

## Typing Club

www.typingclub.com  
Free online typing lessons.

## White Rock Senior's Computer Club

1475 Kent Street White Rock BC  
Tel: 604-541-2231 [wrsc.ca](http://wrsc.ca)  
Currently suspended due to COVID-19. Lectures on a variety of topics for all skill levels. Meetings on Wed 12:30-2:30pm. Must have current membership, runs from September to May. First 3 visits are free.

## English Language Lessons

### Learning English with Surrey Libraries

We have programs, online tools, and study materials to help.

Programs [www.surreylibraries.ca/eslevents](http://www.surreylibraries.ca/eslevents)

**ESL Book Clubs** - practice reading, speaking, and listening in English.

Book clubs are free, fun, and friendly. Readers are welcome at any level from beginners to advanced.

**ESL Café and Conversation Circles** - The Newton branch has an ESL

Café. You can meet new people, play games, and practice your English in a fun and casual group setting. Some other branches also host Conversation Circles with the City of Surrey.

**Online Tools** [www.surreylibraries.ca/services/online-library](http://www.surreylibraries.ca/services/online-library)

**Learning Express** — Practice tests and tutorial courses. TOEFL, GED, GMAT, GRE, LSAT, MCAT and a range of other subjects.

**Mango Languages** — Learn English or other languages online!

**Road to IELTS** — A practice resource for the IELTS exams.

**Study Materials** [www.surreylibraries.ca/eslmaterials](http://www.surreylibraries.ca/eslmaterials)

We have study materials for tests like IELTS and CELPIP. We also have books and kits for grammar, vocabulary, idioms and more.

### English Classes @ DIVERSEcity

Tel: 604-547-1203 [languageprograms@dcrs.ca](mailto:languageprograms@dcrs.ca)  
[www.dcrs.ca/our-services/english-language-programs/](http://www.dcrs.ca/our-services/english-language-programs/)  
Offers a range of English classes in Surrey. This includes conversation circles, reading and writing classes, and LINC classes. Call or check their website for the latest classes.

### English Conversation Circle

#### @ Mosaic Surrey Newcomers' Centre

7134 King George Blvd, Surrey, BC  
Tel: 778-591-9334 [www.mosaicbc.org](http://www.mosaicbc.org)  
Currently suspended due to COVID-19. Practice your English in a group environment. Also have monthly free citizenship classes, settlement workshops, support groups, literacy classes and more.

### English Conversation Programs

#### @ City of Surrey

Tel: 604-501-5100 (register) 604-502-6325 (information)  
Currently suspended due to COVID-19. Free programs offered by Surrey Parks and Recreation. For more information call or ask at your local recreation centre.

### English Corner @ Alexandra

2916 McBride Avenue, Crescent Beach, BC V4A 3G2  
Tel: 604-535-0015  
[www.alexhouse.net/events/community-programs/english-corner](http://www.alexhouse.net/events/community-programs/english-corner)  
Free, drop-in conversation group from newcomers. Currently virtual.

### ESL Classes @ Cedar Grove Baptist Church

10330- 144th St. Surrey BC V3T 4V3  
Tel: 604-581-8933 [church@the-grove.net](mailto:church@the-grove.net) [tinyurl.com/y49epndy](http://tinyurl.com/y49epndy)  
Classes are free, but students are required to purchase their text book. Classes run September to June. Participation for the entire program is recommended. Registration required.

### ESL Classes @ Middle East Friendship Centre

13483 108<sup>th</sup> Ave Surrey BC V3T 2K2  
Tel: 604-288-5588 [www.mefriendshipcentre.com](http://www.mefriendshipcentre.com)  
Currently suspended due to COVID-19. Offers classes for learning English and Arabic.

### ESL Classes for Newcomers @ Options

13520 78th Ave, Surrey, BC V3W 8J6  
Tel: 604-572-4060 ext.1135 (Monica Zhang)  
[monica.zhang@options.bc.ca](mailto:monica.zhang@options.bc.ca)  
English Level 0-4 Classes: Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursdays. AM and PM classes. Free childminding support.  
Learn English through Activities: Mondays. Intermediate levels (CLB4 and up). Activities include current events, ukulele, arts & crafts, etc.

