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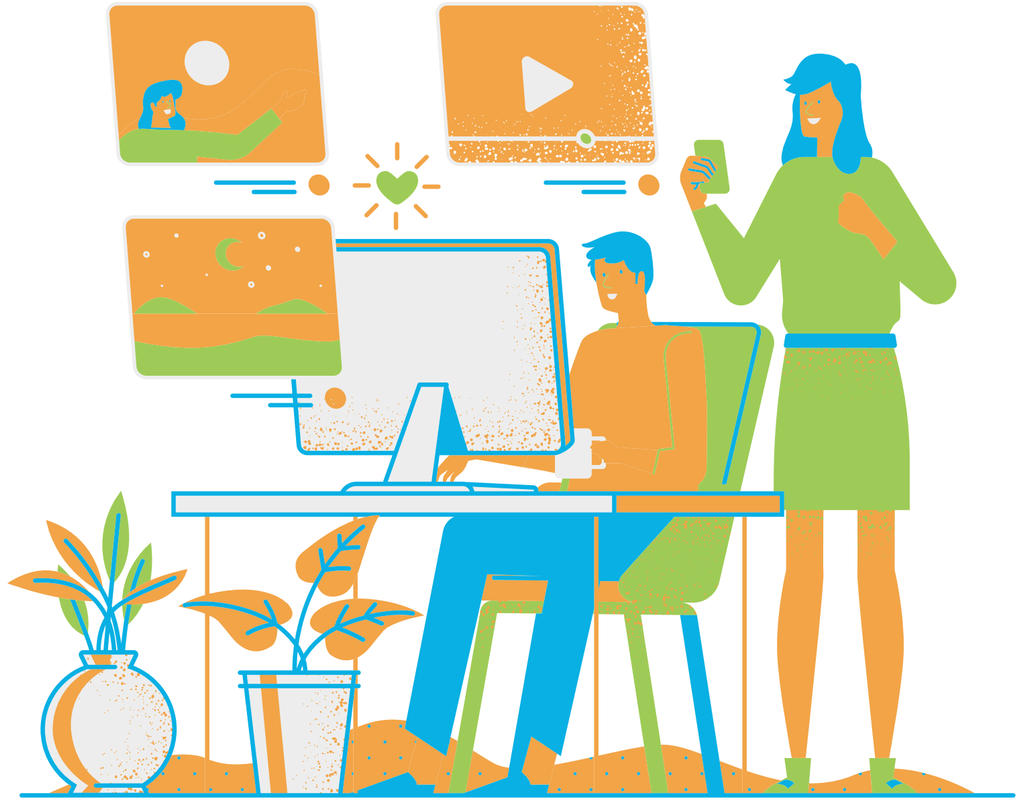
Online Learning

Victoria Literacy Connection
- Opening the world of
learning in our community



Pre-Covid Programming

Noisy Kids Reading Program - Grades 2-5

Reading Partners - Grades 2-5

1:1 Volunteer Tutoring - Child, Youth and Adult

English Language Conversation Groups - Adult

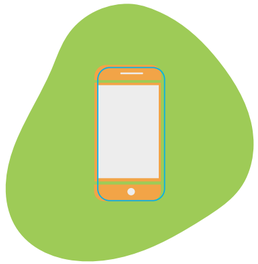
Vancouver Island Corrections - Adult

Remedial (paid tutoring) - Child and Youth

Literacy Assessments - Grades K-12

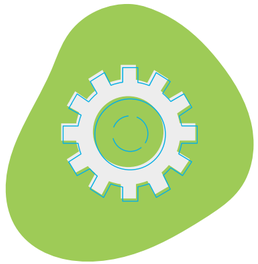
Covid –

What Now?



Problem 1

Could not meet face-to-face



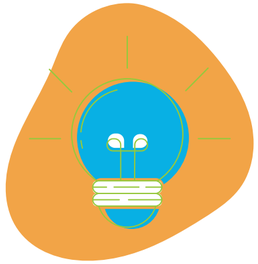
Problem 2

Isolation of leaners and tutors

Problem 3

General sense of helplessness

Solution



Step 1

Went to the board
Developed a reading program as a pilot
Explored communications platforms
Devised online security policy using School District standards
Found shareable online library

Step 2

Trained volunteer pool to use online tool
Actively promoted program on regional media and social media platforms

Step 3

VLC's engagement at the early stages of the pandemic provided some excitement and a sense of connection among isolated community members

