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Summer is ending and fall is beginning. Click on the link for a salute to the change of the seasons:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?>



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Celebration Conference

2011- A Success!



Laubach Literacy Ontario celebrated 30 years at its annual conference June 24th to 26th at Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario. Thirty years of supporting and promoting adult literacy in Ontario is quite a feat in this day and age. Congratulations to us and our members... we couldn't have done it without your support!!!

Over 130 people attended, 40 of which were literacy students. The focus of three of the workshops was the new OALCF (Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework). Other workshops included Succession Planning, Building a Better Board, Summer in Smallywood (Essential Skills Video Game), Teaching ESL Adults, Learning Disabilities and Employment, to name a few. The various computer lab classes were of great interest again this year. Thanks to all the presenters for their time.



The conference evaluation summary can be viewed at:
<http://www.laubach-on.ca/getinvolved/facts/news/2011-annual-conference>



To see more pictures: <http://www.laubach-on.ca/teach/news/conference2011/photos>

The students also held their Annual Student Meeting and it was well attended. The Student Initiative Committee (Rubert Payea, Jack Osborne, Mike Chamberlain) hosted the meeting with the assistance of Jennifer Ellis. The students had the opportunity to air their concerns and their wish list.

Saturday, June 25 was our AGM which was followed by dinner, 30th anniversary cake, awards, karaoke and dancing. Every year a new karaoke star is born and this year's winners were Lance and Kelly from Midland. Midland Area Reading Council now gets to display the *beautiful trophy* for a year.

We were fortunate enough to have some past presidents and board members in attendance Saturday evening--some we hadn't seen in years: Myles Gallant, John Putman and Linda Martin. Bev Clarke and Val Sadler were also there but were unable to attend the dinner on Saturday evening.

A student open mike was held Sunday morning after breakfast and it was extremely moving. We had poems, songs, brief stories and in some cases just introductions. As more students came up to speak you could feel the confidence in the room grow. There was also a "special draw prize" for the students – a loaded laptop computer-- and the winner was Kevin Gamble from Hamilton Literacy Council. What a way to end a conference! Thanks to Rubert for getting the donations for this prize.

Thanks to Carol Risidore for volunteering her organization, the Literacy Group of Waterloo Region, to host this event, to Cathy O'Brien for coordinating everything and to all the volunteers for their hard work.





Student Testimonials From the Orillia & District Literacy Council

June 24 – 26: LLO Conference — A group of tutors, students, staff and board members attended the conference. They participated in a variety of workshops while there. They enjoyed the experience and had so much fun that they didn't want to leave when the conference was over!

A Weekend Away — I went to a conference for literacy in Waterloo at the Wilfred Laurier University. I had a very good time meeting new people and made new friends. This was my first conference I've ever been to. I would go again next year. I liked my room and the food was ok. I went to some classes while I was there. The classes were ok. I liked the class that was the Student Annual Meeting. I like the Essential Skills video game too. I also liked the class You Get What You Ask For. The teacher asked the students to write a goal that they could do in less than 3 months from now. They also asked them to figure out some tasks to get to that goal. I think they should have more fun classes next year. I had a good time at the party on Saturday night dancing and also singing karaoke. I also liked the open mic for the students. It was cool to hear what people had to say. I was happy to get the chance to go.

Laura H.

Conference — When we arrived we had pizza. Then I went to class. When we finished class we went to our room.

After dinner the girls and I stayed in our room and talked. On Saturday we all went to breakfast and then we had lunch. After, we went to another class, Students Annual Meeting. Then we went to dinner. That night there was a dance and I had fun.

Linda S.

Waterloo Conference — I went to Waterloo for a conference. I met nice people. It was a lot of fun. I hope I go next year. I met a nice guy named Jeremy. I had to go to workshops. One was called Summer in Smallywood. It was about a learning computer game. The other class was called You Get What You Ask For. It was about setting goals and planning tasks to get there. The other was called Student Meeting. On Saturday night we had a dance. I was dancing with my friends and I met new people. They were from all over. It was a lot of fun. There was karaoke.

Ashlee R.

