



# Literacy Connections



## Implementation Manual and Workshop Kit

Includes all materials needed to run:

- ★ a Literacy Connections Lending Program
- ★ a Literacy Connections Workshop



A resource to help schools, daycares and community organizations support literacy development at home and encourage a love of reading within the families they serve

Program components include:

- The Literacy Connections Implementation Manual and Workshop Kit
- The Literacy Connections Start at Home Guide
- The Literacy Connections Video

Designed for use with parents and caregivers of children aged 2–10



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**Families who spend time in reading  
and writing activities together  
strengthen their relationship  
and strengthen their commitment  
to lifelong learning.**

*Family Literacy Action Group Alberta, 1995*





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# Classroom Connections – Who We Are

## Our Mandate

Classroom Connections is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to fostering positive social change by strengthening the education and parenting of Canada's youth. The organization was founded on the simple premise that real societal transformation has to start with our children.

## Our History

Classroom Connections began in 1997 as a local education support organization serving 1000 schools in the province of Ontario. Initial efforts focused on providing much needed teaching resources to schools faced with massive cutbacks, curriculum overhaul and increased demands on staff. In 1998, Classroom Connections was registered as a not-for-profit corporation. In five years, the company has provided more than 15 free support resources to teachers, parents and community organizations across Canada. To view our resources, visit [www.classroomconnections.ca](http://www.classroomconnections.ca).

## What We Do

Classroom Connections works with major education organizations in Canada as well as a network of teachers and community workers from across the country to determine gaps in available resources and develop program ideas to meet these gaps. We then work to match these program needs with potential funders and assemble a steering committee of field experts to advise on program development. New resources are pilot tested in schools and community organizations, and reviewed by educational specialists as well as Curriculum Services Canada. School districts and community organizations that have registered with us receive our resources through a national distribution.

## Why Are the Resources Free?

We believe strongly in equal access to our programs — for parents, schools and community groups. Resources that foster social responsibility are crucial and should not be limited to those organizations and parents who can afford to buy them. Funding for our projects is raised through a combination of foundation, business and government donations and sponsorships. We abide by strict partnership guidelines to ensure our funding is responsible and ethical.

## Want More Information?

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