### ESL Studies @ Kwantlen Polytechnic University

12666 72nd Avenue, Surrey  
Tel: 604-599-3030 [www.kwantlen.ca/aca/els.html](http://www.kwantlen.ca/aca/els.html)  
Low student fees can be covered with an Adult Upgrading Grant. Learners can start at any level depending on their placement test. Prepares students for academic university courses. Offered at Surrey, Langley and Richmond. Tuition free for permanent residents and domestic students. Nominal student fees apply.

### Surrey School District's Literacy Foundations

Invergarry Adult Education 12772 88 Avenue Surrey, B.C. Tel: 604-595-8218 [www.surreyschools.ca/schools/iaec/](http://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/iaec/)  
For students (PR and Canadian citizens) wishing to attain their high school completion and whose first language is not English. Provides English instruction to prepare for academic courses. For adult students who need to upgrade skills for grade 10, 11 and 12 courses.

### Umoja Adult Literacy and Life Skills

#208 - 14888 104 Avenue, Surrey, BC V3R 1M4  
Tel: 604-581-5574 [www.umojaoperation.ca](http://www.umojaoperation.ca)  
New arrivals to Canada and individuals who have been in Canada for years and want to take the first step in learning how to speak, read and write English are welcome. Life skills workshops.

## LINC –Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada

The LINC program is funded by the federal government and is free.

#### To qualify you must:

- \*Be a newcomer to Canada \*17 years old or older
- \* Permanent resident

\* Have at least one of the approved documents (list of these is in the online document linked below. Ask library staff if you are unsure.)

**The following do not qualify:** Canadian citizens, temporary visitors, temporary foreign workers and refugee claimants who have not yet received a positive decision on their refugee status claim.

To apply: **Surrey Language Assessment Centre**  
#202 - 7337 137th St. Surrey, BC V3W 1A4  
Tel: 604-507-4150 Fax: 604-507-4155  
[surreylac@yahoo.ca](mailto:surreylac@yahoo.ca)

Once you have been accepted you will also go here for an assessment test. After that the LINC classes are offered at a number of locations in Surrey and they will help you find the one closest to home.

## Citizenship

### Citizenship Information @ Surreylibraries.ca

[surreylibraries.ca/services/newcomers](http://surreylibraries.ca/services/newcomers)  
Website has the current information you need to study for Surrey. Also has links to citizenship practice exams and other useful resources.

### Citizenship Classes

#### @ Middle East Friendship Centre

13483 108<sup>th</sup> Ave Surrey BC V3T 2K2  
[me.friendshipcenter@gmail.com](mailto:me.friendshipcenter@gmail.com)  
Tel: 604-288-5588 [www.mefriendshipcentre.com](http://www.mefriendshipcentre.com)  
Call for more information.

### Mosaic Surrey Newcomers' Centre

7134 King George Blvd, Surrey, BC  
Tel: 778-591-9334 [www.mosaicbc.org](http://www.mosaicbc.org)  
Monthly free citizenship classes, settlement workshops, English conversation classes, support groups, literacy classes and more.

### MyCanada @ Surrey Libraries

[surreylibraries.ca/services/online-library#M](http://surreylibraries.ca/services/online-library#M)  
Online learning tool to help you get ready for the Canadian citizenship exam. Includes practice tests and study materials.

### Practice Citizenship Exams @ Learning Express

[surrey.bibliocommons.com/item/show/712150071\\_learningexpress\\_library](http://surrey.bibliocommons.com/item/show/712150071_learningexpress_library)  
You need a library card to sign in. These are a great way to test your knowledge before taking the test.

### Practice Citizenship test

#### @ Richmond Public Library

[www.yourlibrary.ca/citizenship/](http://www.yourlibrary.ca/citizenship/)  
Richmond Public Library has created their own practice test.

