

## Central Okanagan Local Immigration Partnership

Events & News  
September 2015

# COLIP Newsletter

**Committed to the further development of an inclusive, welcoming, and vibrant community where immigrants can realize their full potential, racism is eliminated, and cultural diversity is valued and celebrated**

This newsletter is to keep community members in the loop about the events, programs, and happenings that relate to the integration of newcomers.

Have an event, workshop, or news item that you would like the community to know about? Email the details to the [LIP Coordinator](#) to be included in the next newsletter!



Looking forward to having your voice heard in the upcoming election, but have limited time to dedicate to researching each party's platforms?

This [nifty tool](#) developed by political scientists can help you find out which of the four major political parties' platforms are similar to your own and where you stand on the political landscape!

Have you checked out our webpage?  
Take a peek at our Community Asset Map for newcomers!

**COLIP Webpage**

**Community Asset Map**

## Local Events & Programs

### Vote Pop-Up



**Kelowna Branch Atrium SATURDAY:  
September 12 11:00am - 3:00pm**

Are you new to Canada? Did you turn 18 since the last election?  
Come on in to the polls on October 19, 2015. To help you feel comfortable with your voting experience, Kelowna Library is hosting a Vote Pop-Up! Come by your drop-in polling station to fill out a sample ballot, learn about how elections in Canada work, find out where the local polling stations will be, and make sure you have the correct ID for the upcoming election.  
You don't need to be a registered voter to participate.

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1380 Ellis Street  
In Kelowna's Cultural District

### Vote Pop UP

**WHEN:** September 12, 2015, 11AM-3PM  
**WHERE:** Okanagan Regional Library, 1380 Ellis St., Kelowna

Are you a new voter to Canada? Want to learn more about the voting process? Join us at the library for Vote Pop Up! Drop in anytime between 11am and 3pm to learn about what to expect when you go to the polling station,



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### Okanagan Volunteer Opportunities Fair

**WHEN:** September 19, 2015  
10AM-3PM  
**WHERE:** Parkinson Rec Centre, 1800 Parkinson Way, Kelowna

This annual event draws local non-profit organizations who need volunteers to support the programs and services that make our community a better place to live. More information [here](#).



**Kelowna  
Library Fall**

### Living Library



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### Living Library

**WHEN:** September 26, 2015, 12-4PM  
**WHERE:** Rotary Centre for the Arts, 421 Cawston Ave, Kelowna

The Living Library initiative will have human 'books' available to the public during Culture Days. The 'books' will share 10-15 minute personal stories and/or facts about their culture.

This is an interactive

make sure you bring your identification and share your commitment to democracy with your fellow citizens.

EVERYONE is welcome! You do not need to be a registered voter to participate! See [here](#) for more information.



## West Kelowna & Kelowna Culture Days

September 26-28, 2015 is Culture Days! This event encourages creatives of all types and the public to interact in various ways around culture. Each mall on the West side, whether WFN or DWK, as well as Kelowna will host artists for Culture Days. For more information, visit the [Suk'w̓təmsqilxw West Kelowna Arts Council \(SWAC\)](#) and [City of Kelowna](#) websites.

## Library Fun Programs for Adults

WHEN: Various times

WHERE: Okanagan Regional Library, 1380 Ellis St., Kelowna

Kelowna Library is running a wonderful variety of programs for adults this fall. From author readings, to a series on the Okanagan Symphony Orchestra, to book clubs and movie nights, we have something to appeal to everyone. Visit our [website](#) for more information. All programs free of charge.

and fun way to share and learn about diverse cultures that are a part of our community. Various perspectives and personal experiences are welcome to be shared as an exercise of inclusion and respect. For more information, contact Victoria at [victoria@kcr.ca](mailto:victoria@kcr.ca).



## Computer Classroom

WHEN: Every Wednesday, 10AM-11:30AM

WHERE: Okanagan Regional Library, 1380 Ellis St. Kelowna, BC

The ORL is running several computer classes this fall in the library's computer lab, from Computer Basics for absolute beginners, to classes on the internet, email, and facebook. See [here](#) for a complete class list. Registration required: Call 250-762-2800 or drop by the ORL to register.



## Drop In Tech Help

WHEN: Every Wednesday, 2-3:30PM

WHERE: Okanagan Regional Library, 1380 Ellis St. Kelowna, BC

Need help with your laptop, tablet, or eReader? Let our librarians help you. Learn how to navigate your device, how to perform basic functions, and to access library resources like eBooks, audio books, and magazines.

Bring your device,  
passwords, and questions!

Free, drop-in program. No  
registration necessary. See  
[here](#) for more information.



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