Program Administration



Over the last year AlphaPlus has been working on several research documents focusing on the integration of technology in adult education. We are pleased to announce the second publication in our series of reports entitled “Finding Our Way: Digital Technologies and E-Learning for Adult Literacy Students, Educators and Programs Literature Scan: 2005-2011.”

The report explores the transformational power of technology in teaching and learning and how it can impact training and professional development for adult literacy educators.

<http://alphaplus.ca/en/web-tools/online-publications-a-reportsgroup1/finding-our-way.html>

Find a service section of the EO website...

It is the responsibility of each agency to update the “Find a Service” section of the Employment Ontario Website. This responsibility is explained in point 3 of Schedule A of your 2011/12 funding agreement. Instructions on how to update the site are also listed there.

Please ensure that your organization/agency information is up to date and inclusive of the services that you offer.

<http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/search.asp>

Memo: http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/publications/eoupdate_eng.pdf



Ten Tips for Effective Volunteer Engagement

So many non-profit organizations face challenges turning members into active volunteers. Here are ten steps for effective volunteer engagement.

<http://www.charityvillage.com/cv/research/rvol79.html>

The deadline for Literacy and Basic Skills agencies to apply for additional funding is October 17, 2011.

[2011-2012 Request for Additional One-Time Funding \(Service Delivery Organizations\)](#)



OALCF SPOTLIGHT

The "*Checklist for Evaluating Learning Materials*" and complimentary guide, "*How to Use the Checklist for Evaluating Learning Materials*" were

developed. the checklist itself is included at the back of the guide.

<http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/publications/>

[OALCF How to Evaluate Learning Materials Mar 11.pdf](#)

The Checklist tool provides standards to help a practitioner evaluate a resource's:

- Content quality
- Potential effectiveness as a teaching or learning tool
- Ease of use for both practitioners and learners

This tool can be used to evaluate materials being used in programs to determine if they support the task-based approach of OALCF. One way for programs to begin to build capacity is to use the tool to evaluate resources.

Learn about OALCF!

LLO is currently working on developing online tutor training modules to introduce the OALCF. The modules will be available on LLO's Training Post (Moodle Classroom). Hard copy segments will also be available for delivery in a tutor training workshop.

A recorded version of the Overview Training (Fall 2010) can be accessed on E-Channel: <http://e-channel-login.ca/main/e-channel-organizations/index.jhtml?default=true>

The Overview Training and Implementation Training are also available as a series of Power Point files with voiceover. They can be viewed at: <http://lbspractitionertraining.com/oalcf/>

Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework

The OALCF includes a competency-based curriculum framework and related assessment and learning material resources that help adult learners transition to their goals of work, further education and training, or independence. It provides LBS practitioners with guidance and support to make closer connections between literacy programming and the skills, knowledge, and behaviours learners need to reach their chosen goals.

The website provides literacy service providers and other Employment Ontario program providers with information about the new Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework (OALCF) that supports the full range of learning in Ontario's Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS) programs. It also provides links to a variety of OALCF resources.

The documents can now be accessed online through the Employment Ontario Partner's Gateway.

<http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/oalcf/index.html>

New documents will be posted in October 2011. Additional Implementation Training for the OALCF will take place in late Fall 2011.

Fun Stuff!



Fact Monster is a fun site with thousand of interesting facts:

<http://www.factmonster.com/>



<http://www.mahalo.com/>

Mahalo has thousands of videos to teach you how to do things. Learn just about “anything” on Mahalo.



Are you new to using computers? Do you wonder what people mean when they say the Cloud, Windows, Blackberry, Lion, etc.? Perhaps you would just like to know more about how computers work? When it comes to

learning today's technology, Computer Basics has all the basic concepts covered.

<http://www.gcflearnfree.org/computerbasics>

<http://www.ehow.com/>

This is a very useful website that shows you how to do many things. It includes more than 1 million how-to articles and 170,000 videos on many topics.

Training, Development and Certification

**Several Tutor Workshop Modules are now available on
LLO'S TRAINING POST!!!**

This Committee meets a minimum of 2 times per year face-to-face: June (at the conference) and October/November, to approve certification packages and work on the committee action plan. Meetings occur online between these dates as the need arises. The next certification review will take place in November. Packages must be received no later than October 31, 2011 .

