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Conference 2013!

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Laubach Literacy Ontario's annual conference took place at Nipissing University in beautiful North Bay, Ontario from June 21st - June 23rd, 2013.

It was hosted by North Bay Literacy council who celebrated their 35th anniversary. Staff, students and volunteers from the council put in a lot of hard work that really paid off. They did an amazing job!

Click this link for **more information** on our 2013 conference: <http://www.laubach-on.ca/node/966>

To **view photos** follow this link: <http://www.laubach-on.ca/teach/news/conference2013/photos>



2013 Arnie Stewart Award Winner

Velma Read- Hamilton Literacy Council



Congratulations to Velma Read of the Hamilton Literacy Council who is this year's winner of the Arnie Stewart Individual Achievement Award.

Velma has worked very hard to reach the level she has achieved in reading and writing.

She has even opened her own business since leaving the council.

She has also done some public speaking about literacy at McMaster University, and she has written to the Ministry and the newspaper about literacy concerns.

Velma never gives up on a project and continues to support the Hamilton Literacy Council in any way she can.

She has become a mentor for other students at Hamilton Literacy Council which makes her the perfect candidate for this award.

For more on her story go to the following link - <http://www.laubach-on.ca/gethelp/awards>

Prize Winners!

Congratulations to Gord Ingoglia. He is the winner of a brand new laptop that LLO was able to offer as a student prize with money that Rubert

Payea has raised over the past few years. This is the 3rd year in a row that a laptop has been available for the student prize. Thank you to Rubert and Extreme Technologies in Beamsville where Rubert purchases the laptops. They always ensure that the laptop is loaded and ready for use before it leaves their store!



Again this year we were able to offer a 2nd prize for students in attendance at the conference.

The draw was held at the end of the Student Annual Meeting.

Jeremy Katz of Hamilton Literacy Council won an E-Reader.



Student Annual Meeting– 2013

This year's Student Annual Meeting was very productive.

A wide range of topics were discussed including:

- students thoughts about the curriculum changes with OALCF
- prize eligibility for the Student Committee at the conference
- length of term for the Student Rep on the LLO Board
- fundraising ideas to ensure student prizes continue to be available at the conference.



2013 Lana Faessler Outstanding Service Award Winner

L. Johanna Mutch- North Bay Literacy Council

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Before becoming a staff person at the North Bay Literacy Council Jo was a tutor and a Board member. She has since participated in many community events to raise awareness of the work of the North Bay Literacy Council. She never misses a chance to advocate for her council.

Jo has participated as a valued member of the tutor training team. She has spent time in Africa teaching teachers of adults to use the Laubach Way to Reading and other materials so that they can teach woman who want to learn how to read and write which is exactly the principle that Laubach Literacy Ontario follows with Each One Teach One!

She still works as a volunteer one-to-one tutor after hours. Jo has taken every available training session for the new OALCF curriculum as well as any CaMS training sessions available in her area.

She recently worked very hard to complete her Masters of Education at Nipissing University...this while she was working full-time and fulfilling her volunteer commitments!

Jo is a very deserving candidate of this award.

For full details please go to:

<http://www.laubach-on.ca/teach/news/conference/award>

Tree Planting in Memory of Arnie Stewart

To wrap up this year's conference we held a very special occasion in memory of everyone's favourite literacy ambassador, Arnie Stewart. To honour him, there was a tree planting held right out front of one of the main residences (Governor House) at Nipissing University

Keith Allen and Jack Osborne, members of the LLO Student Committee (both with the North Bay Literacy Council) presented the idea at a Student Committee meeting a few months prior to the conference and it was very well received. So they ran with it, and planned the entire event from start to finish!

Arnie's wife Barb was in attendance for this memorable event as well as their son Alan, their daughter Nicole and the most recent member of the family, Nicole's son baby Nolan.



Thank You!

to the Student Committee

To Laubach Student Committee

I am writing this letter to thank you for the laptop that I won at the Annual Conference, in North Bay. The laptop is a great tool for someone like myself, who has a learning disability, and struggles to write.

I am able to write this letter because of the help that I was given by Laubach Literacy Ontario, its member councils, and tutors. I first learned to read and write in 1987 at the age of 27. When I came to Laubach, I couldn't read or write a single word. With the help of Laubach tutors, and their program which supports adults with literacy and numeracy difficulties, I learned. Not only did I learn to read and write, I gained confidence to go further. With my newly found courage, and the ability to read and write, I attended college and passed with honors.

I can honestly say that Laubach changed my life and I am truly grateful to the volunteers who dedicate their time to help others.

Sincerely,



Gregorio (Gord) Ingoglia

Member News

Welcome to new members in the past year, listed in alphabetical order by city.

- Community Literacy of Ontario, Barrie, ON
- Campbellford District High School, Campbellford, ON
- Wellington Centre for Continuing Education, Guelph, ON
- Ontario Native Literacy Coalition, London, ON
- Georgian College, Owen Sound Campus, Owen Sound, ON
- Niagara Regional Native Centre Literacy Program, St. Catharines, ON
- The Bob Rumball Centre for the Deaf, Toronto, ON



For a list of all 66 of our organizational members, go to:

<http://www.laubach-on.ca/getinvolved/aboutus/programs>

Fun Stuff

Give them a try!

