



FireSmart™ BC Library Program

About the Program:

The FireSmart BC Library Program is the first children's literacy program dedicated to wildfire resiliency! The Library Program was designed to help children understand what it means to live with wildfires and the role they can play in mitigating the impacts of wildfires on their home and community. Children can team up with Ember to build a FireSmart BC!

This document is for Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) applicants to provide guidance on how to acquire funding and assist with the implementation of the Library Program to their local library, First Nation, regional district, or municipality. Resources included under this program are a colouring contest, story time videos, Ember Activity Kits, and Wildfire Resiliency Literacy Kits.

Funding:

Libraries in BC operate in different ways, some operate independently, and others operate on a regional level (with one central library and many branches that share resources). Some regional libraries follow regional district boundaries, whereas others are very large and encompass multiple regional districts.

Due to the variability in how libraries operate, CRI funding has been offered in two ways. For libraries with multiple branches that share resources, there is \$550 designated per branch. For example, a library with 10 branches could apply for \$5,500. For libraries that operate independently, \$1,800 is available.

For non-library groups such as First Nations, local government, and regional districts that would like to have this program independent of their library, \$1,800 is available.

Please see Table 1 in the Appendix to learn more about the libraries near you and how this program can best work in your community. Depending on how your local library operates, it may make sense to work with other municipalities or regional districts to pool funding, or it may work better to simply choose a branch in a high risk area and



support it independently as you would with the independent libraries or other non-library groups.

Working with libraries:

To implement within a library system, it is important to connect with your local library. Reach out to your local library to see if they would support this program as they are essential to the success of this program. This program was designed with the Thompson-Nicola Regional Library to be compatible with existing library programming in the effort to make integration as seamless as possible. Given the success seen with Thompson-Nicola Regional Library, we have had numerous libraries express interest in this program.

Resources:

a. Coloring Contest

Share a PDF of the Colouring Page with your local library to print off and purchase some Ember stuffed animals for the prizes.

b. Ember Activity Kits:

Purchase and assemble Ember Activity Kits to share with local families. At the library, children can take home these kits to learn more about FireSmart. Kits can be kept together in brown paper bags with a label stapled on the top.

Materials:

- Ember Colouring book
- Pencil Crayons *optional, can be cut to meet budget
- Ember Sticker
- Ember Bookmark
- Printed Ember Word Search Game
- Printed Ember Matching Game



c. Storytime Videos

These videos are available online for all to view on the [FireSmart BC Library Program webpage](#). Firefighters from each Fire Centre have read wildfire themed stories to Ember.

d. Wildfire Resiliency Literacy Kits

Literacy kits are a collection of books and activities used by libraries to explore different themes and topics. Check in with your local library to see how they use them. At the Thompson-Nicola Regional Library, these kits were shared amongst library branches, and were able to be loaned out to teachers, daycares, and parents. The kits from the FireSmart BC Library Program explore the topic of wildfire resilience in an approachable way for young children. Depending on the size of the program, one or two kits may be appropriate, but speak with your local library for their insight.

Materials:

- Printed [Wildfire Resiliency Literacy Kit Booklet](#)
- Printed copies of [FireSmart Kid's Home Assessment](#)
- Printed copies of the [QR Code Poster](#)
- Printed copies of the [FireFighter Cookbook](#)
- Books (list of approved books is in the [Wildfire Resiliency Literacy Kit Booklet](#))
- [Ember Stuffed Animals](#)

e. Events

This program does not include any support for events, but should you want to engage with in person events with your local library we encourage you to do so. Speak to your local library as there may be interest in having a story time, fire truck visit, [Ember visit](#), an information booth, or a FireSmart presentation for adults.

Please email Education@FireSmartBC.ca for more information or assistance in determining the best way to implement this program in your community.



Appendix.

