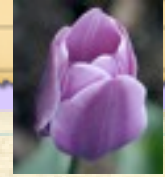




Spring is in the Air!

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Registration Openings!

We are presently accepting spring registration and several of our programs have openings. We are happy to welcome new families to share our beautiful space.



Books with Mums and Tods:

In response to the interest expressed for this program, we will be offering two Monday morning sessions in the spring! The first class will run from 9:00 - 10:30 am with a second class following at 11:00 - 12:30 pm.

Threes on their own!

We are excited to introduce a new program that will be starting Tuesday, April 29 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm for “threes” on their own! The class will run for 6 weeks, finishing on June 3. This two-hour program will include a blend of stories, rhymes, songs, and fingerplays, an open-ended art project as well as a light snack. We are hoping to venture out into the outdoors each week for a nature walk and picnic snack! The cost is \$150.00 + gst for six sessions.

June Features:

For the Little Ones:

We are planning two Early Childhood pre-summer camps for your children!

- * June 9 - 13 from 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Preschoolers explore backyard nature through literature and art.
- * June 16 - 20 from 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Kindergartners explore seasonal landscapes through literature and collage.



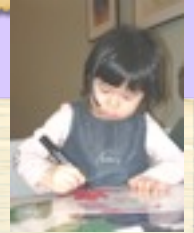
Attention all Homeschoolers!

In June, we will be offering a series of literature and art classes for Homeschoolers. The theme of these weeks will be “Nurturing a Social Conscience” through literature and varied art media. If you are interested in this program, please call the Lyceum for more information and/or registration.

- * Week 1: Tuesday June 10, Wednesday June 11 & Thursday June 12 from 9:00 - 12:00 pm. (6 - 9 years)
- * Week 2: Tuesday June 17, Wednesday June 18 & Thursday June 19 from 9:00 - 12:00 pm. (9 - 12 years)

Summer Camp Programs at the Lyceum!

As spring blows through the doors of the Lyceum, we are bursting with ideas for summer programming! With the diverse interests and talents of our Lyceum staff, the possibilities for summer programming are endless! The summer is just not long enough to offer all that we have envisioned. With a little trimming, we have created a summer curriculum filled with unique and innovative learning opportunities. The materials that we offer at the Lyceum are of the highest quality and you can expect your child to explore the languages of several media. We have included the outline of our summer schedule so that you can mark your calendar to avoid disappointment as we expect classes to fill quickly. Our summer schedule with detailed descriptions of each camp will be distributed by the end of the month and we will begin accepting registration as of April 1st.



Early Childhood:

Preschool Literature and Art (3/4 years): July 28 - August 1 or August 18 - 22 from 9:00 - 12:00 pm.

Budding Kindies Literature and Art (4/5 years): July 28 - August 1 or August 18 - 22 from 1:30 - 4:30 pm.

Exploring Environment Through Literature and Art (5 - 7 years): July 14 - 18 or August 11 - 15 from 9:00 - 12:00 pm.

Elementary:

Nurturing a Social Conscience (6 - 8 years): July 7 - 11 from 9:00 - 12:00 pm.

Self Portraits and the Impressionists (7 - 9 years): July 21 - 25 from 1:30 - 4:30 pm.

Yoga Buddha Stories & Watercolour paint (7 - 10 years): July 14 - 18 from 1:30 - 4:30 pm.

Walk and Fot.Nature Journaling (8 - 10 years): August 11 - 15 from 1:30 - 4:30 pm.

Sculpting to Shakespeare - Tempest (8 - 10 years): July 7 - 11 from 1:30 - 4:30 pm.



Tweens and Teens:

Walk and Shoot, Working with Perspective (10 - 12 years): July 21 - 25 from 9:00 - 12:00 pm.

Sculpting to Shakespeare - King Lear (10 years +): July 7 - 11 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm.

Beading and Short Stories (10 years +): July 28 - August 1 or August 11 - 15 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm.

Mosaic Tiling and Stories (11 years +): August 18 - 22 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm.

Poetry Slams & Collage (12 years +): July 21 - 25 from 6:00 - 9:00 .

Manga Mania (Teens): July 14 - 18 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm.



Special Saturday Programs!

Exploring the Power of Words, Thought and Imagery Through Poetry and Art (7 - 9 years): July 19 from 9:30 - 4:30 pm.

Exploring the Power of Words, Thought and Imagery Through Literature and Art (10 years +): July 26 from 9:30 - 4:30 pm.

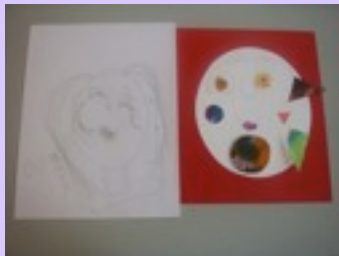
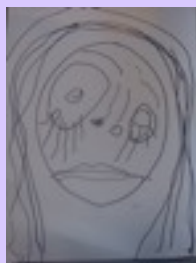
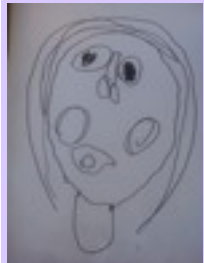
Mosaic to Music (11 years +): August 16 from 9:30 - 4:30 pm.

Impacting your world through creating a "vision" canvas (layering with paint, collage and transfer techniques) (11 years +):
August 23 from 9:30 - 4:30 pm.

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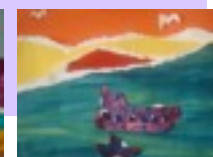
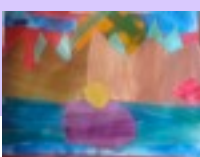
Preschool

Stemming from our initial exploration of friendship and looking at ways to be a good friend to yourself, our preschoolers have been working on creating a series of self portraits over the past few weeks. This has been a very exciting process to embark upon with the children, as they observed themselves closely in a mirror to bring their faces to life on paper! We are very proud of the time, attention and commitment each child has given to this particular project.