#### [Looking for services not covered in this brochure?](#)

Please ask at your local library. We are here to help. Visit us, call 604-598-7300 or at [www.surreylibraries.ca/lowcost](http://www.surreylibraries.ca/lowcost).

You can also call 211 for a free, confidential, multilingual help. Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Online at [bc211.ca](http://bc211.ca).

If you would like more information or if you spot correction email us at [lowcost@surrey.ca](mailto:lowcost@surrey.ca)

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# EDUCATION/ESL & CITIZENSHIP

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## Child & Teen Education

### Afterschool Crew @ PCRS Youth Lounge

City Centre: 10453 Whalley Blvd Surrey Tel: 604-587-8100  
Newton: 114-13479 76th Ave, Surrey Tel: 604-592-6200  
[pcrs.ca/service-resource-centres/surrey-youth-resource-centre](http://pcrs.ca/service-resource-centres/surrey-youth-resource-centre)  
Currently suspended due to COVID-19. Drop-in teen homework club Wednesdays 3:30-5:30pm at City Centre and Tuesdays from 3-5pm at Newton. Other teen services.

### Alexandra Family Place

2916 McBride Avenue, Crescent Beach, BC V4A 3G2  
Tel: 604-535-0015 [sdawson@alexhouse.net](mailto:sdawson@alexhouse.net)  
[www.alexhouse.net](http://www.alexhouse.net)  
Currently suspended due to COVID-19. Offered Sept-June. Meet with other parents and caregivers while your toddlers play.

### Family Resource Programs

[www.options.bc.ca/program/family-resource-program](http://www.options.bc.ca/program/family-resource-program)  
Free drop-in program for families with children 0-6 years. Offers a welcoming, fun, child friendly space for families to play, socialize, share information, receive support, access resources and learn from Early Childhood Educators.

**Clayton Hall:** 18513 70a Avenue, Surrey Tel: 604-764-8635  
Mondays: 10 - 12 pm

**Guildford:** 10310 - 154th St. Surrey Tel: 604-583-3844  
Tues to Sat: 9:30 - 11:30 am, plus Thurs: 1 - 3 pm

**Whalley:** 12740 - 102 Ave Surrey BC Tel: 604-580-2344  
Mon to Wed: 9:30 - 11:30 am

### Early Years Hub

204 - 7327 137 St. Surrey, BC  
Tel: 604-619-9488 (Karen Janzen) 604-910-7747 (Eryn Boongaling) 604-910-7728 (Lisa Ottevangers)  
Offering virtual programs but drop in is currently suspended. Free and confidential services for families. Can help find programs for children (birth to 6 years), offer parenting help, help finding housing, childcare, or services for children with extra needs. Drop-in, open Monday to Friday 9:30-11am.

## Envision Financial Reading Buddies

[surreylibraries.ca/services/teens/reading-buddies](http://surreylibraries.ca/services/teens/reading-buddies)

Reading practice for children in grades 2-4. Coming soon as a virtual program.

## First Steps Early Years Refugee Settlement

Tel: 604-547-2027 or 778-868-1802

[www.options.bc.ca/program/first-steps-early-years-settlement-program](http://www.options.bc.ca/program/first-steps-early-years-settlement-program)

Supports refugee families and their children 0-6 years. Includes drop-in programs, parenting support, nutrition and health information. Also orientation to parenting in the Canada, mental health counseling, and a father's group.

**Newton Location:** DIVERSEcity #201, 7380 - 137 St. Surrey

**North Surrey Location:** #208 – 14888 104 Ave Surrey

## Friends of Simon Tutoring

10350 University Drive Surrey, BC

Tel: 778-782-7342 [fosimon@sfu.ca](mailto:fosimon@sfu.ca) [www.sfu.ca/education/fostutor.html](http://www.sfu.ca/education/fostutor.html)

Free tutoring for grades 5-9, open to immigrant students or if parents/guardians have immigrated to Canada. Can help with Math, Science, English, French, Social Studies and more. Tutors are highly trained SFU students who speak a variety of second languages. Currently offering remote tutoring but in person is suspended.

