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# Literacy Awareness Day!

On Monday, February 28, 2011 Laubach Literacy Ontario held its second annual Literacy Awareness Day at Queen's Park in Toronto. It was amazing to see it all come together after months of planning. From the moment we arrived until the moment we left Queen's Park we were busy.



Keith Allen and Rubert Payea, literacy students

Meetings were held throughout the day with twenty MPPs, students, Literacy Practitioners and volunteers. LLO would like to thank everyone for graciously taking the time to participate in these meetings and making it a success.



Sue Bannon, LLO President, giving opening remarks

Over 80 people attended the lunch reception and were fortunate to hear our guest speakers, the Honourable John Milloy, Garfield Dunlop and Rosario Marchese as well as three students – Gary Porter (who also emcee'd the event), Rubert Payea and Martin Alleyne.



Minister Milloy with Rubert Payea, LLO's Student Representative



Martin Alleyne, a literacy student from Barrie Council with Garfield Dunlop, MPP Simcoe-North

It was the student stories shared both at the reception and at the meetings throughout the day that grasped everyone's attention and their hearts. More than a few meetings ended with attendees in tears just listening to the stories about the difficulties and challenges encountered when reading and writing skills are lacking as well as the sense of embarrassment that goes along with it. Listening to the pride in their voices as these brave individuals shared how they overcame these challenges, sought help and improved their skills made it more than obvious why all of those in the literacy field are so compassionate about their work.



Lana Faessler, LLO Executive Director giving closing remarks

*Diana White, LLO's Administrative Assistant*

# Literacy Awareness Day!

As you have probably heard by now, The 2011 Ontario Budget included an announcement of an “additional **\$44 million** over **three years** for literacy and basic skills programs to ensure that services are available for those who need them most. The new funding will be **ongoing**, providing a measure of stability to literacy agencies and providers across the province.”

LLO would like to thank the Ontario government for this increased investment to literacy and basic skills programming. The efforts of literacy workers and learners across Ontario--through letter writing campaigns, pre-budget consultations, LLO's Literacy Awareness Day in February and Ontario Literacy Coalition's Queen's Park event last fall--did not go unnoticed.

For details about the success of Literacy Awareness Day, and to view some pictures of learners, practitioners and politicians at that event, go to <http://www.laubach-on.ca/getinvolved/>

Monday Feb. 28, 2011 was Literacy Awareness Day at Queen's Park. For many of us in Literacy & Basic Skills programs we know what that day is all about – educating and urging the Provincial Government and our MPPs of the need to make the stimulus money received over the past 2 years, a permanent addition. It is vital to ensuring “all Ontarians” have access to the training and support needed to upgrade their skills and participate fully in families, communities and the workplace.

What did the day mean to our adult learners who attended? For many of them, it was “awesome”. They had never been to Queen's Park let alone spoken to an MPP about their needs, what their community programs gave them and what they would lose if it was taken away!

Students from Midland, Kitchener, Cambridge, North Bay, Barrie, Newmarket, Thornhill, Beamsville, and Toronto were part of groups who spoke to 20 MPPs. It was awe-inspiring to listen to this group who once were afraid to take the “first step” on their journey through literacy become such eloquent advocates for themselves and indeed all the students in programs across Ontario. Imagine getting hugs from Elizabeth Witmer, MPP Kitchener- Waterloo, getting passes to sit in the House during a session, compliments of Garfield Dunlop and speaking in front of a group of 80 at the reception as some of them did. **AMAZING!**



As part of the day, a tour of Queen's Park was arranged. Many of the students and some of us who assisted went on the tour of this magnificent building (something I had never done until then).

Overall, the day was an outstanding success and one that needs to be continued. All MPPs visited expressed the same words.

A sincere thank you to all those who contributed to making this a wonderful day and reminding us of why we do what we do. I would especially like to thank the staff of Laubach Literacy Ontario for their long days and dedication to making this work!

*Carol Risidore*  
*Executive Director, The Literacy Group*



# Literacy Awareness Day!

*It was my first time in Queens Park.*

*After being signed in I walked down the hall. I was looking at the antique refinish, the high ceilings, wood trim, and the big framed pictures on the wall of the past premiers.*

*I started to think how important literacy awareness day was to the students.*

*I went through a set of huge doors into a room, on a second floor of Queens Park, where I met a lot of students and tutors.*

*I never thought that the politicians would be listening to me when I talk, I am used to listening to them on the television or the radio.*

*Later that day I took a tour with some students and tutors, the tour guide explained the history of Queen's Park, the history we learned that day we all took home with us.*

*We met with some ministers and with some members of parliament in their offices and discussed about literacy and funding.*

*I sat in the House of Commons in Queens Park watching how the government works for a while and then it was time for me to leave.*

**Rubert Payea**



Laubach Literacy Ontario would like to thank CUPE (Canadian Union of Public Employees) for their support of our Literacy Awareness Day.

