



Learning Assistance Teachers' Association

a Provincial Specialist Association of the BCTF

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Making Meaning & Book Clubs, 3-6: Comprehensive Reading Instruction January 19, 2022

https://devstu.secure.force.com/pmtx/evt_QuickEvent?id=a1j3q00000lhfnb&cntry=US

FASD Symposium January 25, 2022

<https://www.able2.org/fasd-symposium-registration-information/>

Instructional Self-Checks - Virtual Workshop February 11, 2022

https://devstu.secure.force.com/pmtx/evt_QuickEvent?id=a1j3q00000mBtmx&cntry=US

Inside the Writer's Workshop, K-6 February 9, 2022

https://devstu.secure.force.com/pmtx/evt_QuickEvent?id=a1j3q00000mBtqa&cntry=US

POPARD training sessions and series

<https://autismoutreach.ca/upcoming-training-dates/>

CANCHILD Webinars (McMaster University)

<https://canchild.ca/en/research-in-practice/f-words-in-childhood-disability/webinars>

International Dyslexia Association:

<https://dyslexiaida.org/webinars/>

ACT: Autism Community Training

<https://www.actcommunity.ca/>

Experience Dyslexia - IDA

<https://norcal.dyslexiaida.org/experience-dyslexia/>

Florida Center for Reading Research

<https://www.fcrr.org/>

Really Great Reading Workshops/Webinars

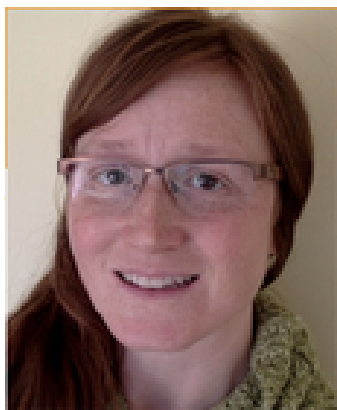
<https://www.reallygreatreading.com/the-science-of-reading-virtual-workshop>



The LATA Executive is here for you



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Do you have a question? Are you looking for support from your PSA (Provincial Specialist Association)?

Email us at psa53@bctf.ca



Alzheimer's Awareness Month

• **San Filippo or MPS III?**

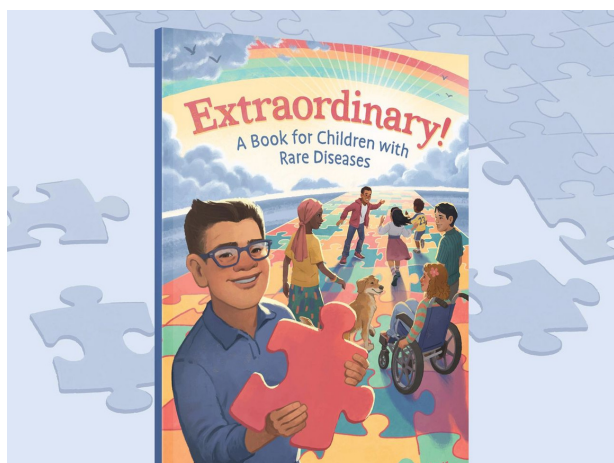
- The child's pre-school years may be a very frustrating stage for the parents. They begin to worry as their child starts to lag behind their friends' children in development, and they may feel they are being blamed for the child's overactive and difficult behavior.
- The diagnosis is often made very late as some children do not look abnormal, and their symptoms are among the most common seen in all children. The doctor has to be perceptive enough to recognize that something serious is wrong and ask for urine and blood tests to help reach a diagnosis. It is not unusual for families to have one or more affected children before the diagnosis is established. Some children are extremely active and restless with very difficult behaviour. Some children sleep very little at night. Many will be into everything. Many like to chew: hands, clothes or anything they can get hold of.
- Sadly, language and understanding will gradually be lost. Many will find other ways of communicating. Some children never become toilet trained, and those who do will eventually lose the ability.
- As children with MPS III syndrome get older, they begin to slow down. They become unsteady on their feet, tending to fall frequently as they walk or run. Eventually, they lose the ability to walk. Life expectancy typically between 10 - 15 years
- occurrence is 1 in 70 000 births
- <https://www.mpsociety.ca/education/what-is-mps/mps-iii/>

