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Dr. Robert S. Laubach (1918-2015)- may he rest in peace.

We are sad to inform you that Dr. Bob has passed away at the rarely achieved age of 96.

Literacy was in Dr. Bob's blood. He firmly believed that learning to read and write changed peoples' lives. His father, Dr. Frank C. Laubach was a pioneer in adult literacy. Dr. Bob and his father are credited with teaching more than 100 million adults to read and write in more than 200 languages. He and his father were firm believers in the Each One Teach One method. This came about out of necessity as Dr. Frank's budget was cut and he could no longer afford to pay teachers to spread the knowledge. He came up with the idea of accomplished learners teaching new learners.



Dr. Laubach and the ladies of Laubach Literacy Ontario

Dr. Bob operated the printing press

for his father at the age of 13, printing the special materials his father used as part of the **Each One Teach**One literacy method. He continued to help his father once he established Laubach Literacy, one of the founding organizations of ProLiteracy. Dr. Bob developed primers in local languages and organized literacy programs in more than 60 countries.

Our latest correspondence from Dr. Bob was a 10 minute speech he was preparing for our conference in 2014. Unfortunately he was not able to attend. Part of the heading was Keep Smiling, something I think we all remember Dr. Bob for his smile and sense of humour. He liked to say "I'm Retired but: I'm not Tired".

We will miss this Champion of Literacy.

Laubach Literacy Ontario staff

Dr. Laubach's obituary: http://obits.syracuse.com/obituaries/syracuse/obituary.aspx?n=robert-s-



LLO/ONLC Conference 2015



On June 19th-21st Laubach Literacy Ontario (LLO) and Ontario Native Literacy Coalition (ONLC) partnered for what turned out to be an amazing <u>conference</u> that was held at beautiful Lakehead University, Orillia Campus.



The staff at Lakehead University (both administrative and cafeteria) were very helpful and friendly. They really went out of their way to accommodate everyone's needs and are part of the reason for returning a second year.

23 workshops were offered over the 3 day event. These workshops included selections for coordinators/ practitioners; LBS and ES providers; administrators; adult learners; the native stream and an LLO Trainer Workshop for LLO apprentice tutor-trainers working towards their certification.

A sharing circle was offered Saturday afternoon which gave Native LBS and Anglophone agencies an informal opportunity to share ideas, concerns, successes and challenges.

For the students there was a scavenger hunt around the campus - an opportunity to have fun and do task-based activities at the same time!

To view the overall conference evaluation as well as the individual workshop evaluations, click here (scroll down past the end of the conference write-up.)





ONLC added some very special touches. Friday night they arranged for a wonderful family of native dancers to perform. And many conference attendees were up bright and early Saturday morning for a traditional sunrise ceremony, complete with a fire and smudging.

Our retiring Board Chair, Gary Porter, did an outstanding job as emcee on Saturday night. Gary recognized our retiring Board members and then led the new Arnie Stewart Individual Achievement Award ceremony with ease. This was followed by a DJ who entertained everyone with some great song choices.

To view LLO's current Board members click here.



ONLC and LLO would like to thank -

Co-hosts - Orillia & District Literacy Council and Literacy Society of South Muskoka for all of their hard work, (and all of the volunteers that they arranged to help out!).

The presenters who were kind enough to share their knowledge/experience with everyone.

All conference registrants for attending.

Staff at Lakehead University for making us all feel so welcome.

See you all at the LLO Conference 2016 to be held in Hamilton, Ontario in June

Professional Development

The ABC's of Learning Disabilities

The PowerPoint from 'The ABCs of Learning Disabilities and Adult Literacy' workshop offered at the recent LLO/ONLC 'Lighting the Path to the Future' conference in Orillia, is now available.

Presenters (Mary Ann Fuduric, Learning Disabilities Association of Windsor-Essex County and Alicea Fleming, LLO) provided an introduction to learning disabilities, including the types of diagnoses and their related characteristics. Interactive discussion was used to identify instructional strategies that can assist in literacy skill development. The focus was on adult learners in the literacy field suspected of having undiagnosed learning disabilities.

Click here for the PowerPoint from the workshop.



Learners Working at Lower Levels

LLO recently partnered with Literacy Link South Central to develop and provide this webinar.

