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Volume 6 of LLO's Expressions E-Magazine is dedicated to the memory of Arnie Stewart. Arnie was a literacy champion, a leader and an inspiration to us all.

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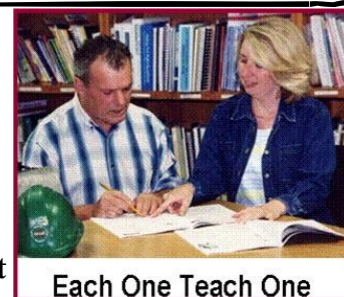


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Tributes to Arnie

Here are some comments people have left about
Arnie on the [LLO Facebook Page](#).



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"Arnie will be missed." Jane Jackson

"Rest easy now friend, your work is done." - Linda Martin

*"I had many great conversations with Arnie over the years.
A loss to the field."* - Lindsay Kennedy

"So sorry to hear of Arnie's passing. He was a lovely, gentle man with a great sense of humour. He was a pleasure to know and to work with; a literacy champion." - Patricia Brady

"Very sad news. I recall Arnie's joy, enthusiasm and generosity of spirit in the few times I interacted with him. Thanks Arnie for sharing so much of yourself with the literacy community." - Anne Ramsay

"So sorry to hear this news. Arnie was a hard worker and great advocate for literacy. You will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and all his friends." - Dan Haley

"Very sad news. Arnie will definitely be missed." - Vicki Townley Trottier

*"I am so sorry to hear this news about our beloved Arnie.
Arnie was a rare gift that some agencies are fortunate enough to receive.
His passion for literacy and his ability to tell a good story made him the perfect ambassador. Besides all of this, he was quite simply, a good guy. You made a difference Arnie!
My thoughts are with your lovely family."* - Val Ehler Sadler

"Such a wonderful man and such a profound inspiration to so many. What a sad loss."

For more tributes, and more on Arnie, please visit Janet Lee Stinson's website at
<http://janetlee.edublogs.org/2012/08/17/arnie-stewart/#.UGXQWK7mAmZ>



Our beloved Arnie shows his passion for his work in literacy.



Arnie Stewart and Garfield Dunlop, MPP
Simcoe North

***"If we could all share our hopes, our dreams, and our knowledge with each other
this world would be a beautiful place." Arnie Stewart***

Arnie's Journey: The Video

Several years ago, Arnie was interviewed by Paula Todd of TVO's Studio 2 where he traced his courageous journey to literacy, offering hope and inspiration to people of all ages.

The impact of this sensitive interview with Arnie resulted in several calls to TVO from across the province from people sharing their personal stories of issues with literacy.



Laubach Literacy Ontario also received over 35 calls - 10 of them received within 15 minutes of the show's end and 23 of them received within 48 hours. Arnie also received about 10 phone calls to his home, many from students too shy to call a literacy organization.

Most of the calls that LLO received were from adults wanting a volunteer tutor like Arnie had. They were referred to the regional literacy network in their area or directly to a community-based program close to them. However some callers were so moved by Arnie's frank and inspiring heart-to-heart interview with Paula that they wanted to know where they could sign up as a volunteer tutor.

This is what Arnie did! Through his story he inspired and gave courage to those who needed help but were too afraid to ask, he made others want to help and he touched the hearts of everyone who ever had the pleasure of knowing him.

TVO provided Laubach Literacy Ontario with a copy of the interview to be used to promote literacy and raise public awareness of the importance of non-profit adult literacy programs. Copies of the CD were distributed to community-based literacy programs in Ontario to use in their volunteer tutor-training programs, and to raise awareness in their community.

It is being shared on YouTube in memory of Arnie Stewart, who passed away August 16, 2012. He wanted people struggling with literacy, and people who wanted to become tutors, to know where to go for information.

Here is a link to Arnie's TVO interview with Paula Todd:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pVRwwvsJOjc&feature=em-share_video_user

"Death does not wait to see if things are done or not." - Kularnava

There is definitely a lot more that needs to be done to improve the current literacy rates. Continuing to raise awareness of the magnitude of the problem is definitely an important first step.