• **Niemann–Pick type C disease**

- Childhood symptoms of NPC may be first noticed when a child starts going to school and concerns regarding their behaviour are raised. As the disease progresses, children may experience developmental delays, challenges with motor skills (e.g. increased clumsiness and abnormal posturing) and a particular difficulty in making vertical eye movements.
- "Falling with laughter"
 - Another particular symptom is episodes of falling with laughter – called “gelastic cataplexy”. This is due to a sudden loss of muscle tone.
- <https://alzheimer.ca/en/about-dementia/other-types-dementia/rare-types-dementia/niemann-pick-disease-type-c>



Children's books on Rare Diseases



<https://rarediseasebookforkids.com/>

<http://www.zebraalphabetbook.com/>

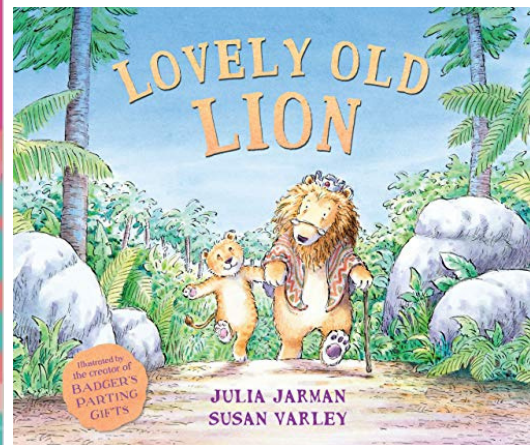
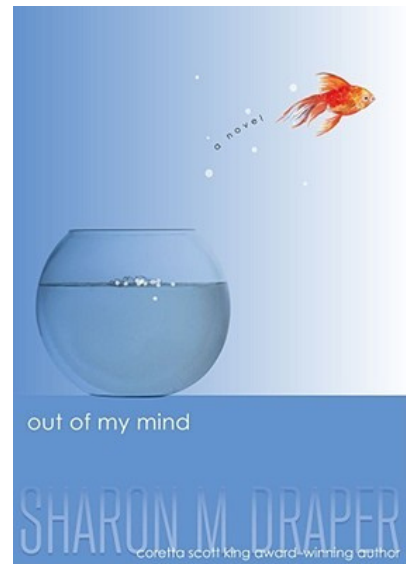
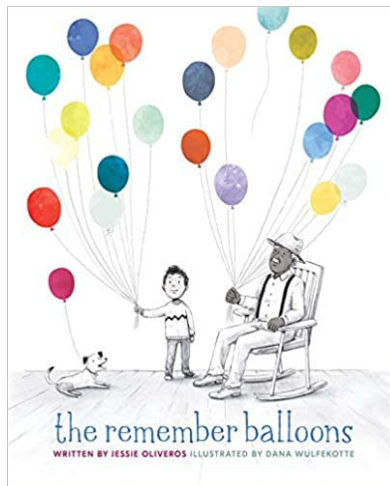
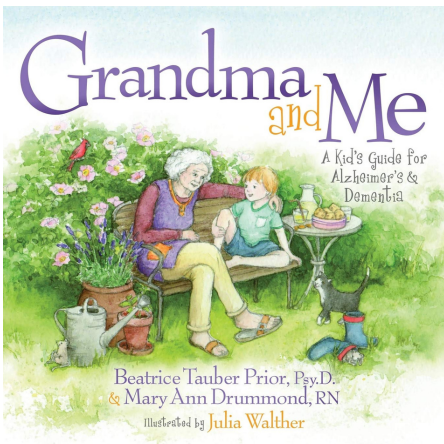
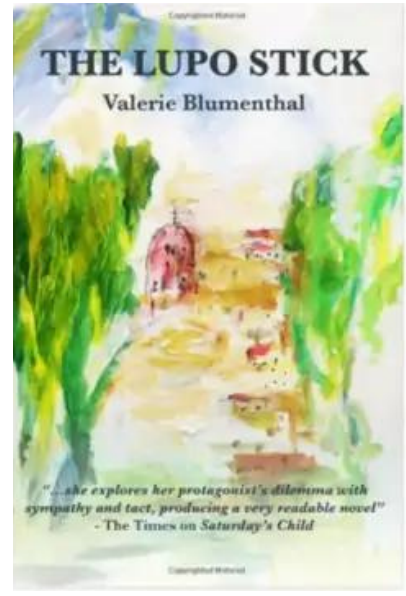


THEY SAY I'LL FORGET. I'M WRITING TO REMEMBER.