Over \$2,000.00 dollars from CUPE National, CUPE Ontario and CUPE locals from across Ontario, as well as the North Bay and District Labour Council, the Shaw Gallery in Beamsville and some personal donations, supported the costs of LAD, especially the lunch reception at Queen's Park. Thanks to **Keith Allen**, **Rupert Payea** and **AlphaPlus** for securing donations for our second annual Literacy Awareness Day event.



## Literacy Awareness Day at Queen's Park 2011– Press Conference

Adult literacy students, practitioners and volunteers representing community-based organizations across Ontario had a chance to meet with Ministers, MPPs, and the media about the issue of adult literacy in Ontario.

<http://www.youtube.com/user/LaubachLiteracyOnt>

*Thank you to LLO for the Literacy Awareness Day event at Queen's Park on Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The event raises public awareness of learners who are overcoming barriers by improving their skills. Our local politician acknowledged the people from North Bay that attended and commented to us that she thought it was really important that we were there. Please share this information with your family and friends. Thank you for a very successful day and you are to be commended for your efforts to the cause! Well done everyone!*

**Jack Osborne**

*It was a good experience talking to all the Ministers and MPPs. I found they were listening to what I had to say as well as the other people. To me it seem like they took it under advisement to get involved. The last one we talked to said if it was up to her she would pull out her check book for a cheque for Literacy.*

**Mike Chamberlain**



Mike from Newmarket

# Celebration Conference 2011



Laubach Literacy Ontario is organizing a three-day conference and AGM at Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario from **Friday, June 24 to Sunday, June 26, 2011.**

This conference, hosted by The Literacy Group of Waterloo Region, will provide opportunities for people from the literacy field and other Employment Ontario services to network and share knowledge, best practices, projects, research and initiatives. **The Conference Brochure and registration form will be posted on our website in early May.**

The Conference begins at 1:00 p.m. Friday, and ends on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with a plenary and door prizes. The plenary will feature a "Student Open Mike" session.

The Student Annual Meeting is on Saturday afternoon, and LLO's AGM is on Saturday, June 25th at 5:30 p.m., followed by a celebration banquet and awards ceremony.

We are pleased to announce **Tim Westhead as our special Keynote Speaker** for Friday evening. See below for Tim Westhead's bio, and on the next page for his keynote address outline. He is also delivering an English Second Language (ESL) workshop at the conference. See page 7 for more details.

**Keynote Speaker**



**Tim Westhead**, OCT, BA, MA, BEd, CEO of Tim Westhead Productions, is an award-winning Canadian educator, actor, author, and internationally known speaker who has delivered his popular keynotes and seminars on health and wellness issues and teaching themes for business organizations, financial institutions, universities, and educational associations across North America.

A nominee for Canada's Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence, Tim has received awards from the Ontario Public School Boards' Association and the University of Waterloo

Faculty of Arts Alumni Association for "outstanding contributions to his professional field."

A Toronto secondary school teacher of English for 30 years, Tim was department head of English and taught ESL students for two decades. He also instructed for the Faculty of Education at Queen's University, and was acknowledged on national television by his former student and renowned actor, Mike Myers (aka "Austin Powers" and "Shrek"), at Myers' 2003 induction at Canada's Walk of Fame. Website: [www.timwesthead.com](http://www.timwesthead.com)

**“SURVIVE & THRIVE WITH HUMOUR”**  
**~ KEYNOTE ADDRESS OUTLINE~**



Increase your morale with an entertaining, lighthearted keynote address that will have you laughing – *and* feeling great! Learn about the medical benefits of humour. Discover powerful, practical, no-cost and low-cost strategies that will bring fun to your life, cultivate resilience, increase motivation, foster and maintain a mentally healthy working environment, and reduce personal stress. (This presentation focuses on humour in the workplace, not on humour in the classroom.) Tim’s website: [www.timwesthead.com](http://www.timwesthead.com)

**“TEACHING ESL ADULTS:**  
**Practical Methodologies That Work”**  
**~ WORKSHOP OUTLINE~**

Improve your ESL adult-students’ literacy skills, while creating a more fulfilling and rewarding career for yourself. Provide more opportunities for success in today’s multicultural, multilingual school and office settings. This lively, interactive workshop features field-tested, practical methodologies for new and experienced literacy practitioners to aid English language learners. Requires workshop volunteers to demonstrate an exciting learning game.  
Conference Session Category: Literacy Best Practices. Tim’s website: [www.timwesthead.com](http://www.timwesthead.com)

## **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 documents can now be accessed online through the  
Employment Ontario Partner’s Gateway.  
<http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/oalcf/index.html>

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.

