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RPL celebrates Family Literacy Day with city-wide community storytime

RPL is taking storytime to the next level, with a city-wide party to celebrate the joy of reading as a family.

On January 26 at 1:30 pm, every RPL branch will welcome families to the library for an afternoon of activities focused on sharing literacy tools that families can try at home. The highlight of this year's event will be a special storytime presented by community partners at each location.

Representatives from Canadian Western Agribition, Government House, Regina Fire & Protective Services, Regina Humane Society, Regina Open Door Society, Regina Police Service, Royal Saskatchewan Museum, Saskatchewan Roughriders, Saskatchewan Science Centre, Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame, and the Saskatchewan Writers' Guild will be on hand to help demonstrate how literacy can be fun for the whole family.

"Literacy begins at home, and community plays a big role in nurturing families as they read and grow together," said Nancy MacKenzie, Manager of Community Engagement and Programming. "By sharing stories and playing literacy games we hope that all the families attending will get a sense of that community support, and that they will come away with a love of reading and some new tools for making storytime part of family time."

Family Literacy Day is an awareness initiative created by ABC Life Literacy Canada, and has been held nationwide annually since 1999 to raise awareness of the importance of reading and engaging in literacy activities as a family.

Literacy activities are critical to cognitive development, success in school, and lifelong learning, and not just for the little ones. Finding time to read and learn together every day fosters literacy skills for both children and adults, and helps the whole family grow together.

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