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E-Reading Book Club

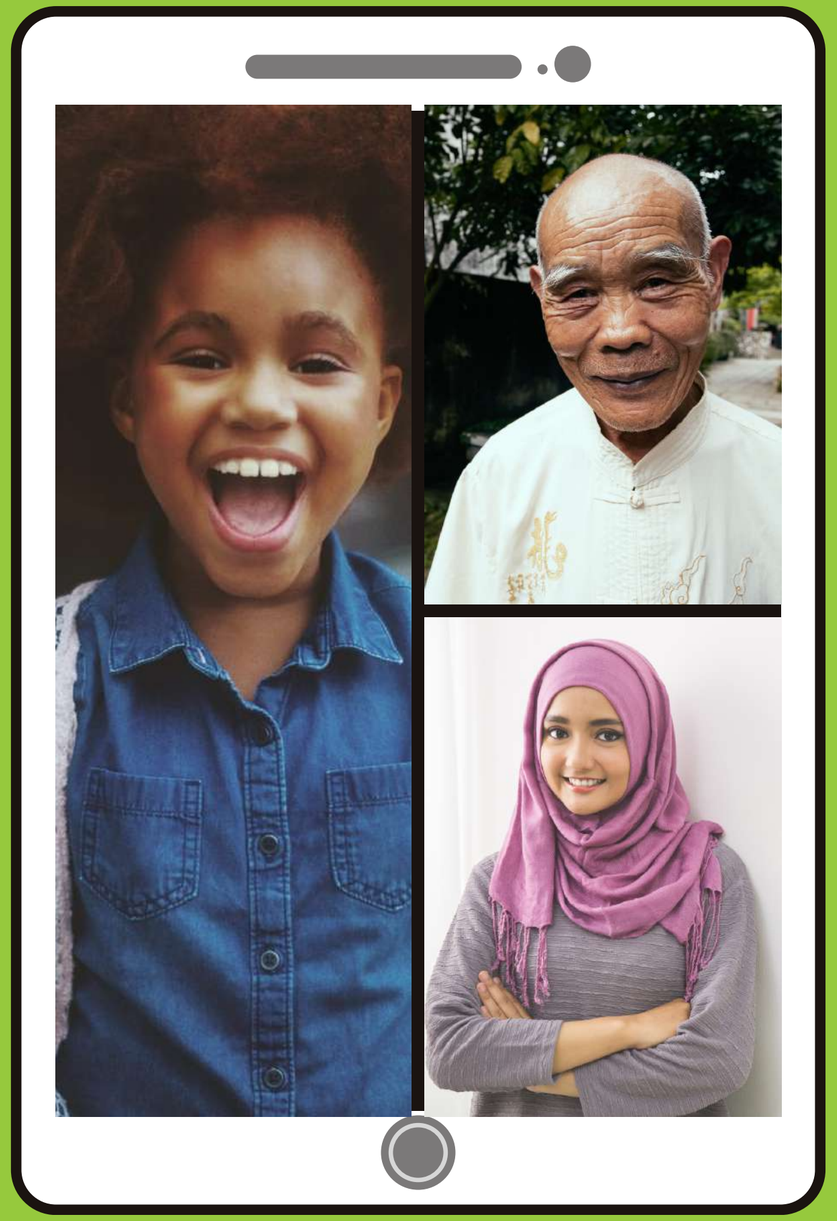
New Online Programs

E-Reading Book Club
English, French Immersion and ELL
Grades 2-5

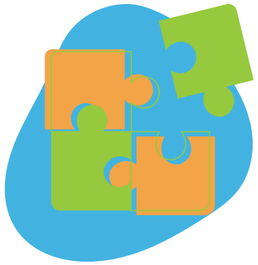
English Language Conversation Groups
Adult

1:1 Volunteer Tutoring
Child, Youth and Adult

Inter-generational Penpal Club

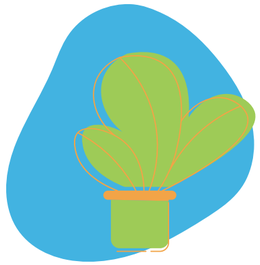


A New Set of Problems



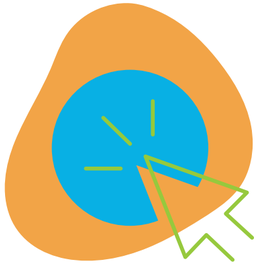
Low digital literacy among some learners and tutors

Lack of devices and/or internet



Anxieties around electronic devices

A New Set of Solutions



1:1 online digital literacy program

Digital loan library and donated devices *(though still working on network connection for all!)*

Trained and patient tutors

Testimonials

"First session with O went so well … this is what a perfect match looks and feels like. We laughed a lot so that helps a lot too. Made schedule for future tutoring session. Thank you, for making this happen." – G age 82

"Thank you for all of the open communication and collaboration this year. I really appreciate all of the accommodations you've been willing to try with us. Huge shout out to tutor C for all of his support so far!." – JR, support worker for learner with diverse abilities

We Want to Share This With You!

1. Organizational Capacity Building in Digital Literacy

- Staff support
- Toolkit
- Training sessions
- Marketing package
- Volunteer recruitment support

2. Digital Literacy Tutoring for Clients of Organizations

- that wish their clients to follow their online learning sessions

- Program adapted to follow organizations online learning platform
- 1:1 tutor support to provide skills and reduce anxiety
- Include other digital skills to access important resources

Funding Formula

Subsidized through grants

Government contracts

Fee-paying basis

Funding Opportunity

Upcoming Recovery Grant and Research Grant

June 2022

United Way British Columbia

vancouver foundation

Is This Something for You and Your Organization?

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