

How To Kit

Community Book Swap



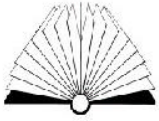
Community Book Swap



Organize a Book Swap Event for your community!!!

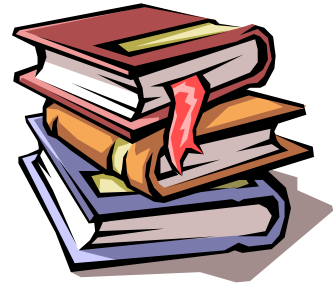
1. Advertise the event one week ahead of time with posters, radio announcements, word of mouth, and invitations. (posters included in this package)
2. Find a location for the event: library, community hall, school, band office, church....
3. Ask people to bring books that they would like to swap for other books.
4. Prepare snacks for the families that attend the event.

5. Have people drop off their books the evening before the event so that there is time to arrange them on tables. Put adult books and children books in separate areas.
6. Put a limit on the amount of books that each family can take home depending on the number of books that you have.
7. Set up a reading circle and have a volunteer read to children. Look to your community for volunteers like the band office, the Northern store employees, the RCMP detachment or your local school. Encourage parents and children to read their new books together!
8. Have a story telling time with elders from the community.
9. Have draws throughout the event for prizes. (find sponsors in the community, contact the NWT Literacy Council for children's book prizes)
10. Hand out family literacy tips to families and provide information on community literacy programs. (literacy tips included in this package)



Celebrate NWT Literacy Week

Community Book Swap



Swap your old books for some new ones!!!

Date: _____

Time: _____

Place: _____

Cost: **FREE!!!!**

Snacks, Reading Circle,
Storytelling,
Prizes and Lots of Books



Contact _____ for more information.

Sponsored by _____

Community Book Swap



Date: _____

Time: _____

Where: _____

Free Snacks, Reading Circle, Storytelling, Prizes and Lots of Books

Sponsored by _____

Community Book Swap



Date: _____

Time: _____

Where: _____

Free Snacks, Reading Circle, Storytelling, Prizes and Lots of Books

Sponsored by _____

Community Book Swap



Date: _____

Time: _____

Where: _____

Free Snacks, Reading Circle, Storytelling, Prizes and Lots of Books

Sponsored by _____

Community Book Swap



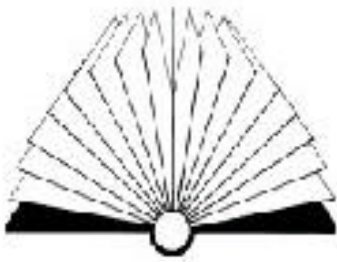
Date: _____

Time: _____

Where: _____

Free Snacks, Reading Circle, Storytelling, Prizes and Lots of Books

Sponsored by _____



Tips for Parents

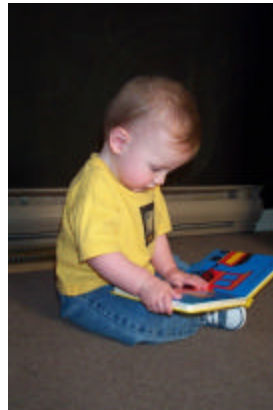
What can I do to help my child learn to read?

- Let him/her see you reading.
- Share books together
- Point out the print that is all around us. Look at street signs, supermarket labels, posters.
- Make scrapbooks from photos or old magazines.
- Cook together



Steps for Reading With Your Child

- Choose a book from the library or from your home.
- Take turns reading aloud, or tell the story by looking at the pictures.
- Talk about what's happening in the story.
- Help your child with difficult words.
- Praise your child.



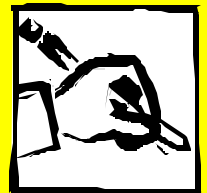
What can I do to help my children learn to write?

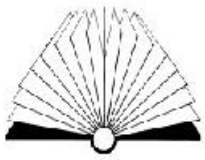
Let your child watch you when you:

- fill in forms
- write letters
- write birthday cards
- make notes
- pay bills
- write shopping lists

What materials will I need to encourage writing at home?

- lots of paper
- pens, pencils, crayons
- scissors, glue
- old envelopes or greeting cards for kids to copy
- little blank books for children to make their own stories
- a box to keep all the material in





More Tips!

Board Games and Card Games


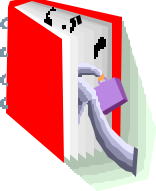
- Board games and card games will help your child to match pictures and words. This is an important reading skill. Games make it fun.
- Board games can help your child begin to understand maps and plans.
- Games will also help with numbers.
- Play games that encourage your children to read like Monopoly & Scrabble.




Make your own games!

- Make a snap or matching game by matching words and their picture.

Example

Bear	
Book	

- Use playing cards to make up number games for your children. Or play snap or war.
- Make a word game with letters and pictures. Give each player a pile of picture cards. Turn up the letter cards one by one. If you have a picture beginning with that letter, you keep the card and cover the picture with it. The winner is the first person to cover all their pictures.

B	
----------	---