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## Measuring and Celebrating Success: Conference 2014 Highlights!



On June 13 & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Laubach Literacy Ontario's annual conference was held at Lakehead University in Orillia Ontario.

The theme of this year's conference was Measuring and Celebrating Success. Approximately 130 participants were in attendance. 20 informative workshops were offered covering a variety of topics ensuring there was something suitable for all - coordinators & practitioners/LBS & ES providers/administrators and adult learners.

Co-hosted by the *Orillia and District Literacy Council* and the *Literacy Society of South Muskoka*, the conference ran very smoothly. Factor in the amazing help we received from volunteers, delicious food, a very entertaining keynote speaker and music to dance to and it all made for one of our best conferences ever!

Thank you to all of those that took part!

For more information click on the links below:

[Conference Summary](#)

[Lana Faessler Award](#)

[Arnie Stewart Award](#)

[Conference Evaluation Summary](#)

[Conference Photos](#)

For individual workshop summaries please go to the conference summary section and scroll down the page to the list of workshop summaries.

Also included are any handouts/power points/links that the presenters were able to share.



Congratulations to the 2014 Arnie Stewart Individual Achievement Award winner -**Blake Konkell** from **Literacy Council of Niagara West**. Hard work and determination have taken Blake to a literacy and confidence level that he could never have imagined.

Despite his dyslexia, Blake has improved his skills in reading, which led to him completing the requirements for certificates in WHMIS and St. John's Ambulance First Aid courses. He is now learning how to use a computer – including how to write and receive letters via email. Blake is an example of all the possibilities that exist when someone is determined to use the resources at hand to overcome difficulties.

Congratulations are also in order for the two honourable mentions:

**Jeremy Katz** with **Hamilton Literacy Council**

**Ron Desmasdon**, **Gateway Centre for Learning**

For more on their stories click [here](#).





# congratulations!

Congratulations to Robyn Cook-Ritchie who is the 2014 Lana Faessler Outstanding Service Award winner!

We (at LLO) all know how amazing Robyn is, so it is no surprise that staff at Grand Erie Learning Alternatives feel the same way.

Robyn attends several workshops, meetings and conferences throughout the province every month. She makes sure to educate all involved parties about the Bridges to Success program as well as about adult literacy in general including, but not limited to, new classroom materials that are available and new policies and procedures.

Robyn also attends frequent courses and workshops that enable her to constantly incorporate new, creative and innovative ways to make literacy fun and interesting for all clients.

She is involved in almost every aspect of the adult literacy world in the province of Ontario. She is always willing to share her wisdom with others.

For more about why her program nominated Robyn, click [here](#).

And  
the  
Winner  
is...

**Blake Konkell** of  
Literacy Council  
Niagara West was the  
lucky winner of a laptop  
computer.

Due to fundraising efforts led by Rubert Payea and the rest of the LLO Student committee (Annie Aultman, Mike Chamberlain, Jack Osborne and Velma Read) this is the fourth year that LLO has been able to offer this fantastic 'student' prize. Here's hoping we're fortunate enough to be able to continue this tradition for many years!







## Student Annual Meeting

LLO's Student Annual Meeting was held at our conference in Orillia at Lakehead University on Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

There were 19 students in attendance.

In order to increase interest and awareness of how students can get involved, the meeting began with the 5 members of the LLO Student Committee sharing their experiences of being on the committee. Three of the committee members have also served as Student Representative on LLO's Board of Directors so they were able to advise what that was like.

Gary Porter (former student and current LLO Board president) attended the meeting, offering great advice and prompting questions that students might like answered.

The students were then asked for workshop ideas for future conferences. Their input was amazing. We received some of the most creative, original ideas yet!

A summary of the ideas can be found on the LLO website under Workshop 4:  
<http://www.laubach-on.ca/conference2014>



All donations we receive are greatly appreciated. We are always truly amazed how many people are willing to help!

We are very excited about this particular donation because it was received after one of LLO's Board members (**Henry Sum**, Member at Large) submitted our information to his summer employer, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC) Canada Foundation. Due to his thoughtfulness, LLO received a \$300.00 donation from PWC Canada Foundation.

## Member News!

Sometimes we come across something that is just too good not to share. This amazing video we came across on the Community Learning Alternatives' (CLA's) website is one of those things!

*The Upgrading of Jane Winters* is a short video put together by CLA staff and students of one of their Employment Preparation programs. It was created to give the viewer a better idea of what CLA's literacy program does and the format they follow.



Click link to view: [The Upgrading of Jane Winters](#)



The top 100 tools for learning 2014:

<http://c4lpt.co.uk/top100tools/>

*A learning tool is defined as any software or online tool or service that you use either for your own personal or professional learning, for teaching or training, or for creating e-learning.*



Thinking about introducing your learners to e-Channel but not sure where to start? Check out the e-Channel resources page:

<http://www.e-channel.ca/practitioner/resources>

**Newsela** is an excellent free online resource that covers daily news stories. You can adjust the reading level to meet the needs of the learner and there are quizzes linked to some of the articles.