**Implementation Training for the OALCF will start in the Spring of 2011. LLO will also be providing a workshop related to the OALCF at the conference, geared to training tutors.**

# Fun Stuff!

Move your cursor over these graphics,  
and explore the world wide web!

Ever wondered how to  
reuse a Ziplock bag?  
Click here to find out  
how:

[http://  
www.thegreenestdollar.com/200  
9/05/how-to-reuse-and-recycle-  
ziplock-bags/](http://www.thegreenestdollar.com/2009/05/how-to-reuse-and-recycle-ziplock-bags/)



**15 Alternative Uses  
for Coffee Filters.**

A screenshot of the Lumosity website displayed in a Mozilla Firefox browser window. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://www.lumosity.com/>. The website features a header with the Lumosity logo and navigation links. The main content area includes a circular diagram with segments labeled 'Speed', 'Memory', 'Problem Solving', 'Attention', and 'Flexibility'. Below this diagram is a green 'Get Started' button. The website also has sections for 'Success Stories' and 'Partners'. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the 'Start' button and several open applications, including 'Brain Games & Brain ...'. The system clock in the bottom right corner indicates the time is 11:02 AM.





# Create Your Own YouTube Account/Channel

When searching for funny videos, quick recipes, or 'how to' tips, many of us turn to YouTube, a website with millions of videos to choose from. Whether you are looking for cute animals, information on how to prepare Tandori chicken or step-by-step instructions on how to tie a tie, chances are you will find them on YouTube!

But how do you keep track and save your favourite videos? It's easy!

Simply set up your own YouTube account, also called YouTube channel, and you will be able to save the videos you find on YouTube with one click. You will also be able to upload your own videos (that's how Justin Bieber got famous) and share your favourites with others by giving them your account/channel name.

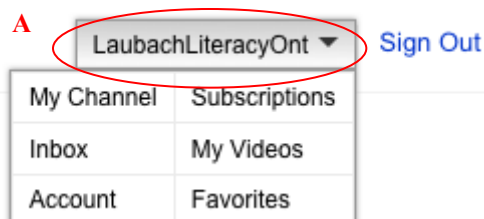
**Here is how it works:**

## A. SET UP YOUR ACCOUNT

Visit YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/>

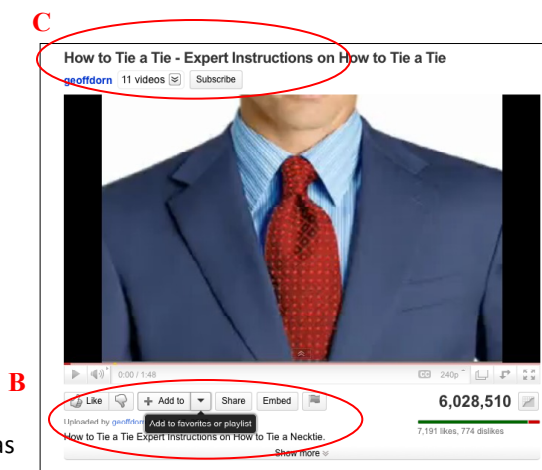
1. Click on **Create Account** and fill out the form
2. You now have your own YouTube account/channel. In the top right corner you will now see your username which indicates that you are logged into your account/channel.
3. If you ever get lost, click on an arrow next to your username to access your account options (the image shows options for LaubachLiteracyOnt account/channel)

**Remember - you always have to be logged into your YouTube account/channel to save or upload videos**



## B. SAVE YOUR FAVOURITE VIDEOS

1. Browse YouTube for videos you might like
2. Find the tools under the video and click on a drop down arrow next to **+Add to**, to add the video to your "Favourites" folder or playlist
3. The video will now be listed in your "Favorites" folder
4. You can also save videos in a "Playlist" - a folder that allows you to group your videos into specific categories, such as "recipes", "funny", "math" etc.