Kindergarten

The kindergarten children have blown us away with their torn collage landscape works. The portfolios of work collected from the children in these classes are very rich indeed. It is most rewarding to see them put what they have studied about perspective into their creative process.

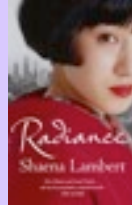


Bookclubs

We have had many wonderful authors and illustrators visit our bookclubs in February!

Adult Bookclub

April 5, *Radiance* by Shaena Lambert.



We are delighted to announce that Shaena Lambert, nominee for the 2008 B.C Book Prize, will be joining us to discuss her new book, *Radiance*, with the adult bookclub. This promises to be an engaging and enlightening evening, touching on the subjects of plastic surgery and the victims of Hiroshima. You may purchase books at the bookclub discount from the Lyceum as of March 14.

New Beautiful Artwork!

Lynn Ray from Bellevue Gallery made a visit to the Lyceum this past Thursday to change the paintings. It just so happened that she arrived in the middle of our kindergarten class - this was quite fitting as they were busy working on their landscape collage pieces. The children were instantly drawn to "The Pink Elephant" painting that you will notice in the Lyceum living room. "How did she do that?" one of the children exclaimed. "It looks so real!"



This was a very exciting yet difficult time, as we struggled to separate from the work that has graced our walls for the past 6 months. We have an agreement with Bellevue Gallery to rotate the paintings to celebrate a wide range of artists. Our new artists are Kristian Adam and Aaron Robbins.

If you are interested in any work you see at the Lyceum, please call the Gallery at 604 - 922 - 2305.

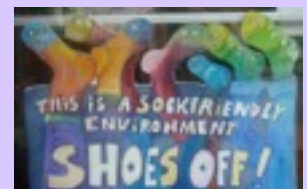
You may also notice a 3-D piece in the living room by Nicole Jang, our new part-time employee. We are happy to welcome her to the Lyceum team and are excited to embrace her creative energy and ideas as an Emily Carr student.



Some of you have met Christina Leist when she visited the Book Blasters with Tiffany Stone to discuss *Baaaaad Animals*. Christina and Tiffany took the words of the Book Blasters and created a new poem called *Make Friends with Canadian Wildlife*.



Christina recently created our funky "sock friendly" sign on the front door. She is clearly a woman who understands a child's sense of humour and has the skills to tickle a laugh out of child and parent alike!



Nicole Jang has spent quite some time mounting the posters to put up in the mezzanine. Like the art from Bellevue Gallery, these posters will be changed every so often. Please take the time to look closely at these works as many of them have been signed by the author or or illustrator. We are particularly pleased with the newest addition to our poster gallery which has just arrived from Toronto via Charlotte Teeple, *Executive Director of The Canadian Children's Book Centre*. Charlotte visited the Lyceum last month and saw the kindergarteners landscape pieces drying on the back table. Christianne explained that they were inspired by a number of illustrators, most importantly Elizabeth Cleaver. Charlotte responded by sending a signed, limited edition print of Elizabeth Cleaver's called *The Tree of Imagination*.



Housekeeping

Umbrellas! Umbrellas!
We are drowning in umbrellas! Please take a moment and check to see if you have left an umbrella behind in addition to peeking in our Lost and Found for various miscellaneous items that may belong to you!

We are looking for...

We are hoping to gather a variety of materials for collage and, in particular, are looking for old magazines. If you wish to donate any to the Lyceum, we would be very grateful! Thank you!

Professional Development Seminars at the Lyceum

We were very pleased with our first PD workshop, *Story-Telling for Educators of Young Children*. Thank you to everyone who attended. Our second PD workshop is quickly approaching! *Using Sophisticated Books to Set the Stage for Literature Circles* will be held on March 27 from 6:30 - 9 pm at the Lyceum. Christianne will demonstrate how to set the stage for rich literature circle discussions by creating a context for social issues using picture books designed for mature audiences.

Giving Thanks

Thank you very much to Sulin Chen and Mary Tang for donating a few sets of children's clothing for us to keep on hand!

Many of you may have met Katy Moore at special events at the Lyceum and as an occasional sub for our ECE programs. Katy works at the Vancouver Art Gallery as an interpreter. We feel very blessed that she shares her time with us and your children.

Hidden Stories Embedded Within the Walls of the Lyceum...

~ Featured item: *Penguins on the Ice* ~



Many of the bookclubbers have asked about the "penguin" painting up in the mezzanine. It is actually a 3-D foam sculpture, detailed with acrylic paint. It was created by Christianne's 19-year-old son, Karim Hayward, last spring. He was quite shy about having it displayed at the Lyceum, "It looks bad against all the amazing art, Mom." Christianne hung it just the same to remind her of the importance of encouraging children to see infinite possibilities within themselves. Karim is a committed athlete and is presently pursuing a career in engineering. Yet, he clearly enjoys exercising his creative side as well.

Closing Words From the Lyceum Team...

"Oh, if you all could see what goes on behind the scenes here at the Lyceum..."

~ *Susan*

"Yeah, at night, the animals jump up to socialize and never return to the places we leave them in. Likewise, the books leave behind their categories on the shelf and join in conversations with book friends on other shelves. As I turn the key in the morning, it seems as through everyone makes a scramble for their places, but they don't quite make it. Oh, what a muddle!

~ *Christianne*

"An intricate tapestry remains behind the scenes as we weave the many pieces together with the support of children, parents, friends and family. Your energy and inspiration fuels the journey in which we travel together - Thank you!"

~ *Vanessa*

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