<https://laraavery.com/books/>

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BCTF

Explore resources on a variety of Social Issues available for both professional growth and classroom use on TEACHBC - BCTF. Exploring a variety of issues including a wide variety of time topics.

As educators, we accept our broad responsibility to build a better world for future generations

- Aboriginal Education
- Antiracism
- Disability Justice
- Economic Justice
- Environmental Justice
- Gender-Based Violence
- International Solidarity
- LGBTQ2S+
- Peace and Global Education
- Status of Women

<https://www.bctf.ca/advocacy-issues/social-issues#aboriginal-education>

Cool Tools and Sites!

Historica Canada Education Portal:

<http://education.historicacanada.ca/>



Canadian Children's Museum

<https://www.historymuseum.ca/visit/childrens-museum/>



CANADIAN MUSEUM OF HISTORY
MUSÉE CANADIEN DE L'HISTOIRE

Scholastic Canada

<https://www.scholastic.ca/>

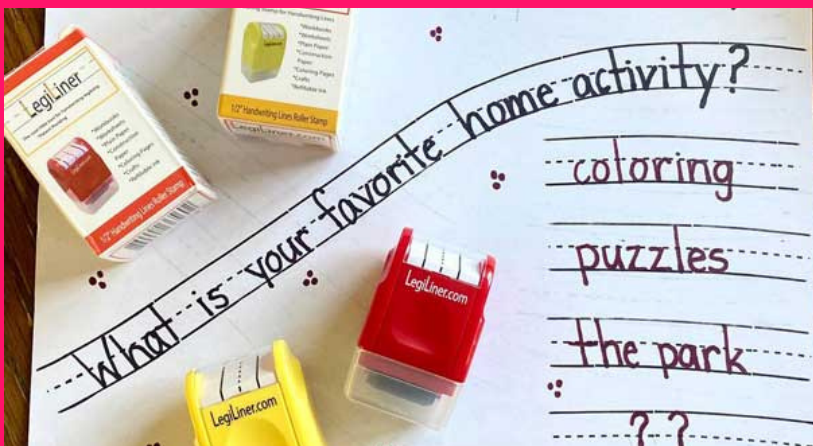


Virtual Manipulatives

<https://toytheater.com/category/teacher-tools/virtual-manipulatives/>



Woo Hoo! One of our members has secured a Canadian supplier of this handy tool!!! Great for in-class support, intervention, and adapting materials. The Legiliner™ comes in multiple sizes and is refillable.



<https://legiliner.ca/>

10% of all profits go to special needs

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Do you know a local supplier we should highlight? email psac53@bctf.ca



Association links and Post-Graduate programming

Provincial Outreach Program for Autism and Related Disorders:

<https://autismoutreach.ca/>



Autism Awareness Centre Inc.:

Check out the recorded webinars available through this Canadian site:

<https://autismawarenesscentre.com/product-category/past-webinars/>



Autism Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Awareness - Find resources through

POPFASD:

<https://www.fasdoutreach.ca/resources/>



Get Involved with Special Olympics BC !!

<https://www.specialolympics.ca/british-columbia>



Vancouver Island University Graduate Diploma in Special Education:

<https://www.viu.ca/programs/education/inclusive-education-special-education-graduate-diploma>



University of Northern BC MEd. in Special Education:

<https://www2.unbc.ca/calendar/graduate/education>



University of British Columbia MEd. in Special Education:

<https://www.grad.ubc.ca/prospective-students/graduate-degree-programs/master-of-education-special-education>



January Question:

What is your greatest need this year?

Please email [**psac53@bctf.ca**](mailto:psac53@bctf.ca)

We are continuing to look for your recommendations for Level A and Level B assessment resources!

Please email [**psac53@bctf.ca**](mailto:psac53@bctf.ca)

We are excited to begin building a resource bank as part of the LATA website!

