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## **Family Literacy Carnival**

Edmonton – Carnivals are a place to wander, explore, participate and just have fun – maybe even bring home a prize.

Families can do all that – and more – at the Family Literacy Carnival in celebration of National Family Literacy Day. Student members of MacEwan University’s Golden Key chapter and the Centre for Family Literacy are collaborating once again to host the seventh annual Family Literacy Carnival.

“This is a drop-in style event,” says Justine Dogbe, Volunteer Engagement and Outreach Coordinator, MacEwan University. “There are interactive stations and activities for the whole family, including storytelling and free books. We have celebrity readers participate each year and this year Sarah Chan and her children will be at the carnival along with members of the Edmonton Eskimos.”

The station themes revolve around math, science, play and learning, technology, music, and Indigenous culture. Families will receive a passport when they arrive, and when they visit four stations, they will receive a free book.

“There are two activities at each station, one for readers and one for pre-readers,” adds Dogbe. “The activities are intended for parents and guardians to do along with their children, and all families with children are welcome to attend.”

Family Literacy Day is a national initiative that raises awareness to the importance of reading and engaging in literacy-related activities as a family.

When: Sunday, January 27

Where: Robbins Health Learning Centre, Heart of the Robbins (109 Street and 104 Avenue)

Time: 2 - 4:30 p.m.

This is a free event. For more information, please go to [famlit.ca](http://famlit.ca).

### **About MacEwan University’s Golden Key chapter**

In 2010, MacEwan University was authorized to be a Golden Key chapter. There are currently 400 chapters worldwide. Members focus on community service, networking events, and reaching out to make connections with the local community and the entire university body.

In 2017, the MacEwan Golden Key chapter received the Lois Hole Community Leadership Award that was established in 2007 by the Centre for Family Literacy. This award honours individuals, organizations, or businesses that have demonstrated a commitment to literacy in Alberta.

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