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## Celebrate Family Literacy Day with the Library

Stratford, ON, January 20th – Family Literacy Day is an annual movement that highlights the importance of engaging in literacy activities as a family. The Stratford Public Library is excited to be part of this important initiative by offering family-friendly literacy programs on Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> 2020.

“Family Literacy Day is an annual celebration of all of the wonderful literacy-related activities families can do together, creating stronger bonds, shared knowledge and all kinds of fun to boot,” states PLOW and Children’s Program Coordinator, Trish MacGregor. “How awesome it is when families discover the excitement and joy of reading together!”

For over 20 years, ABC Life Literacy Canada has united Libraries, schools, and literacy organizations on Family Literacy Day to raise awareness about the importance of literacy skills. ABC states that “By reading to children and engaging in fun literacy activities regularly, adults actively keep their own skills sharp and also help children improve their skills. Family literacy activities strengthen the relationship between family members which, in turn, encourages lifelong learning.”

This year, the Stratford Public Library is partnering with the Stratford Perth Museum to offer a special afterschool program for families. Join in the fun at the Museum for Dear Families, a program that encourages families to try out typewriters, printmaking, stamping and more. The program will take place from 3:30-5:00pm and families will receive free admission to the Stratford Perth Museum as part of Family Literacy Day.

Keep the celebration going at the Family Literacy Day Party with songs, stories, and interactive learning centers at the Library from 6:30-7:30pm. Commemorate the day by taking a fun family photo with green screen technology. All programs are free and open to all ages.

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