Table 1. BC Public Library Information

LIBRARY	CITY	PHONE	EMAIL
<u>Alert Bay Public Library</u>	Alert Bay	250-974-5721	abplb@island.net
<u>Beaver Valley Public Library</u>	Fruitvale	250-367-7114	bvpublic@telus.net
<u>Bowen Island Public Library</u>	Bowen Island	604-947-9788	bbi@bowenlibrary.ca
<u>Burnaby Public Library</u>	Burnaby	604-436-5427	bpl@bpl.bc.ca
<u>Burns Lake Public Library</u>	Burns Lake	250-692-3192	libraryn@burnslakelibrary.com
<u>Cariboo Regional District Library</u>	Williams Lake	250-392-3351	http://www.cln.bc.ca/Contact.htm
<u>Castlegar and District Public Library</u>	Castlegar	250-365-6611	info@castlegarlibrary.com
<u>Chetwynd Public Library</u>	Chetwynd	250-788-2559	cpl@chetwynd.bclibrary.ca



<u>Coquitlam Public Library</u>	Coquitlam	604-937-4130	lvukasovic@coqlibrary.ca
<u>Cranbrook Public Library</u>	Cranbrook	250-426-4063	staff@cranbrookpubliclibrary.ca
<u>Creston Valley Public Library</u>	Creston	250-428-4141	info@crestonlibrary.com
<u>Dawson Creek Municipal Public Library</u>	Dawson Creek	250-782-4661	dclib@pris.ca
<u>Elkford Public Library</u>	Elkford	250-865-2912	info@elkfordlibrary.org
<u>Fernie Heritage Library</u>	Fernie	250-423-4458	information@fernieheritagelibrary.com
<u>Fort Nelson Public Library</u>	Fort Nelson	250-774-6777	fnpl@fortnelson.bclibrary.ca
<u>Fort St James Public Library</u>	Fort St. James	250-996-7431	library@fortstjames.bclibrary.ca
<u>Fort St John Public Library Association</u>	Fort St John	250-785-3731	director@fsjpl.ca
<u>Fraser Lake Public Library Association</u>	Fraser Lake	250-699-8888	fllibrarian@bcgroup.net



<u>Fraser Valley Regional Library</u>	Abbotsford	604-859-7141	https://www.fvrl.bc.ca/help.php#questions
<u>Gibsons & District Public Library</u>	Gibsons	604-886-2130	gdplinfo@gibsons.bclibrary.ca
<u>Grand Forks & District Public Library</u>	Grand Forks	250-442-3944	library@gfpl.ca
<u>Granisle Public Library</u>	Granisle	250-697-2713	library@granisle.net
<u>Greater Victoria Public Library</u>	Victoria	250-940-4875	https://www.gvpl.ca/contact-us/
<u>Greenwood Public Library</u>	Greenwood BC	250-445-6111	greenlib@shaw.ca
<u>Hazelton District Public Library</u>	Hazelton	250-842-5961	hazlib@citywest.ca
<u>Houston Public Library</u>	Houston	250-845-2256	admin@houstonlibrary.ca
<u>Hudson's Hope Public Library</u>	Hudson's Hope	250-783-9414	director.hhpl@pris.ca
<u>Invermere Public Library</u>	Invermere	250-342-6416	publiclibrary@invermere.net



<u>Kaslo & District Public Library</u>	Kaslo	250-353-2942	info@kaslo.bclibrary.ca
<u>Kimberley Public Library</u>	Kimberley	250-427-3112	staff@kimberleylibrary.net
<u>Kitimat Public Library Association</u>	Kitimat	250-632-8985	ask@kitimatlibrary.ca
<u>Lillooet Area Public Library</u>	Lillooet	250-256-7944	lala@lillooet.bclibrary.ca
<u>Mackenzie Public Library</u>	Mackenzie	250-997-6343	mackenziepubliclibrary@gmail.com
<u>McBride & District Public Library</u>	McBride	250-569-2411	library@mcbridebc.org
<u>Midway Public Library</u>	Midway	250-449-2620	midwaypubliclibrary@gmail.com
<u>Nakusp Public Library</u>	Nakusp	250-265-3363	contact@nakusplibrary.ca
<u>Nelson Public Library</u>	Nelson	250-352-6333	library@nelson.ca
<u>New Westminster Public Library</u>	New Westminster	604-527-4660	askus@nwpl.ca