The Roseville Public Library in Roseville California has a section on their website that includes some great games for adult literacy students.



Why should we play games in Literacy?

1. All Literacy participants need to have some FUN!
2. Games help to reinforce the relationships between letters and how they can be changed to form other words (i.e. with blends and endings).
3. They help the Tactile/Kinesthetic/Visual Learner use their strengths to build vocabulary.
4. Use the pieces of the games to supplement your teaching. Letter tiles and cards can be used for spelling tests. You can also break words into syllables and build vocabulary by choosing words from other lessons or readings.
5. Each person learns differently so this is another tool you can add to help reach your learner.
6. We all need to take a break from our studies and try something new.

Click [here](#) to check out what they have to offer.

25 Twitter Tips

Using Twitter can be fun and a great learning tool. Check out this article:

<http://www.edudemic.com/2013/03/25-twitter-tips-for-students-parents-and-teachers/>





Click here for more information:

<http://alphaplus.ca/en/component/content/article/76/629.html>

ALPHA PLUS: NEW SERIES OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

AlphaPlus is launching a series of Digital Technologies E-Bulletins dedicated to exploring, discussing and sharing our ongoing research and observations related to digital technologies and the Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework (OALCF).
– The first one is OALCF Goal Paths and E-learning.

English as a Second Language Resources

MTCU identified a service category for support organizations to support seamless client pathways across MTCU programs as well as across programs of the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration (MCI). We are pleased to share a new resource available through Community Literacy Ontario.

[A Primer on Canadian Language Benchmarks for LBS Practitioners](#) serving clients who require English as a Second Language instruction, written by Brenda King of eduWORKS consulting (formerly the Executive Director of CESBA) for Community Literacy Ontario, is an excellent resource for LBS agencies. It can be found on CLO's website at

<http://www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/newslet/Canadian%20Language%20Benchmarks%20Newsletter%20-%20June%202013.pdf>

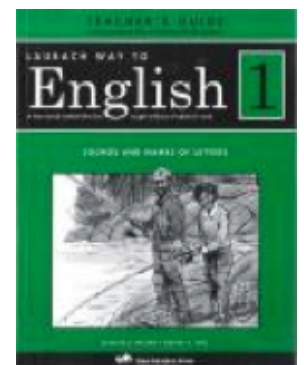
LLO's Bookstore, as a distributor of New Readers Press materials, sells a variety of excellent resources to meet the needs of entry-level ESL students, including an oral assessment that measures ongoing student progress in speaking and understanding English. For tutors and instructors familiar with the Laubach Way to Reading materials, there are

Laubach Way to English Teacher's Guides that use the LWR skill books.

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

They have been proven to teach English language learners how to read as well as:

- Conversation skills practice dialogs
- Aural/oral practice with vocabulary structures
- Practice in word-attack skills
- Techniques for teaching ESL students



This site was recommended by an ESL Coordinator through ProLiteracy.

—lots of free options for speaking and listening activities, and self-help tips.

It can be found on at:

<http://esl-lab.com/>

Career Ladders are a series of connected literacy, language and skills training programs that enable individuals to secure employment within a specific industry or occupational cluster, and allows them to advance to higher levels of education and employment. To read more about ESO's exciting new project click on the link.

News from the OFFICE

2013-2014 Board of Directors

While we sadly said goodbye to Monika Jankowska-Pacyna, we were happy to welcome Cathy Graham, Program Manager at the Orillia and District Literacy Council to our board of directors. There were no other changes from last year, including the Executive—all of whom were re-elected by the board.

Gary Porter, **President**; Jo Mutch, **Vice-President**; Linda Fetterly, **Secretary**; Henry Sum, **Treasurer**.

Student Representative: Annie Aultman

Members at Large: Gay Douglas, Alicea Fleming, Cathy Graham, Tracey Mollins.

For pictures and bios of our board members, go here:

<http://www.laubach-on.ca/getinvolved/aboutus/org/board>

Tudor Costache...

...a man of many talents!



Many of you will remember Tudor, who joined LLO as a summer experience student several years ago, and continued to volunteer for LLO in many capacities—mainly as our

conference photographer. He is also our website developer/webmaster, and redesigned our website several years ago using Drupal, so staff could manage updating the website. He has been, and continues to be, a real asset to LLO.

Here's some updates on what Tudor has been up to (and most of them, except the pending marriage, I did not know about until we "googled" him).

Tudor is getting married to a lovely girl named Shauna.

Besides his regular full-time job as an Information Technology and Services Consultant and Professional for MKS, Tudor is a professional part-time photographer with his own website: <http://tudor.costache.name/>

Tudor was featured in a PetSci article, which included tips for all the budding pet photographers out there!