## C. SUBSCRIBE TO OTHER ACCOUNTS/CHANNELS

1. Under the title of the video you will find the name of the account/channel who posted the video and how many other videos were posted (the image here shows **geoffdorn** as the account/channel name who has 11 videos posted)
2. If you like the videos posted by this account/channel you can use the **Subscribe** button to be notified every time new content is added to this account/channel

## D. ADD YOUR OWN VIDEOS

1. To add your own videos to YouTube, simply click on **Upload**
2. YouTube will guide you with quick, step-by-step instructions on how to add your videos .



# From new readers Come new leaders

**Rubert Payea,  
LLO Student Representative**

**<http://www.rubertsleapinreading.com>**



Town of Lincoln, Volunteer Recognition Award Nomination

October 14, 2010

I nominate Rubert Payea.

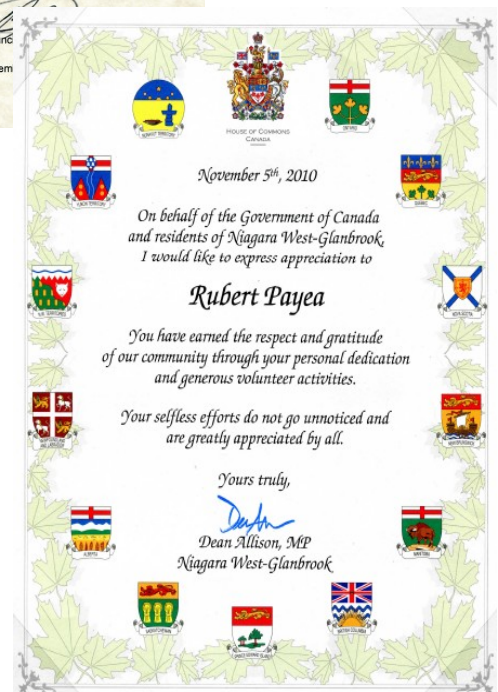
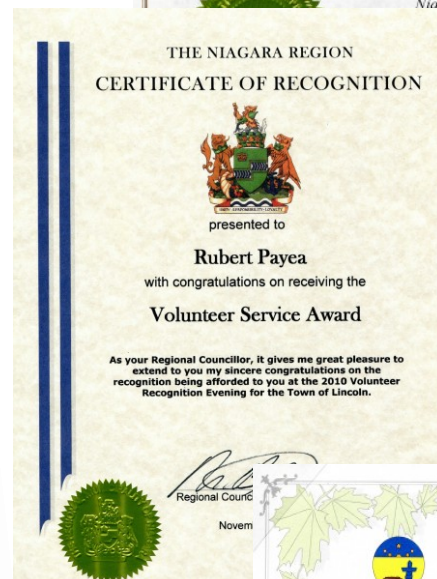
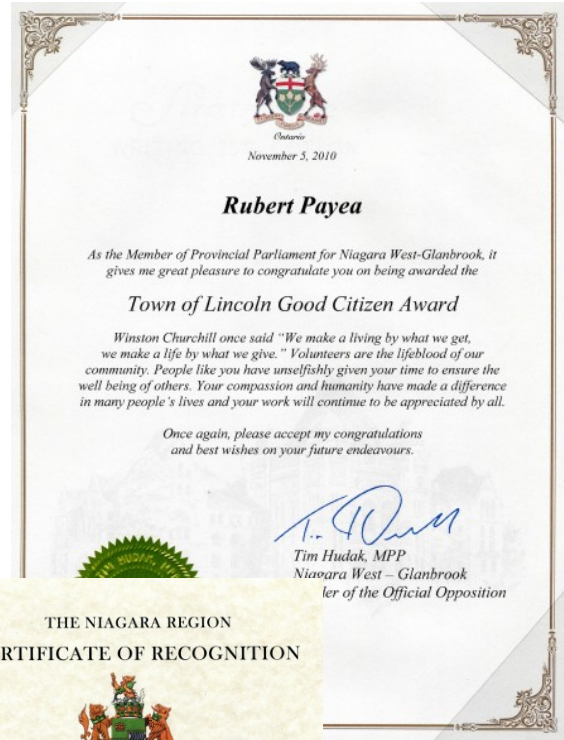
Rubert has been a volunteer for our organization for approximately seven years.

