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1st Annual LLO Literacy Awareness Day Queen's Park – November 23rd, 2009



Left to right, Gary Porter, LLO Board member and former literacy student; Sue Bannon, LLO President; and Kevin Flynn, MPP for Oakville and the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister for Training, Colleges and Universities.

What is the meaning of "Success"? Literacy people from across the Province of Ontario getting together for a day to spread the word, share stories and promote the importance of literacy!

November 23rd, 2009 marked the first Laubach Literacy Ontario (LLO) Literacy Awareness Day at Queen's Park. Many people turned up to support the cause. The day began with a press conference which was held first thing in the morning, followed by pre-scheduled meetings with Ministers and MPP's and then we ended the day with a reception in which everyone participated.

Thank you to MPP Garfield Dunlop, who spearheaded this event...we couldn't have done it without him. We would also like to thank MPP Kevin Flynn, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities who attended and spoke passionately about literacy at our reception.

Laubach Literacy Ontario would like to acknowledge and thank the following Ministers and MPPs who graciously took time out of their busy schedules to meet with our teams to discuss literacy issues and concerns from across the Province:

Honourable John Milloy – Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities

MPP Paul Miller – MPP Hamilton East – Stoney Creek Honourable Donna Cansfield – Minister of Natural Resources/MPP Etobicoke Centre

MPP Elizabeth Witmer – MPP Kitchener-Waterloo/Critic for the Ministry of Education and the Women's Directorate

Giancarlo Drennan – Office Attorney General – Honourable Chris Bentley

Honourable Steve Peters – Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and MPP Elgin-Middlesex-London

MPP Sophia Aggelonitis – MPP Hamilton Mountain **MPP Bruce Crozier** – MPP Essex & Deputy Speaker of the House

MPP Mario Sergio – MPP York West MPP Norm Miller – Chief Whip of the Official Opposition/PC Finance Critic/MPP Parry Sound/ Muskoka

MPP Phil McNeely - MPP Ottawa Orleans

Special Thanks go out to our teams of literacy practitioners, volunteers and students for attending this important day and helping to spread the word:

Team #1 - Lotoya Haynes, Mary Slonim & Barbara Kennedy

Team #2 – Joanne Kaattari, Jette Cosburn – Carol Risidore & Keith Allen

Team #3 – Jennifer Ellis, Bob Sture, Lynn Wallace & Gary Porter

Team #4 – Connie Morgan, Marilyn Davis, Tina Smith & Mike Miron

Team #5 – Stacey McQuoid, Matt Richardson & Shawn Chapman

Team #6 – Marsha Roadhouse, Chris Pleizier, Cory Lloyd & Tyler McEwen

Team #7 – Barbara McFater, Jan Lean, Anne Marie William & Ansella Ferdinand

Team #8 – Nancy Friday, Vicki Trottier, Linda

Sullivan & Brett Balaban

Team #9 – Lana Faessler, Carol Risidore, Keith Allen Team #10 – Sue Bannon, Gary Porter & MPP Garfield Dunlop (Press Conference) The following agencies helped to make this day a success!

Laubach Literacy Ontario
Community Literacy Ontario
Ontario Literacy Coalition
DPNC Adult Literacy Program
Midland Area Reading Council
Barrie Literacy Council
PTP Adult Learning Centre and Employment
Centre
LINC – YMCA
Quinte Adult Day School
Literacy Group of Waterloo Region
Alpha Plus Centre
Hamilton Literacy Council

Special thanks to the event sponsors:

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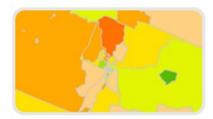
In closing, we received many requests to make this an annual event! We will keep you all posted as to plans for next year's event!

> "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is Progress. Working together is success." ~ Henry Ford ~



Program Administration

The Canadian Council on Learning (CCL) has an interactive map that provides an in-depth look at more than 52,000 prose-literacy profiles across Canada. Click here to visit the literacy page on the CCL website.



http://www.ccl-cca.ca/CCL/Topic/Literacy/CCLLiteracy.htm?Language=EN

Employment Ontario Information

Changes to Second Career have been announced. For more information check the Employment Ontario Partners Gateway: http://www.eopg.ca/eng/secondcareer.html

Second Career Website:

http://www.secondcareerontario.com/web/
second_career/

The Non-Profit Sector Leadership Program at **Dalhousie University** is pleased to provide voluntary and non-profit organizations with some of the program's resource materials as well as selected links to other websites that also offer useful information on leadership

and management topics.

http://www.dal.ca/
Continuing%20Education/
Continuing%20Management%
20Education/Non-Profit%
20Sector%20Leadership/
Resources.php

The **Succession Planning Tool Kit** can be downloaded from the Literacy Link South Central website free of charge: http://www.llsc.on.ca/resources.html Use this kit as part to help you with continuous improvement performance management plan for your organization.