During this webinar, with over 70 LBS staff participating, we shared best practices and suitable resources that support learners working at lower levels, including administering suitable milestones. The recorded session, including the chat discussions, which provided rich resources and comments from the field, will be available soon. Stay tuned.

In the meantime, you can access a copy of the Power Point presentation here:

http://www.laubach-on.ca/getinvolved/facts/ news/llollsc-l4-webinar-september-16-2015 6

Partner News and Information



e-Channel provides Ontarians online literacy and basic skills courses, that are either "live" in an online classroom and meeting space for students, teachers, coaches, trainers and leaders of adult literacy and basic skills programs OR "anytime" when class work is completed online at a time and place convenient to the student.

http://e-channel.ca/practitioner

Common Assessment for the OALCF Goal Paths Resource Package

Literacy Northwest

You can access all the resources here:

http://www.learningnetworks.ca/LNW-CommonAssessmentProject.php



Check out the "Annotated Review of Evaluation Resources" from the **Developing a Culture of Evaluation** project at:

http://www.llsc.on.ca/what-we-do/projects

This resource compiles and reviews 41 resources.







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 resources offered by support organizations across the province:

http://www.learningnetworks.ca





UPDATES



Service Providers - Strategic Monitoring

- Memo: Announcing the Strategic Monitoring Framework (September 4, 2015) (PDF, 106 KB)
- ◆ 2015-2016 Paper Based Self-Assessment Questionnaire (Word, 105 Ko)
- ◆ 2015-2016 Targeted Self-Assessment Questionnaire(Word, 133 KB)
- 2015-2016 Comprehensive Self-Assessment Questionnaire (Word, 136 KB)

Employment Ontario Information System - Case Management System (EOIS-CAMS)

- ◆ October 5, 2015: CaMS/2015-5 Bulletin (PDF, 16 KB)
- ♦ YJC Overview (PDF, 523 KB)
- ♦ September 24, 2015: <u>CaMS/YJC 2015-1 Bulletin</u> (PDF, 20 KB)

Youth Job Connect

October 1, 2015: <u>ADM Letter to the EO Network: Youth Job</u>

New LBS Service Provider Guidelines were posted on EOPG Effective

June 1, 2015!

Do you have learners that struggle with reading but still need to do milestones?

Don't forget about the adapted milestones!

For more information check out the L4 webinar on page 6.

ELECTION 2015 RESOURCES



ABC created a resource to help literacy practitioners engage adult learners in civic literacy in advance of the October 2015 federal election. The information, links and suggested activities will help your students learn about voting basics such as where, when and ways to register and vote as well as help you talk to your students about why voting is important and how they can participate.

http://abclifeliteracy.ca/civic-literacy



Ballots and belonging has many great resources that can be used in the classroom.

http://www.ballotsandbelonging.ca/resources/

Using Evernote to Manage Resources and Effectively Support Learners in a Multi-Level Classroom



This June, Monika Jankowska-Pacyna from AlphaPlus and Maxine Brown Simpson (LBS Instructor) from Dixon Hall in Toronto led a webinar "Using Evernote to manage resources and effectively support learners in a multi-level classroom" at the 'Lighting the Path to the Future' conference organized by Laubach Literacy Ontario and Ontario Native Literacy Coalition.

On September 23 Monika held a free webinar for anyone who missed the workshop. This was a great opportunity to learn more about Maxine's use of Evernote with her learners. Maxine received the Employment Ontario Leadership Award for this initiative!

<u>Evernote</u> can be used as a note-taker, to-do list manager, reminder, read-later app, cloud storage service, or you can even use it to capture and edit photos, business cards, or anything you want. And the Webclipper browser extension makes it easy to bookmark and save full web pages, sections of pages, emails, pdfs, or images directly from your browser to your Evernote account.

Click on the links to access.

<u>Evernote Webinar Recording</u> <u>Presentation slides from webinar</u>.

LLO staff took the most recent webinar and have found it to be an extremely useful tool.



AlphaPlus Tech Tuesday webinars are back!

Tech Tuesdays are one-hour webinars that focus on digital tools for administrators, instructors and learners. We schedule the webinars for the third Tuesday of each month (excluding July and August).

http://alphaplus.ca/en/training/webinarsgroup1/

What's New at LLO?