He came to our organization originally as a participant in one of our upgrading programs. He has been an outstanding student who has been a wonderful example to others. He was like a sponge and soaked up as much information as he could. He started out with upgrading his skills in English and then branched off into learning all about computers. Now, he tutors other students who are upgrading. His computer knowledge is amazing. Anytime we ask Rubert for help, he is always willing to jump in. From changing light bulbs, to helping another person learn computer basics. He has so much patience. In June, 2007, he won the Arnie Stewart Most Improved Student Award in Literacy. Since then he has become a Board Member for our organization, Niagara West Employment & Learning Resource Centres, and was also honoured to be invited on to the Board of Laubach Literacy Ontario, a Provincial umbrella body.

We are very proud of his accomplishments and we would like to take this opportunity to say to him "thank you Rubert for all your hard work. You truly deserve to be recognized as the great volunteer you are. We look forward to continue working with you.

*Janice Neve*

Coordinator, Workforce Skills Development  
Niagara West Employment & Learning Resource Centres  
Beamsville, ON



# Expressions E-Magazine Cover Contest!



Calling all literacy students: Help us design covers for our magazine!

Send in your pictures, drawings or posters for a chance to be featured on the cover of Expressions E-Magazine and win great prizes!

Using images, pictures and drawings, share with us your best learning experiences, your favourite personal moments, or best photo outtakes. Make it a group project or a personal challenge!

Be our cover designer for a day and help us inspire others!

The winning entries will be used to design covers for our quarterly magazine.

Four publications per year - four winning entries!

All entries will be showcased and four winning designs will be announced on June 25, 2011 at Laubach Literacy Ontario Celebration Conference 2011 in Waterloo, Ontario.

Winners will receive a free copy of the Expressions E-magazine with their design on the cover and a \$25.00 cheque.

The contest closes on **May 15, 2011!** Don't delay, send us your entries today!

## CONTEST GUIDELINES

Email your entries to [literacy@laubach-on.ca](mailto:literacy@laubach-on.ca) or mail them to:

Laubach Literacy Ontario  
8A-65 Noecker St.  
Waterloo, Ontario, N2J 2R6  
ATTN. COVER CONTEST

1. The entries can be saved as images, Word files, or other formats you are comfortable with. They will not be returned. Keep a copy of your design(s) for your records.
2. You can submit more than one entry.
3. Please include your name(s), organization you are affiliated with, address, telephone number and e-mail address (if possible) so that we can contact you. Your contact information will not be shared with anyone else.
4. The four winning entries will be chosen by a special panel of judges.
5. Winners will be notified by telephone or email and announced at the Celebration Conference on June 25, 2011.
6. Contest closes on **May 15, 2011.**

# Program Administration

## Imagine Canada Election Kit 2011

To help you engage during the election Imagine Canada has prepared the [2011 Election Kit](#) which includes, among other tools, a number of briefing notes on key issues facing the sector that have been identified through our [National Engagement Strategy](#) as well as *DOs and DON'Ts for Charities* during an election campaign.



[http://www.imaginecanada.ca/node/182?utm\\_source=Imagine+Matters+%2F+Actualit%C3%A9s+d%E2%80%99Imagine+Canada&utm\\_campaign=61396ee81c-Election+Kit+English3+29+2011&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.imaginecanada.ca/node/182?utm_source=Imagine+Matters+%2F+Actualit%C3%A9s+d%E2%80%99Imagine+Canada&utm_campaign=61396ee81c-Election+Kit+English3+29+2011&utm_medium=email)



## e-Channel Web Conferencing Enhancement Announcement: e-Meetings Tool Added

Contact North/elearnnetwork.ca has added the e-Meetings tool to its web conferencing technology. This addition will be available to e-Channel instructors/leaders to create informal, impromptu, real-time, online meetings.

The e-Meeting solution provides a simple and convenient way to collaborate with a group of participants. All registered e-Channel instructors/leaders will have the ability to create and schedule a web meeting.

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



To ensure a successful implementation to LBS providers in Spring 2011, MTCU is requesting the assistance of LBS service delivery organizations in completing an online survey to better understand your organization's operating environment and desktop infrastructure. To access the survey and accompanying memo, click on the following link to be taken to Employment Ontario Partners' Gateway:

[http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/publications/20110323\\_eois\\_lbs\\_bulletin.pdf](http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/publications/20110323_eois_lbs_bulletin.pdf)

The Ontario Literacy Coalition has launched the new Spotlight on Learning website. Watch workshop videos, read key findings and download resources.