A large portion of the trainer workshop is now online on LLO's Training Post. The next trainer workshop will have a shorter face-to-face component as trainers will be able to take part of the workshop online. For more information contact the office.

In June, Stephanie Hobbs piloted the online components of the Supervising Trainer workshop, with participants finishing the face-to-face portion at our conference. These modules will be refined based on feedback from participants and a review by TDAC members.



Are you a current apprentice trainer who is ready to take the trainer workshop?

Contact the office!

literacy@laubach-on.ca

**LLO's Training Post, our online classroom for tutors, trainers and literacy practitioners can be found at
<http://www.laubach-on.ca/teach/members/onlineclassroom>,
as well as
instructions on how to access the Training Post.**

CERTIFICATION

**Don't forget that the new certification process for tutor-trainers, based on proficiencies, is now in effect. The whole package outlining the new certification process is posted on our website, at
<http://www.laubach-on.ca/teach/members/trainingsystem>**

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

LLO is tweeting! Click on the link below to follow us:

<http://twitter.com/Llontario>



We are on FACEBOOK. Be sure to visit and click on LIKE so our posts appear on your newsfeed!!!

<http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/LaubachLiteracyOntario>

Meet LLO's Board of Directors for 2011-2012

For pictures and bios click here: <http://www.laubach-on.ca/getinvolved/aboutus/org/board>

PRESIDENT: Sue Bannon, Executive Director of Midland Area Reading Council

VICE-PRESIDENT: Gary Porter, former adult literacy student at the Barrie Literacy Council

SECRETARY: Linda Fetterly, a volunteer tutor from the North Bay Literacy Council

TREASURER: Henry Sum, student at University of Waterloo

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE: Rubert Payea, Literacy Council of Niagara West

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE:

Associate members—individual category

Gay Douglas, Literacy Link Niagara

Monika Jankowska-Pacyna, AlphaPlus

Tracey Mollins, AlphaPlus



Organizational member

Jo Mutch, North Bay Literacy Council

Laubach Literacy Bookstore



Click here to review the latest LLO Bookstore News - our electronic monthly newsletter:

<http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=527e811a0c782656b30e7f7f3&id=49bc56b4e6&e=e613d1b27a>

Unity in Diversity—LLO membership

LLO's membership continues to grow, and we warmly welcome five new member agencies that joined in the past year. Our membership is becoming increasingly diverse and includes not only community-based agencies, some of them unfunded, but also a prison program, seven school board programs, an employment service, a Learning Disabilities association, a provincial organization, a national organization, and three native literacy agencies.



LLO updated its membership categories this year:

- * Organizational members provide literacy delivery services in Ontario; are not-for-profit agencies or are affiliated with a not-for-profit agency, and support the mission, aims and purposes of LLO. Annual fee is \$50.00. One of the benefits of membership is a 30% discount on Laubach Literacy Bookstore prices.
- * Associate members are any organization, business or individual supportive of the mission, aims and purposes of LLO. Annual fee is \$75.00. One of the benefits is a 20% discount on Laubach Literacy Bookstore prices.

Click here for more information about our [Membership Benefits](#).

As of September, LLO has 59 organizational members and 3 associate members.

Welcome to new member organizations who have joined in 2011:

Mississauga First Nation/Enjikendaasang Learning Centre, in Blind River;
<http://www.mississaugi.com/education.html>

Nokee Kwe Native Literacy Centre in London
<http://www.nokeekwe.ca/>

Superior North Literacy, in Nipigon
<http://www.nipigonliteracy.com/>

Hamilton Regional Indian Centre-Literacy Program
<http://www.hric.ca/>

St. Marys Adult Learning Program,
<http://www.stmarysadultlearning.com/wordpress/>

Creative Curriculum

Corner

Practical Money Skills for Life™

This site contains a number of tools and resources for educators on money skills.

[http://
www.practicalmoneyskills.co
m/resources/](http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/resources/)

[http://
illuminations.nctm.org/
ActivitySearch.aspx](http://illuminations.nctm.org/ActivitySearch.aspx)



The Ontario Literacy Coalition is proud to announce the release of our Election Kit for the 2011 Ontario Election. The OLC Election Kit is intended to be a living document, please feel free to adapt it as you wish. With these tools we have tried to articulate some key messages and help literacy advocates speak to candidates for the Legislature.