Click here to access CLO's new online training website for practitioners: http://www.nald.ca/



ATurnaround Part 2...

A short story by Patty Cantwell

The continuation of Patty's story is below. If you missed the first part you can read it in the Summer 2009 Edition of E-Magazine: http://www.laubach-on.ca/Trainingpost/emagsep09.pdf

At the hospital, Michael was being prepped for surgery. Cane hurried over to the hospital to see Kevin anxiously pacing up and down the hallway for news on Michael. Kevin decided to search through Michael's wallet to see if he could find the next of kin listed anywhere. Then he found the name of his cousin - Jenna Newman and her phone number. He phoned the number and it rang three times. Finally she picked up and answered in a groggy voice. Kevin said, "are you Michael Newman's cousin?, she said, "yes". He said, "Well you have to come to the hospital right away because your cousin Michael is in surgery because he was stabbed

tonight." In shock Jenna hurriedly got dressed and called for a cab. "Zeus stay." Jenna paced back and forth and anxiously watched for the cab. The cab finally came.

In no time at all Jenna was at the hospital asking where Michael was. Jenna ran to the elevator and got on. As the doors opened she was shocked to see Kevin standing there. "Kevin what are you doing here?". "I'm waiting to hear how my friend is doing



Author Patty Cantwell (right) is pictured here with her tutor from the Literacy Group of Waterloo Region

in surgery. "Well what is your friend's name,?" said Jenna. "Michael Newman", said Kevin. A look of surprise and worry came over Jenna's face. "Are you the one who called me?", "yes that was me, I had no idea that was you". "So Michael Newman is your cousin?" "Yes" said Jenna, "but I haven't seen him for a long time" All of a sudden Cane came out of the waiting room to say that Michael was out of surgery and the Dr. wanted to talk to them. "Cane, you remember Jenna that girl that we met by the bridge tonight, well she's Michael's cousin, her name is Jenna." "Hi, Jenna" said Cane. "Maybe we should go and talk to the Dr." said Jenna. Just then the Dr. came towards them. "Michael is out of surgery but he is going to need a blood transfusion as he's lost a lot of blood and unfortunately we've discovered that he's a rare blood type and we don't have it on hand." "Well why don't we three see if we're a match" said Kevin. "Okay" said the Dr. and he went to get one of the nurses to do the blood work. It seemed like forever before

the nurse came back to tell them that Cane was a match and that the blood transfusion had been successful and that Michael was stable condition but would have to stay in the hospital for a few more days.

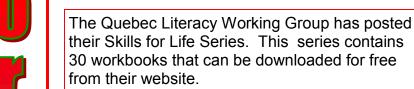
Three days later Cane and Kevin went to testify in court with Michael who had just gotten out of the hospital hours before. Jenna also sat in the court room. As the guard brought the prisoner into the court room Michael froze as his eyes locked on the robber's eyes. In a flash Michael could see the bad crime happening all over again. The grey haired judge asked the robber to rise and state his name. "Billy Abbot", said the robber in a calm voice. Cane got called to come up and testify and after many hours the Judge came back with a verdict of five years in the federal prison in Genoa City.

Meanwhile Jenna went off to university in Genoa City to study to become a lawyer. Part of the course requirement was going to the federal prison to meet and interview a prisoner for a case study. As time passed Jenna felt more and more uncomfortable about this assignment. As she arrived at the prison a tall, unfriendly looking guard led her to the prisoner. Jenna was stunned when she recognized the robber. She turned to the guard and said, "get me out of here!" She left and went back to her university and told her professor the story of what had happened to her cousin. The professor said, "that's too bad, however you have to do this for your class assignment".