<http://www.spotlightonlearning.ca/>







AlphaPlus has announced a new online service called “**Just Ask**”



**Just Ask** allows you to quickly connect with [AlphaPlus staff](#) by using our online chat or by leaving a message.

Do you have questions about setting up a blog, a wiki, or other web-based tools? Have you been looking for online resources, wanting to discuss research on the use of web-based technologies for educational purposes, or simply needing someone to discuss your ideas with? We will do our best to help! If we don't know the answer right away, we will work hard to get you the help you need.

<http://alphaplus.ca/en/contact/241-what-is-just-ask.html>

# ***Laubach Literacy Bookstore***

## **RESOURCE REVIEW CONTEST!**

Write a review of your favourite resource from our bookstore and you can **win a \$50 gift card to Tim Hortons!**

Contest ends April 30, 2011



[Click here to learn more](#)

Click here to review **LLO Bookstore News** - our brand new electronic monthly newsletter:

<http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=527e811a0c782656b30e7f7f3&id=196ba86cdf&e=%5bUNIQID>



# *Training, Development and Certification*

LLO's Training, Development and Certification committee has been working hard on developing the required proficiencies to become a trainer and a supervising trainer.

The trainer proficiencies are:

1. **Designs a workshop which meets the needs of the participants, the students and the local organization.**
2. **Demonstrates a thorough knowledge of the content area.**
3. **Demonstrates professional presentation skills.**
4. **Demonstrates good rapport with the participants and manages the group process.**
5. **Works co-operatively with other members of the workshop team.**
6. **Demonstrates self-awareness and desire to continue to improve.**

Through the Essential Skills for Literacy Practitioner project LLO now has a large portion of the Trainer Workshop adapted into online modules . This will allow us to deliver Trainer Workshops at a distance with a much shorter face-to-face requirement.



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

**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

I opened the mail expecting to see the usual bills, magazines and flyers. In amongst the rest of the mail was this curious envelope from Michael Power St. Joseph Catholic High School. What could this possibly be? It was not the least bit familiar to me.

I opened the envelope and found a cheque for \$71 dollars and a letter (see page 20). I was so impressed and had the biggest smile on my face. How awesome that a group of students took the time to help raise money for our organization and recognize the work done by volunteers across Ontario and the impact it has on society. We shared the letter with our board of directors and they too were impressed.

William and Josh--your donation will be used to help students attend our conference, where they get the chance to meet with other literacy students. It is such a great experience for them and for us. Thank you so much for choosing us as your fund raiser charity.

**Mary Anne Baker**  
**LLO Office Manager**

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## Recent postings on

### [Laubach Literacy Ontario Official Site](#)

In celebration of Quebec Adult Learners' Week, Literacy Volunteers of Quebec is proud to launch "Gary Porter talks about literacy". In this brief video, Gary talks about the challenges of living with low literacy, how he decided to get help, and how his life has changed over the past decade since he started working with a volunteer tutor.

To view the video, <http://youtu.be/d4vbbEKkWAU>.

How Does Phonics Impact Reading Comprehension? [www.readinghorizons.com/blog/post/2011](http://www.readinghorizons.com/blog/post/2011)

CharityVillage Looking for volunteer management newsletters? Here's a great list! <http://dld.bz/Wes8>

Learner from The Literacy Group on Youtube  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Psh\\_g\\_xhCQ4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Psh_g_xhCQ4)

Learner from ProLiteracy on Youtube. A moving story about an adult literacy student who now works at a library <http://bit.ly/dEo2Rt>

AlphaPlus update: Read Forward: Adult Learning Assessment — Free online training available  
<http://ow.ly/1bXsEe>