<http://petsci.co.uk/interviews/pet-photographer-spotlight-an-interview-with-tudor-costache/>

Program Administration

Service Providers to be Surveyed by Ministry

In advance of 2014-15 LBS Business Planning, the Ministry will engage with service providers and support organizations to determine what supports service providers need and value to improve their client service. Further instructions will be made available to LBS service providers in August regarding how to access the survey. Survey results will be shared with LBS support organizations and a date will be set for a fall meeting with support organizations and the Ministry.

The purpose of this consultation is to identify opportunities for continuous improvement of the LBS program; this includes increasing awareness of unique cultural, sector and geographic features of service providers, increasing accessibility and avoiding duplication of efforts.

To read the full memo:

http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/publications/lbs_2013_bus_plan_memo.pdf

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Managing Your
Documents... and Your
Time*



Have you ever kept a client or your boss waiting on the phone while you've searched the piles of papers on your desk for an important document?

See more at:

[http://
www.mindtools.com/
pages/article/
newHTE_85.htm#](http://www.mindtools.com/pages/article/newHTE_85.htm#)



Ever wonder what a country like Australia is doing in regards to workplace literacy and numeracy?

Visit this link to get a glimpse:

<http://takingthelead.com.au/>

Leadership Summit

Leading Through Change

Delta Chelsea Hotel, Toronto • May 13 – 14, 2013



LLO recently attended the **Leadership Summit**.

To see a summary of the sessions click on the link:

<http://www.firstwork.org/leadership/summary/>

LLO Projects



Literacy Bridges: Adapting literacy tutor training and resources based on Bridges out of Poverty Principles is our latest research and development project funded through the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

In partnership with Project READ Literacy Network, who will be doing the research and development piece, LLO will be providing resources for face-to-face tutor training workshops after they are field-tested and vetted through the Project's Advisory Committee and the Independent Evaluators. These resources will provide additional sensitivity training to volunteer tutors and paid instructors about learners living in poverty. Jane Tuer and Anne Ramsay of Project READ are both certified Bridges out of Poverty trainers, and their

knowledge of the needs of literacy practitioners make them the perfect duo to develop these resources.

Robyn Cook-Ritchie will adapt them for LLO's online tutor training modules in the Trainingpost Moodle classroom.

In February-March of 2014, there will be two webinars offered to the literacy field—one on the principles of Bridges out of Poverty, and another highlighting the online modules and the discussion forum on LLO's Trainingpost.

For more information on Bridges out of Poverty concepts, click here:

http://www.ahaprocess.com/store/more/excerpts/book_BridgesOutofPoverty.pdf

Task-Based Activities for the LWR

Ontario Trillium Foundation Project



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, are being created by Robyn Cook-Ritchie and pilot tested with practitioners and learners. Levels 1 and 2 activities can also be used as a "stand-alone" resource and will be available soon.

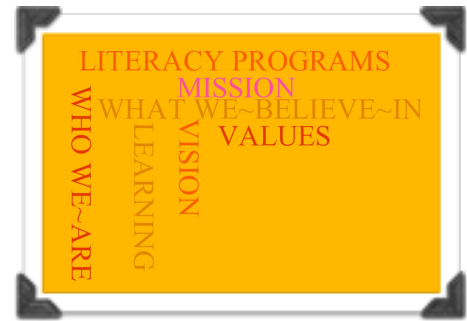
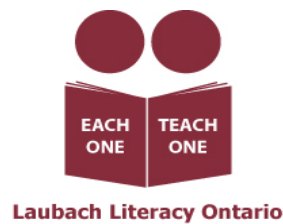
At the 2013 conference, participants were given a "sneak peak" of the LWR 1 and LWR 2 task-based materials. Participants also provided valuable input into Phase 2 during the Friday evening "Task-Storming" session.

Message from the **Board**

For the past couple of years LLO staff and Board have been trying to decide (and agree upon) a design for our new logo.

Monica Jankowska-Pacyna, a recent Board member with an education in graphic design as well as advanced technological knowledge worked on a few different ideas that were then shared with staff and Board. This design was the one that was selected.

So keep an eye out for this new design in future LLO publications, documents!



This past year the LLO Board and staff have spent a lot of time on Board training and strategic planning. Committees are working hard on several ongoing projects.

As a result of some of this hard work, the LLO Board and the Policy Committee have come up with updated and more relevant mission, vision and values statements.

Click [here](#) to view these new statements.

Thank you! Being a member of the LLO Board was an amazing experience!

Just a quick note to thank you all for the amazing three years on the LLO Board! I was very touched by the fantastic gift, your kind thoughts and best wishes. The book you gave me is amazing! Through pictures, stories and recipes it allows me to explore Poland in a new way. I absolutely love it!

Did you know that in the recipe for chicken soup it recommends adding a thin slice of lemon? I had no idea!

Here is more information about the author Anne Applebaum and the book:

<http://www.anneapplebaum.com/from-a-polish-country-house-kitchen/>.

I have to admit that it wasn't easy to step down from the Board and it will take me a while to adjust. It felt like leaving my family behind! You are an exceptional group and your commitment and support for LLO and the literacy cause is simply inspiring!

It was a pleasure to work with and learn from each and every one of you and I will miss you all greatly!



Please stay in touch.

Lots of hugs!

Monika Jankowska-Pacyna