Jenna was terrified to go back to the prison to meet the prisoner face to face. Three weeks later she arrived back there, this time a short friendly looking guard let her in. She asked to meet with the prisoner. The guard went to get him. The prisoner sauntered into the room where Jenna sat nervously waiting for him. And then Jenna realized that the prisoner had not recognized her at all. The guard stood nearby as she began to talk to him. She continued to question him throughout the session but with many awkward silences.

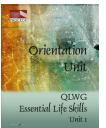
To read the final installment of this exciting story read the next edition of E-Magazine (winter 2010).

Creative Curriculum



Topics include:

- Being a Canadian Citizen
- · On the Job
- Entertainment
- Managing my Money
- Smart Shopping



Click here to access all the workbooks: http://www.nald.ca/qlwg/skills.htm

The North Bay Literacy Council is pleased to announce the completion of the Literacy and Health Project, Phase 2, funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. As one of the outcomes, we are informing literacy providers of our new website containing information on health literacy.

You will find it at:

http://
northbayliteracycouncil.ca/
index.php?
SESSID=0&TMID=TMJULIE&CMID=TM-JULIE



Literacy and Health

Talking to your student

What is It?

Health Words
Talking to your doctor
Parts of the body
Health Problems
Mental Health
Community Resources
Lesson Plans
Make a health binder about you
Literacy & Health Workshop
Internet Resources

On The Job: ESL and Essential Skills for Work

The "On the Job" series. has a section for each of the nine (9) Essential Skills: Reading Text, Document Use, Numeracy, Writing, Oral Communication, Working with Others, Thinking Skills, Computer Use, and Continuous Learning. Each document is downloadable as a PDF file and gives you ideas on how to incorporate these skills into your classroom activities and how to give your learners practice using them.

Click here to access the resources:

http://www.itsessential.ca/

itsessential/

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Essential Skills



Laubach Literacy Ontario is pleased to announce the launch of the new online course

Integrating Essential Skills into Lesson Planning

This introductory course had been designed for literacy tutors, practitioners, trainers and tutor trainees. Participants complete a variety of activities in eight sections to learn more about four of the nine Essential Skills: Reading Text, Document Use, Writing and Numeracy and how to integrate Essential Skills into lesson planning.

If you take the Integrating Essential Skills into Lesson Planning course we ask that you introduce yourself and take the Pre Module Participant Survey in the introduction. When you have completed all seven sections we ask that you complete the Post Essential Skills Module Participant survey in section 8. It will only take a few minutes to complete these two surveys and it will provide invaluable feedback for LLO.

The LLO Training site is found at: http://laubach.alphaplus.ca/login/index.php

This course was developed with funding from Human Resources and Skills Development Canada

Upfront with Essential Stills and LBS

Literacy Ontario Central South (LOCS)
Ottawa Community Coalition for Literacy (OCCL) and
Literacy Link Eastern Ontario (LLEO)
have released the

Literacy and Essential Skills Awareness Guide

The guide provides tips to assist in identifying clients who need to improve their Literacy and Essential Skills. It is available in French and English.

Click here: http://www.lleo.ca/LLEO assets/pdfs/L%20and%20ES% 20Awareness%20Guide%20Final%20English.pdf

Literacy and Essential Skills Awareness Guide EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO

WORD RIDDLE

This is an unusual paragraph. I'm curious as to just how quickly you can find out what is so unusual about it. It looks so ordinary and plain that you would think nothing was wrong with it. In fact, nothing is wrong with it! It is highly unusual though. Study it and think about it, but you still may not find anything odd. But if you work at it a bit, you might find out. Try to do so without any coaching!

See the answer on the last page of E-Magazine.



Do you spend a lot of hours in front of a computer keyboard? Try some key board yoga to keep your body well! Check out the Learner area of the Movement for Canadian Literacy website:

http://www.literacy.ca/ themes/mcl/learners/ index.html



http://www.yogaeverywhere.com/keyboard/ keyboard 4.html

Going back to school as an adult

Here are some great sites to check out if you have recently come back to learn:

- www.cvu-uvc.ca
- www.apprenticetrades.ca
- www.hrsdc.gc.ca (to find out about student loans or grants) and
- www.servicecanada.gc.ca, where there is a link about finding a job, managing debt, skills development and more.

The Literacy
Tribune is an
online newspaper
that is published
by United
Literacy, a nonprofit organization, that
provides resources and
support to adult literacy
learners in the United
States.:

http:// www.theliteracytribune.org/

click on link for your favourite cake recipe!

