

## Community

# Literacy empowerment

Story contributed by Read Right Society

StoryARTS is Read Right Society's new summer storytelling program that encourages learners and the greater community to engage the world of information and ideas, courageously and creatively.

"Listening to and telling tales hones our literacy and imaginative skills. Through the art of storytelling, we improve our ability to listen, speak, imagine, connect thought and create," said Shayna Jones, storyteller.

Literacy empowers us. Literacy gives us the tools we need to engage our community and the world at large with our eyes wide open. Reading, writing and numeracy skills are essential components of this aim.

However, there is more. Creative expression fills the gaps and breathes life into the "literacy tool box." StoryARTS is a small group, drop-in workshop dedicated to nurturing and sustaining the development of storytellers. Participants will explore their own stories of transformation and discovery and learn to share them publicly.

"As humans we have a lot of joy, sadness, laughter and experiences to share with each other and learn from. Storytelling has been around since the beginning of time and with new technology it's been largely overlooked," said Betsie Kopola-Hoshowski, Read Right Society's summer student. "I'm excited to resurrect the tradition of storytelling and create a platform for people to listen and share with each other." StoryARTS is held at Read Right Society's Lounge on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact Betsie Kopola-Hoshowski at 604-860-0510 or [literacysupports@readrightsociety.com](mailto:literacysupports@readrightsociety.com)

**Read Right Society presents:**

# StoryARTS

storytelling workshops

Learn the art of storytelling  
& how to share your story  
with others!

**June, July, August**  
Tuesdays 10:00-11:30am  
Thursdays 3:00-4:30pm

Read Right Society's  
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# Pot luck hopes to help new Canadians feel at home

Did you know the Fraser Cascade Region (Hope, Agassiz, Harrison Hot Springs and Boston Bar) is home to over 2,000 immigrants from Asia, the Middle East, United States and Europe?

Hope is a microcosm of culture and Read Right Society wants to celebrate by hosting an International Potluck on Thursday, October 23!

Read Right Society is a non-profit that offers community literacy including English as a Second Language and Settlement

Assistance. Funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Read Right Society offers free English programs for all levels including: conversation circles, Canadian Culture classes, reading groups and one-to-one tutors.

"Many want to celebrate the cultures and people that live in our community, and help our immigrants to feel like part of the community. Eating together is a great way to bridge cultures and get to know each other," said Larissa Dyble, ESL & Settlement

Facilitator "We hope people will come ready to learn, socialize and share their favorite dish from their culture or heritage."

**When:** October 23, 2014, Drop in from 12:00-2:00pm (drop-in)

**Where:** Read Right Society, 895 3rd Ave., Hope BC

**Bring:** a favorite dish from your culture or heritage

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