

2026 EFL ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

Venue

Annual Meeting

Simon Fraser University, Vancouver Campus
Harbour Centre
[555 West Hastings Street](#)
Vancouver, BC

Technology, Literacy, and Education: A Public Symposium

Science World – Science Theatre
[1455 Quebec Street](#)
Vancouver, BC

RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/KARKXMgS2ihXiHhB9>

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Note: The program and speaker lineup are subject to change. All times are in PDT.

Day 1: Wednesday, August 12, 2026

8:15 AM	Registration, Networking, and Breakfast (<i>Breakfast will be provided for all attendees</i>)
9:00 AM	Welcome
9:10 AM	Janet Werker
9:40 AM	Language Background & Culture Theme Presentation (<i>Henny Yeung & Guofang Li</i>)
10:10 AM	Coffee Break
10:30 AM	Literacy Theme Presentation (<i>Becky Chen & H�el�ene Deacon</i>)
11:00 AM	Computational Modelling Theme Presentation (<i>Alona Fyshe & Muhammad Abdul-Mageed</i>)

11:30 AM	Lunch (<i>Provided</i>)
1:00 PM	Trainee Lightning Talks
1:30 PM	Trainee Poster Session and Networking
2:30 PM	Coffee Break (<i>Served during the poster session</i>)
3:30 PM	Depart for Science World

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5:30 PM	Reception for EFL Members and Invited Guests (<i>Level 2 Rotunda</i>)
6:30 PM	Keynote Address: Kathy Hirsh-Pasek Panel Discussion and Audience Q&A Moderator: Alona Fyshe Panelists: Carrie Demmans Epp, Guofang Li, Jenny Thomson, Nelly Fargeon (Abbotsford School District) (<i>Science Theatre</i>)
7:30 PM	Public Reception (<i>Level 2 Rotunda</i>)
8:30 PM	Event Concludes

Day 2: Thursday, August 13, 2026

8:45 AM	Registration, Networking, and Breakfast (<i>Breakfast will be provided for all attendees</i>)
9:30 AM	Oral Language Theme Presentation (<i>Janet Werker & Suzanne Curtin</i>)
10:00 AM	Technology & New Media Theme Presentation (<i>Jenny Thomson & Carrie Demmans Epp</i>)
10:30 AM	Coffee Break
11:00 AM	Neuroimaging Theme Presentation (<i>Marc Joanisse & Aaron Newman</i>)
11:30 AM	Trainee-Led Presentation <i>Carlos Perez Valle</i>
12:00 PM	Lunch (<i>Provided</i>)
1:15 PM	Collaborative Manuscript-Writing Session <i>Kaja Jasińska, Deanne Wah</i>
2:30 PM	Connecting the Dots: What Comes Next?
3:50 PM	Closing Remarks
4:00 PM	End of Annual Meeting