<https://www.newsela.com/about/>



## Performance Management

Ministry delivered performance management reports training is currently underway for LBS service providers. Click here to access the training materials online:

[http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/programs/lbs\\_performance\\_management.html](http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/programs/lbs_performance_management.html)

Literacy Link South Central has been providing informative bi-monthly performance management newsletters over the past two years. They can be accessed here: <http://www.llsc.on.ca/about-us/resources>



Rubert Payea, current member of the LLO Student Committee, former student rep on the LLO Board and the 2007 Arnie Stewart Individual Achievement Award Winner has reason to celebrate!

Just 10 years ago, in 2004, Rubert was reading at a Grade One level...this past June he received his high school diploma at 58 years young and we couldn't be happier for him or more proud.

If you have news from your organization that you would like to share in an upcoming edition of LLO's Expressions electronic newsletter please send your ideas to [diana@laubach-on.ca](mailto:diana@laubach-on.ca)

An article that was published in *NIAGARA this WEEK* on July 25, 2014 sums up the years of Rubert's struggle with reading and the courageous step through the doors of the *Fleming Library* where he first learned of the *Niagara West Adult Learning Centre*.

Click [here](#) for the entire article.

Community Literacy of Ontario is happy to announce...

### Social Media Marketing Project

Community Literacy of Ontario is happy to announce the launch of our social media marketing modules. These online modules will provide you with a step-by-step overview of how to use these technologies. They will also give you access to practical marketing tools and strategies, along with examples of how other organizations have successfully used each technology for marketing.

**Topics covered include:**

- ▶ Marketing 101
- ▶ Blogs
- ▶ Facebook
- ▶ Instagram
- ▶ LinkedIn
- ▶ Pinterest
- ▶ Twitter
- ▶ Video

You can access our modules at:  
[www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/social-media-marketing/](http://www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/social-media-marketing/)

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### Laubach Literacy Ontario

### Tutor Workshop Handbook

Revised Edition: September, 2014

The Laubach Tutor Workshop Handbook has recently been revised to reflect the OALCF and incorporate Bridges out of Poverty concepts. You can download a copy here: <http://www.laubach-on.ca/teach/members/handbook>



Community Literacy Ontario (CLO) is excited to share the launch of their social media marketing modules. Click on the link to learn more: <http://www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/social-media-marketing/>

CLO also has a service delivery module available on Literacy Basics covering the five LBS program services: <http://literacybasics.ca>

The Learning Networks of Ontario work collaboratively to support adult education and training across the province. Click on the link to find information about services and are resources offered by support organizations across the province: <http://www.learningnetworks.ca>

### 2014-2015 Projects

For a full list of projects that have been funded by Employment Ontario through the Service Delivery Network Development Fund for 2014-2015 click here: <http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/programs/sdndf.html>



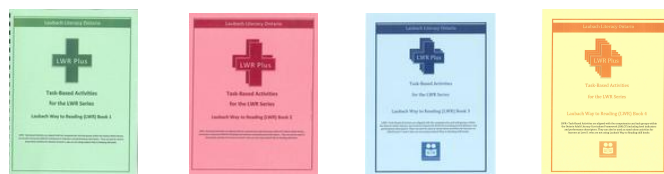
This year I attended the annual L.L.O. Conference. We went to the student meeting and talked about what classes to pick for the next year. We talked about how to become a student rep. I won a prize at the student meeting. In the “Nice to Meet You Class”, we learned how to communicate with others better in presentations, at work, in the media, doing speeches, and job interviews. In the computer class, we talked about what our Literacy Council means to us, what we have learned, and then we wrote a letter to “Love Letters to Literacy”. I went to Pam’s art class. I made flowers in a flower pot covered in fraction papers because fractions are what I am learning to do.

~Crystal (from Orillia & District Literacy Council)



## LLO Online Bookstore- What's New?

### LWR+ Task-Based Activities



All 4 LWR+ task-based activity booklets are now available. These booklets are aligned with the competencies and task groups within the Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework (OALCF) including level indicators and performance descriptors. They can also be used as stand-alone activities for learners at (IALS) Level 1 and 2 who are not using Laubach Way to Reading skill books.

### Modern Math Modules



These modules are designed to help learners acquire the skills they need to understand and use numbers in real-life. The material is organized into modules with accompanying answer keys.

### Problem Solving and Budgeting Workshops

Two new “boutique” modular workshops that are linked to the Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework (OALCF) are now available. Power Points and instructor supports are provided. All materials can be downloaded free of charge and adapted to suit the needs of individual agencies.

Check out these and other free [LLO Publications](#) that are available!