

I Love to Read Month, February 2007

Here are a few links that might be useful in planning activities during February:

<http://www.pembinatrails.ca/infozone/love.htm> Teacher-librarians at Pembina Trails School Division have done a lot of work compiling a page of suggested activities and some good links. There is an email address to acknowledge them if you find some of the activities useful!

<http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/AmReads/07ILoveToRead.pdf> This pdf from the State of Montana has some good ideas. There are several activities that promote multicultural understanding.

<http://www.cbc.ca/canadareads/> Canada Reads is a CBC Radio program involving five panelists (each of whom this year is a past winner) who each defend a Canadian book through a series of debates until only one is left – the winner! The debates are broadcast during the week of February 26 to March 2, can be listened to on the radio, on the Internet, or downloaded as an MP3 file to be listened to anytime. This could make a great Senior English project – perhaps dividing the class into 5 groups, each reading one book, presenting arguments for and against their book, then listening to what the five panelists have to say. Great way to introduce students to current Canadian books and to radio as a medium for Language!

<http://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/behaviour/Reading2Kids.htm> Good information to share with parents!

http://www.fvsd.ab.ca/stm/reading_sites.htm Some links for parents and teachers of Early Years children.

<http://www.nwt.literacy.ca/famlit/howtokit/read15/read15.pdf> An activity book from the NWT which promotes Reading for 15 Minutes. This could just be downloaded, printed and used!

<http://www.berenstainbears.com/> Lots of activities for these books which most young kids are familiar with and most EY classrooms will have!

<http://www.beverlycleary.com/games/partykit.html> Lots of activities here too!

<http://www.jkrowling.com/en/> and <http://www.scholastic.com/harrypotter/index.asp> Information and activities for this popular series of books – Harry Potter!

Hope something here is helpful!