

Family Literacy Day

ENJOYED BY ALL AGES

January 21st in the Great Village School Gym. (Harrington Photos)

By Linda Harrington

Passports in hand, it was off to the next station. Children were eager to take their parents on a literary adventure throughout the Great Village Gymnasium on Family Literacy Day, Jan. 21st.

Stations ranged from quiet reading to puzzle time and hands on science. The Dalhousie Science Centre was popular with youngsters eager to try the Squishy Circuit demonstration while parents spent some time at one of the many information booths.

Invited guests included author Bruce Nunn, who gave a wonderful reading from some of his books; Wayne Delaney had an exciting musical presentation; Veteran Herb Peppard, entertained the audience with his extraordinary story telling talents and comic artist Andre Myette presented an enjoyable cartooning class.

The event was sponsored by the Colchester Adult Learning

Association (CALA) and the Great Village Community Association. Charlene Lannon, a CALA instructor, said the goal of the day was to help families be more aware of how important family literacy is. "It is important for children to be well educated and for adults to realize it is never too late to learn," she says. "It can be as simple as learning to read to grandchildren, maybe read a prescription bottle or simply a personal challenge. The stations here today show how learning can be fun, casual and non-threatening."

A special thank you is extended to Canada Bread, Danny Smith and Scotsburn Dairy for supporting the noon time lunch, which was provided free of charge to those in attendance.

Family Literacy Day is held every second year in Great Village. Close to 200 people took in this year's event.

CALA will be holding "Coupon Night" on Feb 23rd at the Great Village Community Hall.

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Wendy Robichaud from the Colchester East Hants Library passes bookmarks to John Henry Robinson, Blade Turner MacLean, Jeff MacLean and Sloane Turner MacLean. The Library offers many wonderful services for all ages.



Who knew a hotdog could conduct electricity? Hendrikus van den Hoek Field looks pretty serious as he checks out what items make good conductors with the assistance of Mara Fontana, from Supernova at Dalhousie University.



6 year old Sebastian, 5 year old Sierra and 1 1/2 year old Rein Patriquin join their mom, Kristen, for some quiet reading time during Family Literacy Day.



Comic Artist Andre Myette shows Liam Boyd (left) and Marshall Field some cartooning techniques. On display is one of Andre's comics, titled 'Humbug'.



Rebecca Bird, Natalie Baillie, Olivia Freitag and Stella Kaulback (left to right) enjoyed spending some time at the board game station.



Five year old Braedon Connolly had a surprise for author Bruce Nunn when he came to the Family Literacy Day. Braedon had drawn Bruce a photo to let him know how much he enjoyed reading the book, Buddy the Bluenose Reindeer.

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