The August edition of LLO Express can be accessed online:

http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/? u=527e811a0c782656b30e7f7f3&id=ac6d1dd 90b

If you have news from your organization that you would like to share in an upcoming edition of LLO's Express electronic newsletter please send your ideas to

diana@laubach-on.ca

Don't forget

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.

http://www.laubach-on.ca/bookstore/llopublications

Large Book Order!

Summer is usually a slow time of year for the <u>LLO</u>
<u>Bookstore</u> but near the end of July we received a very large order from the New Brunswick Public Library Service! 34 boxes of books that included Breakthrough to Math, Challenger, Endeavour, Laubach Way to Reading and Voyager left for New Brunswick in early August.



LLO has 2 new members!

A warm welcome to:

Kawenni:io/Gaweni:yo Elementary, Hagersville

&

United Native Friendship Centre, Fort Frances

Working on My Own

"Working on My Own" (WOMO) is a series of "boutique modules" focused on soft skills. Each module contains Power Points, a learner workbook, integrated milestones, and a sample learner plan. The materials can be downloaded free of charge from LLO's Bookstore:

- Personal Learning Styles and Goal Setting
- Time Management and Organizational Skills
- Problem Solving
- Managing Myself

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

Student Annual General Meeting

The Student Annual General meeting was held early afternoon on June 20, 2015 at Lakehead University in Orillia, as part of the annual conference. I was fortunate enough to attend the meeting this year and really enjoyed it.

Annie Aultman, student rep, chaired the meeting and what a fantastic job she did. I was very impressed. Annie mentioned how frightened she was when she ran for student rep and had to step out of the room to calm herself before doing her presentation. Annie, you have come a long way in public speaking and confidence. Job well done.

Annie explained the process that must be followed to become student representative; you must have the support of your council and two signatures from council staff, if more than one applicant then there is an election.

One of the big discussions at this AGM was workshop topics for next year's conference. There were lots of great ideas put

forth, including, first aid (again), more computer classes, more crafts, native languages, budgeting (household accounting), fund raising, speaker from a college re further education, candle making, photography, confidence building/boosting by past students, and motivation.

Also this year the new students were asked to stand up and introduce themselves and give a bit of information about themselves. quite difficult for some of the students but they all did. Again, I was impressed.

Gary Porter and Diana White explained the Arnie Stewart certificates and a bit of Arnie's history. All students received an Arnie Stewart Individual Achievement award at the dinner on Saturday evening.

And...let's not forget the draw for a laptop, once again provided by Rubert Payea through fund raising...it was won by Barrie student Chris Zaarf, who couldn't believe he had won it. Nice surprise for sure.

Rubert Payea is our new student rep this year, not a new job for Rubert, as he has held this board position previously. He also sits on other

boards for his condo etc. We look forward to working with Rubert this year.











Submitted by: Mary Anne



Vandra McQuarrie, E.D. (Literacy Nipissing)
Gary Porter, Ex-learner, current tutor (Barrie Literacy
Council)
Jane Jackson, retired E.D. (Literacy Nipissing)

Literacy Nipissing Celebrates Success!

September 18th Literacy Nipissing hosted their 37th annual Recognition Banquet for their community partners, tutors and learners. This banquet is held to recognize the great effort that their learners put into their learning and to thank their partners and tutors.

Recently retired LLO Board Chair (and ex-learner), Gary Porter, was invited to speak at the banquet. He spoke about his journey to complete his GED, participating in the LLO Board and now tutoring. As always he was very encouraging and inspiring because he is so relatable...learners share the same experiences. He had a very positive impact on the learners who attended.

Literacy Nipissing recognizes one tutor for his/her contribution to learning by presenting them with a plaque. This year's winner was Barb Lalonde who has been tutoring for 11 years.

They also usually recognize one learner with the Nancy Herdman award (a former program coordinator who passed away from cancer) but this year they took the lead from LLO's 'Everyone's a Winner' ceremony at the LLO/ONLC conference this past June and recognized everyone! They spoke about each learner and their successes and each learner was presented with a framed certificate and a \$10 Tim Card (donated by local IODE Chapter). This was a very emotional time because the students were very surprised to be recognized and some guests were overwhelmed and so proud of the learners' journey.

Vandra McQuarrie, Literacy Nipissing

EDUCAUSE

EDUCAUSE is a non-profit association with a mission to advance higher education through the use of information technology. Check out this great article on 7 things you should know about personalized learning:

http://www.educause.edu/library/ resources/7-things-you-should-knowabout-personalized-learning



LLO Board Student
Representative, Rubert Payea
shared this link of a

TV Cogeco article on adult learning from the Niagara West Adult Learning Centre in Beamsville.