### [How to Deliver Effective Online Training](#)

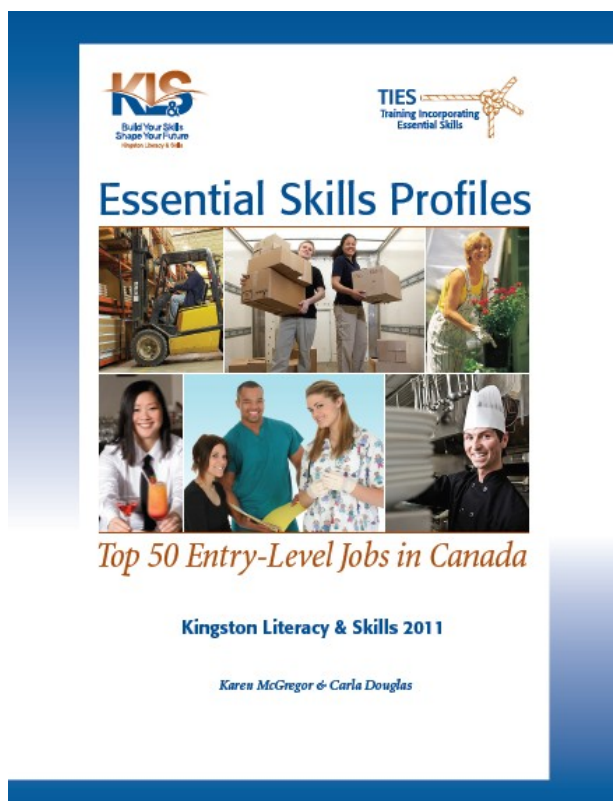
How to Deliver Effective Online Training. According to recent studies nearly 60% of companies polled use online training to save on travel costs and expense.

Release: New interactive maps make first deposit in Canada's effort to measure financial literacy  
[www.ccl-cca.ca](http://www.ccl-cca.ca)

US study reveals negative effects of low health literacy: <http://ow.ly/4oUI0>

# Creative Curriculum

## Corner



Kingston Literacy & Skills is pleased to announce the availability of its new resource. *TIES (Training Incorporating Essential Skills) – Essential Skills Profiles for the Top 50 Entry-Level Jobs in Canada* includes concise, accessible information for supporting lower skill clients as they prepare for the workplace.

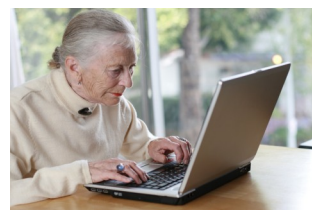
To order, please contact Kingston Literacy & Skills at <http://klandskills.ca/>

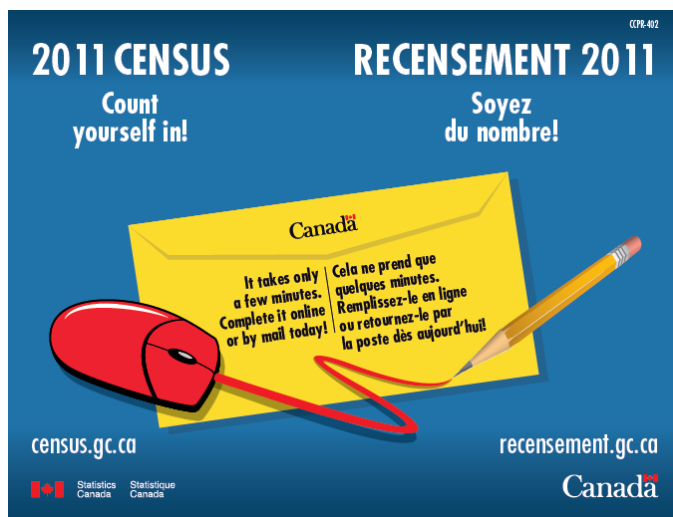
***Teaching ESL to Adults: Classroom Approaches in Action*** is a series of eight videos, which can be viewed online or purchased as three DVD volumes.

<http://www.newamericanhorizons.org/training-videos>

### Topics Available:

- ◆ Lesson Planning for Life Skills
- ◆ Building Literacy with Adult Emergent Readers
- ◆ Growing Vocabulary with Beginning Learners
- ◆ Working with a Multi-level Class
- ◆ Developing Listening Skills with High-intermediate Learners
- ◆ Teaching Grammar in Real-life Contexts
- ◆ Cultivating Writing Skills at the Intermediate Level
- ◆ Developing Reading Skills for Intermediate/Advanced Learners





The Census and the new National Household Survey (NHS) will take place starting in May 2011.

Census information is important for all communities and is vital for planning services such as schools, daycare, police services and fire protection. The NHS is needed to plan family services, housing, roads and public transportation, and skills training for employment.

Since these surveys are an essential source of information about Canada and the people who live here, they must be complete and accurate. It is therefore imperative that everyone complete and return their questionnaires.



Incorporate learning about the Census into your lesson planning!

For more information about the Census and National Household Survey:

<http://www.census2011.gc.ca/>

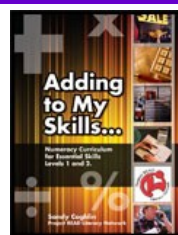
### National Household Survey

In addition to the 2011 Census, some residents will be asked to participate in the new National Household Survey (NHS). The information collected in the NHS will provide data to plan and support family services, housing, roads and public transportation, and skills training for employment. Your information will help paint a detailed and comprehensive picture of Canadian society. If you receive the NHS, support your community and complete the survey.