## Growing Together Daycare

9458 134 Street Surrey, BC V3V 5S4

Tel: 604-584-1181 [tinyurl.com/y26tdt46](http://tinyurl.com/y26tdt46)

Daycare for teen mothers (13-19) who want to return to school at Guildford Park Secondary.

## Learning Centers in Surrey

Caring, and flexible environment encourages students with varied needs to achieve success. For students ages 15-18 who have the necessary prerequisites for grade 10. Students wishing to register must be referred by an administrator or counsellor at their current school and will be required to go through an intake process.

**City Centre Learning Centre** 13104-109 Ave. Surrey

Tel: 604-581-0611 [tinyurl.com/bxg649d](http://tinyurl.com/bxg649d)

**Cloverdale Learning Centre** 200-5658-176th Street Surrey

Tel: 604-574-3615 [tinyurl.com/ae2qrln](http://tinyurl.com/ae2qrln)

**Guildford Learning Centre** 10183 152A St. Surrey

Tel: 604-951-9553 [tinyurl.com/a72ssgw](http://tinyurl.com/a72ssgw)

**North Surrey Learning Centre** 9260 140th St. Surrey

Tel: 604-583-4040 [tinyurl.com/a5sfpv9](http://tinyurl.com/a5sfpv9)

**White Rock/South Surrey Learning Centre** 13-2320 King George Blvd.

Tel: 604-536-0550 [tinyurl.com/agiquwm](http://tinyurl.com/agiquwm)

## Learning Disabilities Association-Fraser South

#101 – 14225 57 Avenue, Surrey, BC V3X 0H6

Tel: 604-591-5156 [info@ldafs.org](mailto:info@ldafs.org) [www.ldafs.org](http://www.ldafs.org)

One-to-one tutoring for children and youth in reading, writing, and math. Also offer keyboarding instruction; self-advocacy training; and summer tutoring programs. Seminars for parents and professionals. (Due to COVID temporarily offering online programs in addition to limited in-person help.)

## Myzone

[www.surrey.ca/culture-recreation/17668.aspx](http://www.surrey.ca/culture-recreation/17668.aspx)

Currently suspended due to COVID-19. After school program for children ages 8-12. Make new friends, get help with homework and play sports. Must register initially then drop-in. Offered at many schools and recreation centres. Ask at your local recreation centre.

## Parent Education & Peer Support Program (PEAPS)

Tel: 604-764-8635 [PEAPS@options.bc.ca](mailto:PEAPS@options.bc.ca)

For parents, or caregivers of children (0 to 6) who want to connect with other families and learn from Early Childhood Educators.

Mondays: 1:00 - 3:00 pm

10310 154th St. Surrey BC Tel: 604-583-3844

Wednesdays: 10 - 12 pm

Clayton Hall 18513-70 Avenue Tel: 604-842-0780

Thursdays and Fridays: 9:30 - 11:30am

Oak Avenue Neighbourhood Hub 12740 - 102 Avenue

Tel: 604-580-2344

## Surrey Academy of Innovative Learning (SAIL)

14033 – 92 Avenue Surrey, British Columbia V3V 0B7

Tel: 604-592-4263 or 604-596-8561 (K-7) [sailacademy.ca](http://sailacademy.ca)

Offers "blended learning" programs that integrate classroom face-to-face learning with on-line learning experiences. Also offers exclusively online courses for grades 8 to 12. Also offers K-7 STEAM based program.

## Semiahmoo Family Place

Kensington Prairie Community Centre 16824 - 32 Avenue Surrey, BC

Tel: 604-592-2619 [www.semiahmoofamilyplace.com](http://www.semiahmoofamilyplace.com)

[www.facebook.com/SemiahmooFamilyPlace/](http://www.facebook.com/SemiahmooFamilyPlace/)

In person programs suspended, check Facebook page for current programs. Safe and fun semi-structured space for babies, toddlers and preschoolers to play together, and for parents and caregivers to have the opportunity to build skills, and learn from each other. Support from on-site early childhood facilitators. Drop-in fee is \$4 per family for Pay-As-You-Go or \$2.50 per visit with the purchase of a pre-paid Punch Card.