<u>Applesauce Fruitcake</u> <u>Baby Cheesecakes</u> <u>Baumtorte (Tree Cake)</u>

<u>Carrot Cake with Hot Glaze</u> <u>Carrot-Pineapple Cake</u> <u>Cheesecake Bars</u>

<u>Cherry Loaf</u> <u>Chocolate Angel Food</u> <u>Chocolate Brownies</u>

Chocolate Cookie Sheet Cake Chocolate Fridgecake Chocolate Ice Box Dessert

Chocolate Logs Chocolate Lovers Triple Threat Chocolate Mayonnaise Cake

<u>Chocolate Cake</u>

<u>Christmas Blondies</u> <u>Christmas Cake</u> <u>Christmas Chocolate Cake</u>

Christmas Mixed Glace Fruit Loaf
Year-Chocolate Cake

Cinnamon Morning Delight

Classic Yellow Cake Coca-Cola Cake Coconut Buns

Cream Cheese Pound Cake Cream Puff Cake Creamy Chocolate Cupcakes

Decadent Chocolate Cake Decadent Fudge Cake Deluxe Chocolate Marshmallow

Bars Bars

<u>Dump Cake</u> <u>Earthquake Cake</u> <u>Easy Chocolate Chip Cake</u>

Fluffy Pumpkin Cheesecake Fresh Apple Cake Fruit Cocktail Cake

Gooey Chocolate Brownies Grandma's Famous Cheesecake Gum Drop Cake

Heavenly Pecan Cake Hedge Hog Cake Holiday Cake

Holiday Pumpkin Cake Holiday Rum Cake Honey Bun Cake

<u>Lemon Cake</u> <u>Linda's Yule Log</u>

"Night Before Christmas" Coffee
No Bake Fruit Cake
Old Fashioned Light Fruitcake

<u>Cake</u>

Pecan Icing Peppermint Cake Pineapple Heaven

Pineapple Upside-Down Cake Plum-Nut Cake Pound Cake Pound Cake

Pull Apart Biscuit Cake Pumpkin Cake Roll Pumpkin Dump Cake

Pumpkin Dump Cake Pumpkin Log Pumpkin Nut Roll

Russian Teacakes Santa's Breakfast Cake Self-Filled Cupcakes

<u>Strawberry Shortcake</u> <u>Super Granny Cake</u> <u>Swedish Nut Cake</u>

Tiny Christmas Fruitcakes Tiramisu Cheesecake Toll House Carrot Cake

Turtle Bars Uncooked Chocolate Crisp Cake

<u>Warcake</u> <u>World War I Cake</u> <u>X-mas Fruit Cake Delight</u>

Laubach Literacy Bookstore

Now available while supplies last—the **Canadian version** of Laubach Way to Reading, Skill Book 3! Regular price \$14.95, now on sale for \$12.00. (Member price-\$9.00) Contact the LLO office for a **revised order form** for Fall 2009 that now includes the Canadian version of LWR Skill Book 3 and also reflects changes in prices from New Readers Press. All items in red are reduced prices—check out lower prices for the popular Breakthrough to Math level sets and LWR Placement and Assessment materials (Diagnostic Inventory and Student Profiles).

Endeavor Series – Reading levels 3-8.

- Integrates reading and writing and is easy to use.
- Comprehensive Teacher's Guides and Student Books at each level
- Instructional strategy active reading, guided practice
- Writing instruction—focus on structure and organization
- Good for multi-level classes, parallel across levels
- Great in ESL emphasis on vocabulary discussion



Endeavor concentrates on comprehension and writing, with an emphasis on vocabulary. The approach to comprehension is similar to the one taken in Voyager, in that it gets the student thinking about what they are reading before, during and after the story. The series starts at level 3 and goes to level 8, and is not ideal for more beginning level readers as it doesn't work on decoding skills.

A great feature of Endeavor is that the same themes are carried through to every level, so that lesson 2 in level 3 has the same work theme that lesson 2 in level 7 has. This makes the series ideal for group work with differing skill levels.

Themes include health, work, housing and transportation, consumerism and money. Download correlations and view sample pages at www.newreaderspress.com

Challenger – Second Edition



We are also excited to introduce a new face on a classic series. Challenger has given its books a facelift, so you'll see an updated look, some new content and some new informational articles with topics such as cell phones, internet dating, 21^{st} century job search, global warming. The new books can still be used with the original Writing for Challenger for all but a few stories.