Don't forget the



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



This is a Numeracy Curriculum for learners at Essential Skills Levels 1 and 2. Its main focus is to use real life numeracy activities as a starting point in order to develop skills required in the workplace. The curriculum is set up for a six week class, three days per week, at three hours per day, but was also field-tested as a stand-alone document for each class. The learning is also supplemented with many on-line sites and the learning is enhanced through using the LearningHub with learners. The LearningHub is familiar with the curriculum and has set up specific learning to assist with individuals going through the various activities. <http://www.projectread.ca/pdf/AddingToMySkills.pdf>

# Essential Skills and Employment Ontario

This video provides a short overview of what Essential Skills are and why they are important. You are welcome to use it, as long as it's not edited or altered. It's also available on Youtube.



<http://www.essentialskillsgroup.com/essential-skills-video/>

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.

Two new issues:

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

**NEW [Issue #2 - The Meaning of Essential Skills](#)**

To access all the Essential Skills Bulletins:

<http://www.on.literacy.ca/tools/essentialskills>

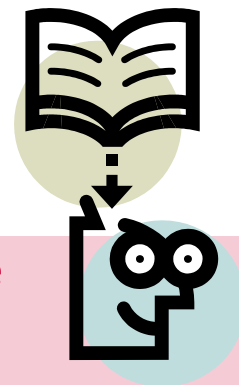
## BLEST

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

LLO is looking for programs that would like to participate in piloting the three modules in both a paper-based and online format. If you are interested, please email Robyn Cook-Ritchie: [ritchieg@execulink.com](mailto:ritchieg@execulink.com)







## Essential Skills for Ontario's Tradespeople

College Sector Committee for Adult Upgrading

Coming April 17, 2011 from the College Sector Committee

# Online ES Tool for Red Seal Trades

## Introducing an Essential Skills Website for Ontario

The College Sector Committee is launching an interactive Essential Skills website aimed at helping existing and soon-to-be apprentices succeed at their training.

Colleges can set-up individual classroom cohorts where instructors manage how the tool is used by their students. An unlimited number of instructors and students can use it.

Website features:

- Fifty-three updated Essential Skills profiles validated by Ontario's apprenticeship trainers.
- Built-in assessments customized to individual trades. Assessments are adaptive, accurate and created using Ontario-specific workplace documents.
- Individualized test result reports that highlight skills and gaps. Test results are available immediately after testing.
- Individualized learning plans that point trainers and test-takers to learning materials that address skill gaps. All of the learning resources are available on-line and are free.

**All of these features and more... for FREE!**

The website launches April 17, 2011. For further information, contact Lynne Wallace at [l.wallace@xplornet.com](mailto:l.wallace@xplornet.com)



### Research...

See which Essential Skills are necessary for all 53 Red Seal trades.

### Assess...

Online assessment measures Reading, Document Use and Numeracy Skills. Writing and Oral Communication tests are being added.

### Compare...

View test results reports to see how skills match the requirements of each trade.

### Build...

Customized learning plans feature free online resources available anytime, anywhere that focus specifically on skill gaps.



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To whom it may concern,

Our names are William Barreca and Josh D'Aguiar and we are students at Michael Power/ St. Joseph high school. This semester, as part of our grade 12 ethics class, we were required to choose an ethics based charity to fundraise for. We received the issue of Canadian illiteracy and were pleased to select your charity to fundraise for. The reason being is that we feel the Laubach Literacy charity is an extremely effective organization in helping those who have not been blessed with the privilege of reading and writing. The fact that you have hundreds of volunteer tutors only lends to your credibility and shows that you are truly committed to helping to solve illiteracy. Additionally, when we read that your volunteers contribute the equivalent of \$3 million to the Canadian economy, we knew that our donation would be assisting the most amount of people possible.

For our fundraiser, we chose to sell Sunny Delights to our fellow students and teachers. We are proud to say that the sale went extremely well and we were able to raise \$71.50 for Laubach Literacy. Please find enclosed a cheque in this amount.

We hope that this money can be of some help and can allow you to better assist your students. Finally, we would like to congratulate you as a result of the great services you provide in a very pressing Canadian issue.

Sincerely yours,

William Barreca

Josh D'Aguiar

c/o Ms. Gee's theology class