The story behind the "Arnie cards"

By: Janet Lee Stinson

The photo of Arnie and his bell was taken during our research Trip to Cobalt, Ontario in 2007. This historic bell used to hang above Arnie's elementary school signaling the start of each school day.

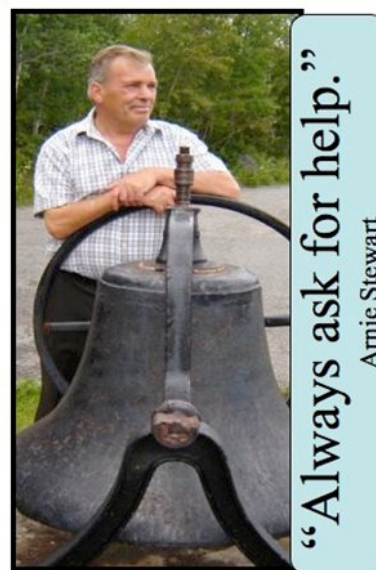
"This was the bell I used to ring for all the kids to come to school. They would come running and I would go fishing."

Arnie was proud to stand with his bell looking off in the distance towards the future.

I said, "Arnie, this is you at the helm of a ship."

He smiled, "It's the literacy ship and I just hope I'm steering it in the right direction."

This photo was printed on Arnie cards including Arnie's mantra, "Always ask for help."



Thousands of these cards were given to children and adults during our work together in Simcoe County and beyond. We encouraged audiences to ask for help by writing their name on the back and leaving the card on the teacher's desk. Students used the cards as paper courage to receive assistance with academics and personal matters. The Arnie Cards made it possible for students and parents to get the help they needed without being afraid.

Today, the Arnie cards have become a symbol of hope and courage. Arnie's last words to me, "Remind the kids to always ask for help and never to be afraid."

Arnie was a loyal friend and inspiration during the short ten years I worked with and for him. Arnie, you will never be forgotten.

Thank you, my friend.

Janet Lee Stinson

For more tributes, and more on Arnie, please visit Janet Lee Stinson's website at <http://janetlee.edublogs.org/2012/08/17/arnie-stewart/#.UGXQWK7mAmZ> Visit Arnie's website at www.arniestewart.net or spread the word about Arnie's legacy by becoming a fan on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/arniesliteracy>

Creative Curriculum

Order

LLO is pleased to announce that we have just finished a project entitled *Building Literacy, Essential Skills and Life Skills through Thematic Learning Modules using Authentic Materials*. Through this project we developed three specific thematic modules for learners that include a variety of level 1 and 2 activities:

1. Essential Skills for Everyday Living
2. Essential Skills for Health
3. Essential Skills for Social Participation

The modules were developed to be delivered face-to-face as well as online. The accompanying Practitioner Handbook can be used with both modes of delivery.

The Learning Activities and the Practitioner Guide are available free to download or additional hard copies can be purchased on a cost-recovery basis from the LLO Bookstore:

<http://www.laubach-on.ca/bookstore/llo-publications>

All member programs and support organizations will receive a complimentary hard copy of the Learning Activities and Practitioner Guide.

The online versions of the learner modules can also be accessed on LLO's Training Post:

<http://laubach.alphaplus.ca/moodle1/login/index.php>

They can be found under the course category: "For Learners".

G1 Practice Tests Online:



<http://find-a-driving-school.ca/free-g1-practice-tests/g1-practice-test-road-signs/>

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



<http://www.siouxsudonliteracy.com>



Check out Alphaplus for the new resource "Use Digital Technology Sample Tasks and Activities"

<http://alphaplus.ca/oalcf/use-digital-technology-instructional-resources.html#>

The sample tasks, available in two instructional resource packages, are grouped into themes. The first package is now available for download:

Package 1

- Work Using Digital Technology
- Manage Money Using Digital Technology



OALCF Tutor Training Modules

NOW ONLINE!!!!

<http://laubach.alphaplus.ca/moodle1/login/index.php>

Task-Based Activities for LWR

LLO is pleased to announce that the Ontario Trillium Foundation has funded a new project to support the Laubach Way to Reading series.

