

READ offers help to struggling students

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Kudos to MP Keith Martin for identifying literacy as a crucial component of a healthy lifestyle for children (Oct. 21).

In addition to libraries, children and youth from low-income households in Greater Victoria also have access to another community resource to help improve literacy skills.

As part of its children and youth programs, the non-profit READ Society provides tuition assistance to those in need. Children and youth from low-income households whose academic skills are below grade level are offered an academic assessment and individual learning program developed and delivered by a professional teacher. Students receive up to 10 months of remedial help in reading, writing and mathematics.

Applications for tuition assistance can be found on READ's website, readsociety.bc.ca or by calling 250-388-7225.

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