Check out the following groups on Facebook and let us know who else to follow:

[LATA BC](#)

[Canada's Science of Reading - What I Should have Learned in College](#)

[Special Education Resource Teachers](#)

[Special Education Teacher Leaders](#)

[Math Intervention Matters](#)

Members' Questions:

Please send your recommendations to psac53@bctf.ca

Do you have a question that we can put to members?

Send us an email: [**psac53@bctf.ca**](mailto:psac53@bctf.ca)

Join the Executive:

Volunteering as a member-at-large on the LATA Executive is a great way to build cross-district relationships, to share ideas for great resources, to support others in the field, and to bring speakers to your colleagues through invitation at our annual conference in October.

Please contact us if you are interested in joining the Executive.



FREE RESOURCES!

Visit these blog posts for information and free resources:

1. <https://sites.google.com/pattan.net/pattan-literacy/2020-pattan-literacy-symposium/language-comprehension-strand>
2. <https://www.idaontario.com/french-sl-resources/>
3. <https://sarahsnippets.com/>
4. <https://thisreadingmama.com/>
5. <https://www.themeasuredmom.com/>
6. <https://www.mrsdscorner.com/>
7. <https://www.oneroomschoolhouse.net/>
8. <http://www.breezyspecialled.com/>
9. <https://mrspspecialties.com/>
10. <https://www.earlywood.org/domain/159>
11. <https://sharemylesson.com/collections/special-education>
12. <https://learn2teachwithbrandie.com/resources-teachers/>
13. <https://specialneedsforspecialkids.org/resource-library/>
14. <https://do2learn.com/>
15. <https://autismclassroomresources.com/free-special-education-webinars/>
16. <https://education.ufl.edu/uflivirtualteaching/main/>
17. <https://www.reallygreatreading.com/heart-word-magic>
18. <https://www.carlasiravo.com/music>
19. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPJqkhSNKynPzgLj4Xuqp9g>
20. <https://toytheater.com/category/teacher-tools/virtual-manipulatives/>

Do you know of free resources we should add to our list??
email psac53@bctf.ca



LATA Goals

The LATA Executive continues to work towards the goals identified below:

- 1. To increase engagement with LATA members by using effective communication strategies**
 - a. Website, Email, Newsletters**
 - b. Social Media**
 - i. Twitter and Facebook to support**
- 2. To support and to provide mentorship for those moving in to the Special Education field**
 - a. Scholarship - application available on <http://www.latabc.com/>**
 - b. Connecting with new-to-district and mentorship organizations within various school districts**
 - c. presentation at New Teachers' Conferences (e.g., BCTF New Teachers' Conference, January 2021)**
- 3. Continue offering Learning Support/Inclusive Education professional development opportunities for members (service to members)**
 - a. Collaborative Teacher Inquiry Project (TIP)**
 - i. We are fortunate to work alongside Catherine Quanstrom and Jessica Willows, BCTF Facilitators, for five half-day meetings to discuss**
 - 1. The goal of this project is to collect data from BCTF Learning Assistance Teacher members on**
 - a. the challenges faced by them in this role**
 - b. to identify areas/resources/supports for members**
 - c. seek guidance on ways to improve and increase support for students with learning disabilities/challenges/exceptionalities.**
 - 2. Thank you for supporting future surveys and for reaching out to us via email with any suggestions and supports on this topic. See the BCTF Inquiry cycle.**
 - b. Seeking out new and diverse speakers for workshops and the annual LATA conference.**
 - c. Engage with Ministry of Education staff, University departments, etc., as appropriate.**
 - d. Network and Collaborate with other PSAs**
 - e. PSA Council meeting update**
 - i. Three times a year, the Presidents of the 32 Provincial Specialist Associations (PSA) meet to discuss issues of importance to the membership and to represent issues faced by members. The next PSA Council meeting is on March 4. Please send your Executive (psac53@bctf.ca) any issues of importance so that we can discuss possible ways for changes to be brought about in working and learning conditions.**
 - f. Workshops offered through district-based conferences (e.g., Surrey Teachers' Association (May), Victoria Teachers' Association (Feb 12, 2021))**