## Storytimes @ Surrey Libraries

Tel: Call your local branch for times and details.

[surreylibraries.ca/services/kids-families](http://surreylibraries.ca/services/kids-families)

We have lots of fun at library storytime! Children's staff will show parents and caregivers ways they can encourage love of reading. Currently online due to COVID-19.

## Strong Start

[www.surreyschools.ca/EarlyLearning/StrongStart/](http://www.surreyschools.ca/EarlyLearning/StrongStart/)

Offered at most elementary schools. It is a free early learning program for preschool-aged children and their parent or caregiver. Offers learning activities to help get ready for success in kindergarten.

## United Way School's Out Umoja Program

#208 – 14888 104 Avenue, Surrey, BC V3R 1M4

Tel: 604-581-5574 [www.umojaoperation.ca](http://www.umojaoperation.ca)

Afterschool program to support newcomer children. Celebrates the diverse cultural background while introducing Canadian culture through interaction with Canadian born mentors. Offers Homework Help, Tutoring, Communication and Social Skills, and recreation. Saturday program offers games, activities and community connection.

## Adult Education

## Academic & Career Preparation @ Kwantlen

Tel: 604-599-2964 [www.kwantlen.ca/aca/acp.html](http://www.kwantlen.ca/aca/acp.html)

Flexible, no tuition upgrading courses for English, Math, Biology and Physics for permanent residents and domestic students. A free assessment is required to determine starting level. Offered at Surrey,

Richmond and Langley. Small class sizes; one-to-one help. Low student fees can be covered with an Adult Upgrading Grant.

## Community Adult Literacy & Learn with a Friend

Tel: 604-596-7722 ext 138 [tinyurl.com/yy5q7bpu](http://tinyurl.com/yy5q7bpu)

[Chandni.patel@pics.bc.ca](mailto:Chandni.patel@pics.bc.ca)

Provides free English classes for newcomers, citizens and work permit holders. Participants learn about the Canadian work culture. Students work and speak in pair or group activities. One on one assistance is available from trained volunteer teachers. Good fit for anyone with low literacy, including native English speakers.

## Invergarry Adult Education Centre

12772 – 88<sup>th</sup> Ave Surrey BC V3W 3J9

Tel: 604-595-8218 [www.surreyschools.ca/schools/iaec](http://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/iaec)

Adult learning, high school academic classes, and foundations. \$20 student resource fee. All classes are free except for international students.

## Online Learning @ Surrey Libraries

[www.surreylibraries.ca/onlinelibrary](http://www.surreylibraries.ca/onlinelibrary)

**Gale Courses:** Enjoy hundreds of online courses with real teachers, expert instruction, and real-time help.

**Learning Express:** High school review, college and GED preparation as well as computer classes. All available online from home, when it works for you.

**Lynda:** Online learning with courses taught by world experts. Learn new software, business strategies, algebra and more.

**Mango Languages:** A great online language learning tool.

## Nobody's Perfect Parenting Program

Tel: 604-583-3852 ext. 2

[www.options.bc.ca/program/nobodys-perfect-nobodys-perfect-dads](http://www.options.bc.ca/program/nobodys-perfect-nobodys-perfect-dads)

A free six week parenting program for parents or caregivers of children under 5. Offered at a variety of locations. Also offer a 'Nobody's Perfect' Parenting for Dads. Free child minding and free bus tickets are also provided.

## Partners - Adult Literacy Tutoring

Tel: 778-242-READ (7323) [hello@readsurreywhiterock.com](mailto:hello@readsurreywhiterock.com)

[www.readsurreywhiterock.com](http://www.readsurreywhiterock.com)

Free one-to-one tutoring program for adults who want to improve their reading, writing, or math skills. Open to adults living or working in Surrey or White Rock, fluent in English, and reading or writing at less than a grade 8 level. We help with comprehension, grammar, spelling, beginner math, and more. During COVID-19, tutoring is offered remotely.

