



B.C. First Nations Head Start Cultural Mini Readers

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The First Nations Education Division of the Greater Victoria School District has developed two series of mini-reader booklets for young children, written by First Nations' writer Diane Silvey and illustrated by artist Joe Silvey.

The simple booklets are suitable for toddlers through to preschoolers, and are excellent for use as-is. The format is also highly adaptable. You could easily use the booklets and their repetitive rhyming format as models to create your own culturally-specific booklets for your program—all you need are a few willing people to write up the stories, based on these readers, and someone to create illustrations. This would make an excellent collaborative project to do with elders, parents, or older children in the community.

The booklets are available for loan from the B.C. Aboriginal Child Care Society resource library. To borrow items, you must be a member—the annual membership fee is \$20 per centre. BC-ACCS will ship the books to you, and there are no additional shipping charges. Tel: (604) 913-9128 or Fax: (604) 913-9129.

To buy your own copies, contact The First Nations Education Division, Greater Victoria School District. Tel: (250) 475-4124, Fax: (250) 475-4109. Each set of six booklets is \$6, and purchase of the booklets entitles you to reproduce enough copies for your program use.

SET 1

What Do You See?

I Went to the Woods

Tell Me, Tell Me, What Do You See?

What Did You Find on the Shore?

It's All a Matter of Size

Animal Ditties

SET 2

What Can You Feel?

What Do You Hear?

Where Do You Climb?

Where, Oh Where is Pine Marten?

Tall, Taller, Tallest

Animal Ditties II