with young people, here are a couple lists that may be helpful. I included only ones found in our school library. This is a short visual list of [Anti-Racist Children's Books](#) that we have in Strathcona School Library. Here are two lists of books we currently have in the school library:

Anti-Racist Children's Lit
We Need Diverse Books

To find these lists on the Strathcona Library Catalogue:

1. <https://library.vsb.bc.ca/>
2. select Lord Strathcona
3. Log in using your student # and password
4. select [Resource Lists](#) (left)
5. scroll to bottom
6. select **Anti-Racist Children's Lit** or **We Need Diverse Books**

StoryTime

Join me for Storytime – where I read aloud some of my favourite picture books.

[Gerri reads *Where the Wild Things Are*](#)

[Mr. Eng reads *Polar Bear's Underwear*](#)

[StoryTime with Claudia – *Little Bird's Bad Word*](#)

[Sometimes I Feel Like a Fox](#)

[C-3PO Does Not Like Sand](#)

[Birdsong](#)

[Amy Wu and the Perfect Bao](#)

Mme. Hong vous raconte une histoire

[Mme. Annie vous raconte une histoire](#)

[Chat Noir et Chat Blanc](#) by Claire Garralon

[Un Renard](#) par Kate Read

BookTalks

Join me for BookTalk – where I review and recommend recently read novels and graphic novels.

[White Bird](#)

[BookTalk: *Ending the Last*](#)

[El Deafo](#)

We Miss You Video

Dear Strathcona Dragons, the staff have some messages for you...