

Strathcona Library Weekly News

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Dear students and families,

For those of you returning this week, Welcome Back! I am excited to see you. For those of you not returning, you are missed and we are thinking of you

Reading diverse books is important all the time, and even more important with the increase in racist violence, both locally and farther away. Read children's books that directly address racism, look for **#ownvoices** books, authored by people who belong to the groups they are writing about, look for viewpoints and perspectives outside of the dominant narratives, as well as books that are respectfully inclusive of racial, gender, neuro, physical and sexuality diversity. [Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie talks about The Danger of a Single Story.](#)

Check out a selection of anti-racist, inclusive, and diverse children's literature in the Strathcona school library collection:

1. go to library.vsb.bc.ca
2. select Lord Strathcona
3. select [Resource Lists](#) (left)
4. scroll to bottom
5. select **We Need Diverse Books.**

Be well and stay safe,

Jen Hong she/her

Acknowledges that she lives on the unceded and traditional territories of the skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), selfwítulh (Tsilil-Waututh), and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) nations.

Epic Reads

I've set up my top Epic picks in collections on Epic. The links below should take you to the collection. If your class is not using Epic, send me an email jhong@vsb.bc.ca and I'll add you to the library class.



[Click here for Epic Reads Intermediate](#)

[Click here for Epic Reads Primary](#)



[Click here for Epic Reads French](#)



[Epic books for Asian Heritage Month](#)

Returning library books

Starting Monday, June 1, 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 made an appointment with Janine or Jason.

Strathcona Restart Video

Wondering what returning to school will be like this week? Check out the [Strathcona Restart video](#)

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!

This week in Strathcona's Remote Library, special guest Gerri reads *Where the Wild Things Are*.



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

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

Minecraft Trivia Kahoot Challenge!

Welcome to Strathcona's Minecraft Trivia Kahoot Challenge. There are four trivia games, so test your Minecraft knowledge! These are Kahoot Challenges. They are not timed events. You can play these anytime between now and Friday, June 5. Thank you to all the students who contributed questions and answers! Some questions may be repeats. Just play each game **once**.

When: Monday, May 25 to Friday, June 5

How: Click these links:

[Minecraft Trivia Level 1](#)

[Minecraft Trivia Level 2](#)

[Minecraft Novice](#)

[Minecraft Master](#)

This week in the remote library...

What are the latest StoryTimes and BookTalks?

Check out the most recent videos:

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

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

[Ms. Hong talks about a few novels](#)

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



StoryTime

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

[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: Endling the Last](#)

[El Deafo](#)

We Miss You Video

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