## Support for Parents of Young Children

Early Years Centre 100 - 6846 King George Blvd. Surrey, BC

Tel: 604-583-3852 ext.2 (Office) or 604-897-0023 (Cellphone)

[harjeet.grewal@options.bc.ca](mailto:harjeet.grewal@options.bc.ca)

[www.options.bc.ca/program/support-parents-young-children](http://www.options.bc.ca/program/support-parents-young-children)

Program focus is to help parents and caregivers with children ages 0-5 develop a deeper understanding of the benefits of connection and attachment based parenting. The program offers one-on-one services which are available in person, by phone and Zoom.

## Queen Elizabeth Adult Education Centre

9457 King George Blvd, Surrey, BC

Tel: 604-581-1413 [tinyurl.com/blt2u8q](http://tinyurl.com/blt2u8q)

Offering late afternoon and night courses to adults for high school completion and upgrading. Also offers tuition-free classes to graduated adults. Offers academic as well as hands-on trades courses.

## Computer Classes

## Chuck Bailey's Seniors Computer Club

13458 - 107A Avenue Surrey, BC V3T 0G4

Phone: 604-598-5898

[www.surrey.ca/culture-recreation/14353.aspx](http://www.surrey.ca/culture-recreation/14353.aspx)

Currently suspended due to COVID-19. Drop in and ask questions or discuss your favorite bit of technology. Must have a senior's centre membership (\$25 per year). Ages 55+.

## Cloverdale Seniors Computer Club

6188 - 176th Street, Surrey BC

Tel: 604-598-7960 [www.surrey.ca/culture-recreation/14353.aspx](http://www.surrey.ca/culture-recreation/14353.aspx)

Currently suspended due to COVID-19. Club hosts their own tutorials and brings in outside speakers. Wide range of expertise among members. Must have a senior's centre membership (\$25 per year). Ages 55+.

## Computer Comfort @ Neil Squire Society

400-3999 Henning Dr, Burnaby, BC V5C 6P9

Tel: 604-473-9363 [www.neilsquire.ca](http://www.neilsquire.ca)

Provides one-on-one computer training for people with disabilities in a supportive, participant-centered environment. Areas of training include word processing, email, and the internet. Also available online as Distance Computer Comfort; contact Gordon Watt at [gordonw@neilsquire.ca](mailto:gordonw@neilsquire.ca) for information. Also offer a range of other technology programs, including help accessing customized technology solutions and a program connecting people with local makers to find accessibility solutions.

## Computer Sessions @ Seniors Come Share

15008 – 26 Ave. Surrey BC V4P 3H5

Tel: 604-531-9400 ext 203, [volunteer@comeshare.ca](mailto:volunteer@comeshare.ca)

[www.comeshare.ca](http://www.comeshare.ca)

Currently suspended due to COVID-19. Free computer classes taught by volunteer seniors. Teaches basic Internet and computer skills. Pre-registration required. By donation.

## Computer classes at Surrey Libraries

[surreylibraries.ca/events](http://surreylibraries.ca/events)

Currently suspended due to COVID-19. Free beginners' classes offered at City Centre, Guildford, Semiahmoo, Strawberry Hill libraries. Covers computer basics including mousing, using the Internet, email and Microsoft Word basics. Also offers drop in technology help at some branches.

## Newton Senior's Computer Club

13775 - 70th Avenue Surrey, BC V3W 0E1

Tel: 604-501-5010 [newtonseniorscomputerclub.webs.com/](http://newtonseniorscomputerclub.webs.com/)

Currently suspended due to COVID-19. Computer classes, drop-in tech sessions and workshops for seniors. Annual membership is \$15 but you can try it for 3 meetings first.

## Online Computer Classes

### @ Learning Express and Lynda

[surreylibraries.ca/services/online-library#L](http://surreylibraries.ca/services/online-library#L)

Free, online tutorials that allow you to learn a number of popular software titles from Microsoft and Adobe at your own pace. Requires library card to login. Offer online classes on a range of topics.