[http://www.on.literacy.ca/
literacy101/tools](http://www.on.literacy.ca/literacy101/tools)



Three new Interactive Tools that may revolutionize how we learn and/or teach literacy and essential skills – available on www.learningandviolence.net.

Check out the exciting
new interactive
materials in
Changing Education



Building on what we have learned over the past decade about the impacts of violence on learning, here are **three groundbreaking online tools** that can help all students to learn more effectively and help all programs to improve their practices.

Don't forget the



<http://www.learninghub.ca/Home.aspx>



The North Bay Literacy Council has developed online resources to help tutors and students find health information that is tailored to different reading levels. Check it out:

[http://www.northbayliteracycouncil.ca/
index.php?SESSID=0&TMID=TM-
JULIE&CMID=TM-JULIE](http://www.northbayliteracycouncil.ca/index.php?SESSID=0&TMID=TM-JULIE&CMID=TM-JULIE)

ABC Life Literacy Canada officially launched the new Financial Literacy Week website. Visit

[http://abclifeliteracy.ca/flw/financial-
literacy-main](http://abclifeliteracy.ca/flw/financial-literacy-main)

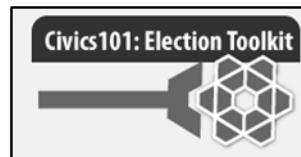


Election Time in Ontario

The big news in Ontario this fall is the provincial election on **October 6**.

TV Ontario (TVO) has lots of good information about Ontario elections and voting at www.yourvote2011.ca.

Click on the Election Toolkit link in the right sidebar. It looks like this:



- ◆ Do you know who you are going to vote for?
- ◆ If you can't vote in THIS election, who would you vote for?
- ◆ Do you think it is important for people who live in Canada and cannot vote to think about this question?

Election Word Clouds Activity

Word clouds are a way of analyzing a document. One way of making a word cloud is to paste the text into Wordle (www.wordle.net). Words that are used most often show up larger and brighter. It can give you an idea about the important words in a document.

TVO made Word Clouds (<http://www.yourvote2011.ca/?p=2478>) from the election platforms of the

- * Ontario Liberal Party: www.flickr.com/photos/tvontario/6119992787/lightbox
- * Ontario New Democratic Party: www.flickr.com/photos/tvontario/6120562074/in/photostream/lightbox
- * Ontario Progressive Conservative Party: www.flickr.com/photos/tvontario/6120562006/in/photostream/lightbox
- * Ontario Green Party: www.flickr.com/photos/tvontario/6120562118/in/photostream/lightbox.

Look at the 4 word clouds. Did you learn anything new about what each party thinks is best for Ontario? Do these word clouds help you decide which party best represents what you think?

What issues are most important to the people in your class? Type them out into a word document. If 5 people think that education funding is an important issue, type education funding 5 times. Copy and paste your document into Wordle.

What does your Election Word Cloud look like?
Does it match any of the election platform Word Clouds?

If you have trouble with Wordle try TagCrowd (tagcrowd.com). You can also find other options here: <http://21centuryedtech.wordpress.com/2010/02/28/waiting-for-wordle-free-word-cloud-options-to-use-now/>. Check out WordSift (www.wordsift.com) if you want to do word analysis as well.

Essential Skills and Employment Ontario

The Ontario Literacy Coalition provides **Essential Skills Bulletins** to assist instructors, employers, labour boards, social service agencies and employment agencies in developing the essential skills of Ontarians. These bulletins also act as an information source to educate about essential skills terminology and where essential skills are going.

[Issue #4 - Shopping in the Digital Age](#)

[Issue #3 - Essential Skills at work in Fort Frances](#)

[Issue #2 - Preparing for work through Essential Skills](#)

[Issue #1 - The Meaning of Essential Skills](#)

To access all the Essential Skills Bulletins:
<http://www.on.literacy.ca/tools/essentialskills>

BLEST Building Literacy and Essential Skills through Life Skills Thematic Modules

This project, funded by the Adult Learning , Literacy and Essential Skills Program (ALLESP) is focused on increasing the levels of adult literacy learners in four areas: Reading, Writing, Document Use and Numeracy using three thematic modules:

- ◆ Everyday Living
- ◆ Health
- ◆ Social Participation

Thank you to those who expressed an interest in field testing the materials. You will receive information about the process in October 2011.