This project will create Canadian curriculum for International Adult Literacy Survey (IALS) Level 1 and 2 learners to help support literacy agencies that are dealing with increased capacity issues and low funding but must adhere to the Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework (OALCF) established by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU).

The curriculum created will take the form of *Task-Based Activities Booklets* correlated to each level (1-4) of the 'Laubach Way to Reading' series; a skills-based series long in use by both volunteer tutors and paid literacy practitioners. The booklets will be created to match the criteria outlined by the OALCF 'Checklist for Evaluating Learning Materials' guide, and will include task-based activities for each lesson in each of the 4 levels. These activities will also be able to be used as "stand-alone" activities, and will address the member stated need for resources to support learners who need to work on lower-level tasks, many of whom have independence as a goal. Practitioner Guides will also be developed for each level and training will be provided in the use of the resources.

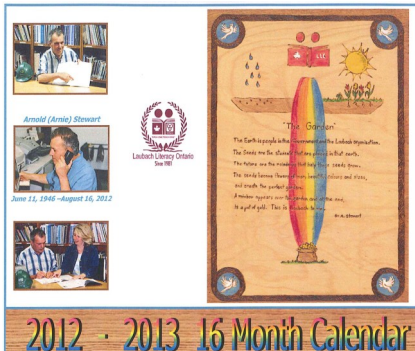


NEWS FROM THE OFFICE



Come North! Come South! Come East! Come West! Wherever you are, just come to North Bay in June 2013! The North Bay Literacy Council Inc. will be celebrating our 35th anniversary and also hosting the Laubach Literacy Ontario annual conference. Bring your volunteers, your learners, your practitioners, yourself. We will be working very hard to make this conference memorable! Can't wait to see you again.

Jane Jackson and the Board, staff, volunteers of the North Bay Literacy Council Inc.



16 Month Calendar now available—September 2012 to January 2013

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Large size on regular paper - \$2.50 Semi-Gloss paper - \$3.50

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<http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=527e811a0c782656b30e7f7f3&id=1be117e695&e=>

Correction/Information for LLO Express newsletter:
re: article on Gary Porter and the TVO GetInvolved series: this will be televised early in the new year.

OALCF Goal Path Focus

The **secondary school credit goal path** prepares learners for Ontario Ministry of Education secondary school credit courses leading to an Ontario Secondary School Diploma. The official OALCF document to support secondary school credit can be found at:

http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/publications/OALCF_GPD_Secondary_School_Credit_Oct_11.pdf

Secondary School Credit

What do I need to graduate? <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/students/curriculum.html>
Independent Learning Centre (ILC): http://www.ilc.org/school/cou_overview.php
Understanding Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR): <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/extra/eng/ppm/129.html>

How to Find a Scholarship

This article written by Carolyn Dineen, who was a summer student with LLO for 3 consecutive summers through the Summer Student Experience program, is an excellent source of information for those seeking school scholarships and/or applying for government grants.

Because of the lower profile of many of these scholarships there is far less competition than for the more well-known awards. Click [here](#) to learn more about scholarships!

The same website also offers some great money savings ideas...

[Six easy steps to a foolproof student budget](#)
[Smart ways to stretch your money in college](#)

Bajatell

Welcome to the wonderful world of poetry!

It wasn't very long ago that Bajatell was unable to read or write. When his co-workers realized this, they encouraged him to go the The Literacy Group of Waterloo Region in Kitchener. Thankfully he took their advice.

As letters and words began to make sense to him the stories he had been carrying around in his head for years started spilling out.

Last month a book launch was held for his first book 'Bouquet', a collection of English poems. As a result of the book launch over 400 books were sold in a little over a week.

And Bajatell has a lot more to share. He is still attending classes to improve his reading and writing...and is working on 3 more books.

The Brantford Expositor recently featured a great article on this talented man. To view the article click on the link below.

<http://www.brantfordexpositor.ca/2012/10/11/once-illiterate-bajatell-has-stories-to-share>

To learn more about Bajatell check out his website - <http://www.bajatell.ca/>

