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Province Gives \$6 Million to Support Literacy Programs Across B.C.



Minister Shirley Bond (middle) with *Prince George Citizen* publisher Hugh Nicholson (left) and organizers at the Raise-a-Reader campaign launch on September 24, 2008.

The Province is expanding its literacy strategy with \$6 million to assist school districts and to reach rural, remote and Aboriginal communities with new programs.

A portion of the funding has been granted to 2010 Legacies Now to fund literacy coordination in all 60 B.C. school districts. The funding will also be used to invest in community adult literacy programs, delivered through post-secondary institutions across the province, and literacy programs for Aboriginal families, delivered through the B.C. Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centre.

The B.C. government through the Ministry of Education, is again matching all donations raised during CanWest's Raise-a-Reader campaign. Government has contributed nearly \$2.4 million to date.

For more information, please visit [Ministry of Education News](http://www.ministryofeducation.ca/news.gov.bc.ca/?organisation_obj_id=0b00921e8000057e) at www.news.gov.bc.ca/?organisation_obj_id=0b00921e8000057e.

Annual Teachers' Congress on November 28

The 3rd Annual Teachers' Congress will be held in Vancouver on November 28, 2008, and all BC public, independent and band school teachers as well as student teachers are invited to register. Applications will be accepted until 12:00PM on Thursday, October 30, 2008.

The goal of the Teachers' Congress is to encourage the discussion of important educational ideas and how they can be used in schools across the province.

Teachers will be randomly selected by an external organization. Selected teachers will receive further information by email on the week of November 4, 2008.

For more information on the Congress, please visit www.bced.gov.bc.ca/atc/.

Green Initiatives in B.C. Schools

Students and teachers are taking the lead in helping B.C. become more environmentally sustainable. To support students and teachers with sustainability initiatives in their schools and communities, the Ministry has developed the Green Schools strategy, which includes a number of new programs and resources. These may be found on the new Green Schools web page at: www.bced.gov.bc.ca/greenschools/

On September 23, the Ministry of Education and Science World British Columbia launched the BC Green Games. Students who take part in the BC Green Games may have a chance to win prize money for their school (\$50,000 will be awarded in total)! This will help winning schools sustain and support environmental action projects. Solar BC will also be awarding solar power systems to three of the winning schools.

Students from kindergarten to Grade 12 are invited to start or continue projects that make positive changes in their school or community relating to sustainable development, greenhouse gas reduction, or environmental stewardship. Projects can be done by a class, club or the whole school.

The registration period is September through November and winning entries will be announced in spring 2009. For more information, please visit the [BC Green Games](http://www.bcgreengames.ca/) website at www.bcgreengames.ca/.



Community Library Card from the University of British Columbia (UBC)

Borrow books for free from UBC! In celebration of its 100th birthday, UBC is offering a free community card from September 1 to December 15, 2008. B.C. residents can then borrow books from any UBC Library branch.

Apply for a community card in person at UBC library locations. For more information on card renewals and to apply online please visit www.library.ubc.ca/communitycard/.

BC Innovation Council Young Innovator Scholarship



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If you are a Grade 12 student thinking of building a career in B.C.'s advanced technology industries, you may have a chance to win the BC Innovation Council (BCIC) Young Innovator Scholarship.

The scholarship program includes a minimum \$2,000 for Grade 12 students and up to \$750 support for participating secondary schools.

For more information, including registration and eligibility guidelines, visit [BCIC Young Innovator Scholarship](http://BCIC Young Innovator Scholarship website) website or contact contact@bcic.ca and 604-602-5253.

Youth in Philanthropy Award

The National Philanthropy Day Committee is inviting nominations from schools and student groups that have shown outstanding achievement in supporting a charitable cause to improve the quality of life for others.

This is Victoria's 1st Annual Youth in Philanthropy Award, which celebrates and aims to increase awareness of "kids doing great things." A total of three \$500 awards will be given to the winner's school library or literacy program. The nomination deadline is October 15, 2008.

To find out more about the award and application forms, visit the National Philanthropy Committee website at www.npdvictoria.com/youth.php.



YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY AWARD

Honouring those who have shown outstanding achievement in the act of donating money, goods, time, or effort to support a charitable cause or undertaking in activities that are intended to promote good or improve quality of life for others.

Three Victoria schools will each be awarded \$500 towards their library or literacy program.

Is there a school group that you feel is worthy of this award?
Nominations due October 15, 2008.
For more information and applications:
www.npdvictoria.com

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Tolerance and Human Rights Workshops for Educators

The Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center (FSWC) for Holocaust Studies is offering various course opportunities for educators, including the "Glassman Tools for Tolerance Workshops" for educators in Los Angeles and New York City,

from November 2008 to March 2009.

For more information, visit the [FSWC website](http://fswc.ca/tools-for-tolerance.aspx): at <http://fswc.ca/tools-for-tolerance.aspx>. Contact Jessica Braude at 416-864-9735 ext. 33 and jbraude@fswc.ca.

Funding for Community Partnership Development Project

The Welcoming and Inclusive Communities and Workplaces Program (WICWP) is a three-year pilot initiative which supports WelcomeBC in fostering inclusive, welcoming and vibrant communities for immigrants in B.C.

The program includes the following four community-level elements:

- Community Partnership Development
- Knowledge Development & Exchange
- Public Education
- Demonstration Projects

A funding opportunity is currently available under Community Partnership Development. Organizations are invited to submit projects that are developmental and collaborative in nature, and will serve as an initial starting point for community capacity building.

The application deadline for this funding opportunity is October 20, 2008. For more information on the WICWP, please visit the WelcomeBC website at www.welcomebc.ca/en/service_providers/wicwp.html.

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