Essential Skills-Have You Used Yours Today?

is a learning package now available for download from NLLC's newly developed website.

Please visit

<http://www.nllc.ca/>
to download.

Check out the new Essential Skills videos on HRSDC's website:

- * Essential Skills for a Winning Team
- * Essential Skills for Managing Change
- * Essential Skills to Get Ahead

<http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/workplaceskills/Les/videos/videos.shtml>





Join.me for a quick and easy online session

How often do you find yourself sitting in front of your computer and trying to guide someone over the phone wishing you could show them your screen and point them to the right place or take them through step-by-step instructions on how to do something?

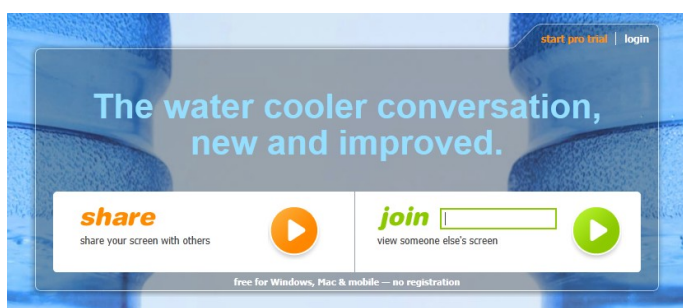
With **join.me** you can and the process is quick and easy!

Join.me (<http://join.me>) allows users to share a computer screen for free (paid version is also available). It can be used for meetings, to review documents and designs, train staff, demo products, or provide technical support. It doesn't require registration and can be set up and started in a few minutes.

The free version includes:

- 250 viewers
- share controls
- chat
- send files
- conference call # (based in USA - calling/long distance fee might apply but you can use your own phone, Skype or other conferencing service).

There is even an App to view the session directly on [iPad/iPhone](#) and [Android](#).



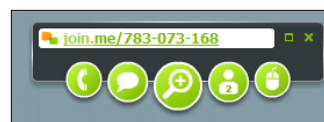
If you want to share the screen:

- Go to <http://join.me>
- Click on **share**
- Download a small program that will provide you with the tools and a meeting code (it doesn't install on your computer, it simply provides you with tools to start the screen-sharing session)
- Launch the program and share the nine-digit session code with others (over the phone or email)
- Use the organizer tools (orange) to chat with others, give controls, even exchange the files



If you want to join and view someone's screen:

- Go to <http://join.me>
- Click in **join** area and type in the nine-digit session code
- In a few seconds you will see the shared screen and get tools (green) to chat, zoom and share files



Is there a tool or topic we should cover in the TECH Corner?
Send your ideas and suggestions to literacy@laubach-on.ca

Cool Thanksgiving Facts:

<http://www.coolest-holiday-parties.com/thanksgiving-facts.html>

- * Fossil evidence shows that turkeys roamed the Americas 10 million years ago.
- * Twenty percent of cranberries eaten are eaten on Thanksgiving.
- * Turkeys were one of the first animals in the Americas to be domesticated.
- * The First Thanksgiving lasted for three days.
- * Contrary to popular belief, Native Americans did not eat cranberries. They did, however, find them extremely useful for dying fabric and decorating pottery.

Cool Halloween Facts

<http://www.coolest-holiday-parties.com/halloween-facts.html>

- * The Irish used turnips as their "Jack's lanterns" originally. But when the immigrants came to America, they found that pumpkins were far more plentiful than turnips. So the Jack-O-Lantern in America was a hollowed-out pumpkin, lit with an ember.
- * Growing big pumpkins is a big-time and serious hobby. Top prize money for the biggest giant pumpkin is as much as \$25,000 dollars at fall festivals. The current world record for giant pumpkins is 1446 pounds.
- * Orange and black became Halloween colors because orange is associated with harvests and black is associated with death.

