

Family Literacy Weyerhaeuser Legacy Grant: 2011-12

Supporting Family Literacy Initiatives in Community Schools – Information Sheet

Over the past decade the Saskatchewan Community Schools Association (SCSA) has enjoyed a wonderful corporate partnership with Weyerhaeuser. The partnership has ended as of the 2006/07 school year as Weyerhaeuser no longer has operations in Saskatchewan. We are very grateful to Weyerhaeuser for supporting Community Education in so many ways and helping us to make a difference in the lives of families in Saskatchewan. One of the legacies left is a fund to support family literacy in Community Schools. With the remaining funds, we will be supporting your efforts in training for and program delivery of family literacy programming in Community Schools.

You may apply for a Family Literacy Weyerhaeuser Legacy Grant (Legacy Grant) of up to \$700

(\$500 for Family Literacy initiatives and \$200 for Pre-K backpack replenishing). The grant is to support family literacy training or programming. For the purposes of the grant, we are using the following guidelines to define “Family Literacy”:

- 1. Family Literacy includes parents (adults/guardians) as well as children.**
- 2. Family Literacy serves four basic roles***
 - Increasing the families’ access to materials, activities and services which are essential to family literacy development.
 - Supporting parents in their role of being their child’s first teacher by providing them with encouragement and specific direction which will stimulate and sustain the child’s interest in and potential for future independent success in literacy activities.
 - Assisting parents as adult learners to recognize and address their own literacy needs by creating an environment which is positive, supportive and contains the promise of benefiting both them and their children.
 - Strengthening the connection between parents and the school, creating a partnership for learning and education.

(* as defined by the Saskatchewan Literacy Network)

If you are interested in starting an initiative in your school, sending staff/parents for training, supporting work that you are already doing in family literacy, or replenishing your Pre-K backpacks, please use the application for the Legacy Grant on the web link www.communityschools.ca We will be compiling a list of programs, training opportunities ideas and initiatives that you are doing across the Province as we hear from you.

All Saskatchewan Literacy Network (SLN) sessions on their training calendar qualify for the grant. Call (306) 651-7288, toll free 1-888-511-2111 for SLN training information/inquiries or go to their website at www.sk.literacy.ca .

We are looking forward to hearing about the many exciting things that are happening with family literacy in Saskatchewan Community Schools. If you have any questions, please contact me. Thanks

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