It is a great example of the many things our members have to offer.

Great Links for Trainers and Practitioners

ProLiteracy
Education Network

http://www.proliteracyednet

Innovative Instruction



Introducing 426 new activities on the portal! Click on the link to see a PowerPoint presentation outlining the new activities:

http://www.quillnetwork.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Introducing-the-new-tasks-on-the-Task-Based-Activities-Portal-for-LBS-June-20152.pptx

To visit the portal and sign up for an account, use this link:

http://taskbasedactivitiesforlbs.ca/user/login



How YouTube Transforms Teaching & Learning



Check out this great article on using YouTube in the classroom.

Included is a fantastic infographic that illustrates the many ways that YouTube transforms teaching and learning:

- Benefits of YouTube in classrooms
- Ways for teachers to incorporate YouTube
- The flipped classroom

Tips for finding quality videos

Click here to view.

3 Strategies to Improve Student Writing Instantly

http://www.edutopia.org/blog/3-strategies-improve-studentwriting-ali-parrish

My Story

How I finally finished High School



MY LONG JOURNEY IS ALMOST DONE

2014 - 2015 By: Patricia Ann Robitaille McFerran











My Story

How I finally finished High School

Well I didn't finish high school. No surprise there! I dropped out because I was always told I was stupid and that I wouldn't get anywhere. So I just stop going and got lots of jobs moved around a lot. At 22 I had my first child and so I stopped working to take care of my children till they were old enough to not need me around as much. That's when I tried getting a job but was not successful. I saw others get the job because they have their grade 12 so that made me very discouraged and clueless to what to do. Forever I wished I had finished high school but all I could do was dream. Well that's what I thought.

One day at a wine course I discovered the Adult learning center. They were helping me in every way they can. They had someone come in from Contact North talk to some of us on how to get our grade 12 diploma. I signed up and found out I needed 1 English and 3 other credits. So I applied for grade 12 English collage. Worked on it and found it was extremely hard so The Adult learning Center got me a tutor to help me get through it. We had lots of laughs and times we wanted to pull are hair out. There were even days that me, my tutor



and the lady's at the center were gathered together to figure out the question and answers. Those are the time I wish I had a camera.

Well the English ended in February and got my credit but jurying January I spoke to a lady from DSBN and found out that there was a computer course starting up in February at Grimsby Secondary School and it gave out 3 credits. Well guess what... I only needed 3 credits left to finish and graduate. I'm at an actual high school but with adult students and I can graduate with the high school kids in June. How perfect is that and my dream all rolled up in one.



June 25th at 5:30pm I will be graduating with the Grimsby Secondary school students and getting my certificate of grade 12. Next is to get a job or do some more schooling. Will have to wait and see what will happen and what my options are.

A year ago if you asked me to do this I would have said no way. Writing down paragraphs or putting my thoughts down on paper would not have happened. I have come a long way with the help of the Adult Learning Center. If it wasn't for them pushing me and encouraging me it would not have happened.

Thank-you!





Literacy Tools contains a variety of online resources and games for adults.

http://www.literacytools.ie/ home.cfm



http://
www.nwtliteracy.ca
/resources/famlit/
howtokit/games/
games.pdf

Colouring Isn't Just For Kids!

Adult colouring pages and books are all the rage right now! Did you know that colouring can reduce stress and anxiety?

Here are a couple of great links to sites where you can download adult colouring pages:

http://www.coloring-life.com/en/ adult-coloring-pages.php

http://www.coloring-pagesadults.com/coloring-zen/

OALCF Inspired Fall Themed Activities

Competency	Task-Based Activities
Find and Use Information	 Research local community Fall holiday related events Read online instructions on how to build your own scarecrow
Communicate Ideas and Information	 Write out instructions on how to carve a pumpkin Express your creativity by designing a homemade costume using household items
Understand and Use Numbers	 Calculate length of cooking time for different sized turkeys Estimate how much candy you need to buy for trick or treaters
Use Digital Technology	 Send an email invitation to Thanksgiving dinner Print a pumpkin carving stencil from the Internet
Engage with Others	 Work as a group to carve pumpkins Share one thing you are thankful for with the other members of a group