<u>North Vancouver City Public Library</u>	North Vancouver	604-998-3450	nvcl@cnv.org
<u>North Vancouver District Public Library</u>	North Vancouver	604-990-5800	https://nvdpl.ca/content/ask-us-question
<u>Okanagan Regional Library</u>	Kelowna	250-860-4033	admin@orl.bc.ca
<u>Pemberton & District Public Library</u>	Pemberton	604-894-6916	library@pemberton.bclibrary.ca
<u>Pender Island Public Library</u>	Pender Island	250-629-3722	penderislandlibrary@crd.bc.ca
<u>Penticton Public Library</u>	Penticton	250-770-7781	library@summer.com
<u>Port Moody Public Library</u>	Port Moody	604-469-4575	askthelibrary@portmoody.ca
<u>Pouce Coupe Public Library</u>	Pouce Coupe	250-786-5765	bpoc.ill@pris.bc.ca
<u>Powell River Public Library</u>	Powell River	604-485-4796	info@prpl.ca



<u>Prince George Public Library</u>	Prince George	250-563-9251	ask@pgpl.ca
<u>Prince Rupert Public Library</u>	Prince Rupert	250-627-1345	info@princerupertlibrary.ca
<u>Radium Hot Springs Public Library</u>	Radium Hot Springs	250-347-2434	radiumpubliclibrary@hotmail.com
<u>Richmond Public Library</u>	Richmond	604-231-6422	administration@yourlibrary.ca
<u>Rosland Public Library Association</u>	Rosland	250-362-7611	info@rossland.bclibrary.ca
<u>Salmo Valley Public Library</u>	Salmo	250-357-2312	salmolibrary@salmo.bc.libraries.coop
<u>Salt Spring Island Public Library</u>	Salt Spring Island	250-537-4666	admin@saltspringlibrary.com
<u>Sechelt Public Library</u>	Sechelt	604-885-3260	info@secheltlibrary.ca
<u>Smithers Public Library</u>	Smithers	250-847-3043	contact@smitherslibrary.ca



<u>Sparwood Public Library</u>	Sparwood	250-425-2299	jb@sparwoodlibrary.ca
<u>Squamish Public Library</u>	Squamish	604-892-3110	librarydirector@squamish.ca
<u>Stewart Public Library</u>	Stewart	250-636-2380	stewartpubliclibrary@gmail.com
<u>Surrey Public Library</u>	Surrey	604-598-7300	https://www.surreylibraries.ca/contact-us
<u>Taylor Public Library</u>	Taylor	250-789-9878	library@districtoftaylor.com
<u>Terrace Public Library</u>	Terrace	250-638-8177	library@terracelibrary.ca
<u>Thompson Nicola Regional Library</u>	Kamloops	250-377-8673	libadmin@tnrd.ca
<u>Trail & District Public Library</u>	Trail	250-364-1731	SMurphy@trail.ca
<u>Tumbler Ridge Public Library</u>	Tumbler Ridge	250-242-4778	pcoutts@trlibrary.org
<u>Valemount Public Library</u>	Valemount	250-566-4367	library@valemount.ca



<u>Vancouver Island Regional Library</u>	Nanaimo	877-415-8475	ref@virl.bc.ca
<u>Vancouver Public Library</u>	Vancouver	604-331-3603	info@vpl.ca
<u>Vanderhoof Public Library</u>	Vanderhoof	250-567-4060	info@vanderhooflibrary.com
<u>West Vancouver Memorial Library</u>	West Vancouver	604-925-7400	info@westvanlibrary.ca
<u>Whistler Public Library</u>	Whistler	604-935-8433	publicservices@whistlerlibrary.ca