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Niagara Falls Library

Library seminars offer insight into how children learn

Together, we can ensure Niagara Falls remains a community fit for children.

Understanding the Early Years is a Human Resources and Social Development Canada-funded initiative locally sponsored by the Early Childhood Community Development Centre. Working with the coalition, Early Years Niagara and its member organizations, the project has been collecting Niagara Falls-specific information since 2001 on children in senior kindergarten about their readiness to learn in school and community factors influencing young children and their families.

UEY has a new report containing community resources, socioeconomic variables and readiness to learn findings that are mapped by Niagara Falls' neighbourhoods. The library supports using such community knowledge to meet local needs and has used previous findings to make decisions about programs, book purchases and outreach.

In an effort to increase community understanding, collaboration and planning, UEY and the library are co-sponsoring a series of upcoming meetings about "Creating A Community Fit For Children: Community Action Planning." Parents, educators, early learning and care service providers and other community members interested in, or responsible for, improving outcomes for young children and their families and caregivers might find the

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Attendees will have an opportunity to explore the UEY findings and are invited to bring and share additional research and information, collaborate with and learn from each other, and consider action. The ideas generated will be recorded and electronically distributed to participants. Light refreshments will also be provided.

There are three sessions to select from: Feb. 27 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Victoria Avenue library; Feb. 27 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Chippawa branch; or March 1 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the MacBain Community Centre (in the meeting room beside the library).

There is no charge to attend, but pre-registration is required. Call 905-646-7311, ext. 306 or e-mail lvancier@eccdc.org.



Local author Erno Rossi will host an illustrated discussion of his DVD "The Blizzard of '77: A 30th Anniversary Documentary," at the Victoria Avenue branch of the Niagara Falls Public Library Feb. 22, from 7 to 9 p.m. Copies of the book and DVD will be available for sale.

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