

About the project:

PENINSULA "1000 X 5" Children's Book Recycling Project was started in April 2008.

Through this initiative, gently-used children's picture books are collected from the community. Books come to us from many sources:

Saanich elementary schools, the School Board Office, and the Peninsula Co-op Food Centre serve as collection sites for books families wish to donate.

ORCA Book Publishers donate books throughout the year to support our work.

Books to supplement those donated are purchased. ORCA Book Publishers offer us significantly reduced costs and project volunteers are thrifty shoppers. We spend grant funding and financial donations from service clubs and individuals to buy books from local thrift stores, and garage and library book sales.

Beacon Books in Sidney enables us to use customers' book credits (matched with cash) to purchase books in their shop.

Since 2008, we have collected over **170,000** books for redistribution across the community. Our project will continue as long as it can be sustained.



Books are passed along...

The books are delivered to our storage and work spaces at the Saanichton Individual Learning Centre (ILC) on Mount Newton Cross Road.

The books are screened for suitability, counted, labelled, sorted, and packaged for distribution to young children (birth-5 years) and families on the Saanich Peninsula.

Books are distributed on a rotating basis to:

- Beacon Community Services (BCS) programs:
 - Peninsula Early Years Centre
 - TEAM programs (Stelly's and Saanichton ILC)
 - Saanichton ILC Preschool
 - Peninsula "Baby Talk"
 - Parent/Child Mother Goose
 - BCS Family Resource Room in Sidney
 - FASD Program
- Aboriginal Head Start On-Reserve Programs
- Brentwood, Lochside, and Sidney Strong Start
- LAU, WELNEW preschool and kindergarten
- Ministry for Children and Family Development (Saanichton and Royal Oak offices)
- Peninsula Connections for Early Childhood-sponsored events such as:
 - "Books for Breakfast"
 - National Family Literacy Day
 - professional development sessions for early learning and care providers
- Peninsula Co-op Food Centre
- Peninsula Health Unit and public health nurses and nurses in First Nations' communities.
- Public Libraries (Sidney/North Saanich, Central Saanich, and Bruce Hutchison Branches)
- Saanich District Kindergartens and Board Office
- Saanich Peninsula Literacy-sponsored events
- Saanich Peninsula Lions' Food Bank

The numbers add up!

Reading to children on a regular basis from birth on means the number of books read soon adds up to hundreds or even thousands.

Our goal is to do what we can to increase the possibility that children on the Peninsula will have at least one thousand books read to them by the time they are 5 years-old.

Why are we doing this work?

Literacy affects everyone. The consequences for people with literacy challenges are profound. Adults with low literacy levels may do poorly in the job market; they often require social assistance. They may lack the skills needed to support the healthy development of their children.

Reading to young children on a regular basis significantly increases the chances of their early success in school. Interventions in later school years are expensive. The PENINSULA "1000 X 5" Project is a cost-effective investment in prevention.

Experience with books promotes children's language and literacy development. Stories and non-fiction reading materials engage children and offer them opportunities to explore previously unimagined worlds.

When we read to children, we give them our full attention. Doing so confirms they are valued, provides opportunities for them to bond with trusted adults, and contributes to their emotional and social development.

High-quality children's books are expensive and not all families on the Saanich Peninsula have access to these resources for their children.

We are grateful for partnership with:



We appreciate the assistance of students, families, and staff in Saanich School District who have collected and donated many books!

We thank our donors for recently provided financial and in-kind support:

- Peninsula Connections for Early Childhood
- 100+ Women Who Care/Saanich Peninsula
- Peninsula Co-op Food Centre
- ORCA Book Publishers
- Times-Colonist Literacy Society
- Golf for Kids!
- Saanich Peninsula Literacy
- The Butchart Gardens Ltd.
- Rotary Clubs on the Peninsula—Sidney, Sidney-by-the-Sea, and Brentwood.
- District of North Saanich
- District of Central Saanich
- Beacon Books in Sidney and their patrons
- Individual donors

We are indebted to staff in the agencies we serve, and the many other individuals who distribute our gift bags of books for children and families on the Saanich Peninsula.

Financial donations are welcomed and tax receipts can be issued...

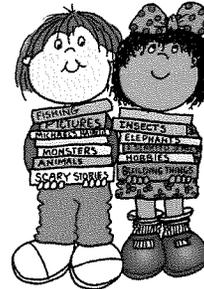
If you or your group would like to make a financial donation, please make your cheque payable to:

Board of Education of Saanich School District
indicating the donation is for the
PENINSULA "1000 X 5" Children's Book Recycling Project

Please mail the envelope to the attention of:
Finance Department
Saanich School District
2125 Keating Cross Road, Saanichton, BC V8M 2A5

You can also donate through the District's Canada Helps link:
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/saanich-school-district-trust/>
Click the "Donate" button; indicate in message your donation is for the PENINSULA "1000 X 5" Children's Book Recycling Project. A receipt for your charitable donation will be sent to you via email.

If you have questions or would like more information about the PENINSULA "1000 X 5" Children's Book Recycling Project, please contact Daphne Macnaughton
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**Please consider supporting
our community literacy initiative...**

Gently used children's picture books can be donated to the project by leaving them at:

- schools in Saanich School District
- the Saanich School District Board Office
- Peninsula Co-op Food Centre, Keating X Rd.

Please label the bags or boxes of books...
FOR: PENINSULA "1000 X 5" Project
Saanichton Individual Learning Centre