New Writing for Challenger 5 to 8 – picks up where 1-4 leave off and helps prepare students for GED.

Challenger Placement Tool and puzzles correlated to Challenger lessons are available online FREE at www.newreaderspress.com



MEMBER RESOURCES SUMMARY

Members were surveyed about resources they use in the implementation of their programs. The most-used New Readers Press reading and writing resources were the *Challenger* series followed closely by the *Voyager* series at 80%, the *Patterns in Spelling* series at 73.3% and the *Laubach Way to Reading* series at 66.7%.

For math, the most-used resource by far was the *Breakthrough to Math* series, with 73.3% of members indicating that they use it. The second most popular series, *Math Sense*, was used by 40% of members. For ESL services, the most used resources were the *Laubach Way to English* series and the *Oxford Picture Dictionary*, each used by one-third of members.

Filling Out Forms was the most used resource for self-management and self-direction, with 60% of members indicating that they use it.

PATHWAYS TO TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT

At the Laubach Literacy Ontario Conference on June 12, 2009, Executive Director Lana Faessler led a panel discussion on Pathways to Training and Employment.

The goal of the discussion was to deal with:

- collaboration
- networking
- seamless transitions
- developing partnerships
- continually improving our services
- communication
- engagement

The panel was videotaped. The panel discussion on individual questions can be viewed by clicking on the link below:

Introduction, role of LLO, and what are you doing to improve capacity of the Employment Ontario third-party services network? How did you make these connections? How do you know you've been successful? What are some of the roadblocks you have encountered?

Questions and ideas from the audience, and answers from the panel

Hiding Behind The Book

I struggle with reading. When I was a child reading was not encouraged at home or school. I felt "pushed away" when I was sent to a resource room. Being one of four girls with parents who came from Malta made it difficult.

One day, when Genna, my five-year-old daughter was at school, I was bored so I went to the public library. Knowing that reading was difficult for me, I went and asked the staff for help. I told the lady at the desk that I had a hard time reading. I did not hide it this time. I normally would not let anyone know that I struggled because I was embarrassed. She showed me an area that was for teens and what was popular; Mates, Dates by Cathy Hopkins. I looked around and found a series that I was willing to try. After reading the first book, I got the next, and next. I was hooked! I told myself that I would read every night.



I look back now and I am proud and amazed that I did it. I've read 10 books, and as a result I enjoy reading. I am happy that I pushed myself. I have been attending Adult Literacy and Basic Skills, in Brantford. We do a lot of reading individually and as a group. I feel I have made a lot of progress. Not only am I reading myself, but I have Genna going to library classes and reading as well! I no longer feel like I am hiding behind the book.

By: Sandra Grech

When One Door Closes Another Door Opens

I have always worked from the age of fourteen, not always at good paying jobs, but they were jobs just the same. I worked for a company called Incom Top Tape and Label for nine years. In two 2008 I quit that job take a job closer to home and because I was not happy there anymore. I worked for Mott Manufacturing for 6 months and was then laid off.

This is when the fun began, not! You have to file for unemployment which, if not done correctly, will cost you a great deal of time and some headaches. Dealing with the government is not an easy thing. If you don't do things their way things can be very difficult for you. They have you over a barrel if you make a mistake because they control your money.

One good thing about being laid off this year is that the government has put a lot of money into the system. There is a program called Second Career. This program allows people who want to go back to school to change their careers, if they wish to. I have enrolled in this program. First, I had to figure out what I wanted to go back to school for. Then I had to start a paper trail. This in itself can be a daunting task. You have to get an appointment with Mohawk Assessment, this can take weeks. So, you're in a hurry to wait. Once you go to that appointment and figure out what you want to do, you may need to upgrade your schooling. This can be a long process. There are a lot of people who want to see you succeed in what you do. That means a lot of people are behind you and supporting you.

Once you do your upgrading you have to apply at the college you wish to go to.

This can be a scary and confusing thing to do as well. Once you get accepted you're on your way to a new career.

I will be attending the Literacy Council from June to December/09 as well as Adult Literacy and Basic



Stay tuned.....

Skills. This is to upgrade my spelling, writing and math. I did apply at St. Lawrence College for a Vet Assistant Program and was accepted. Three weeks later the college called me to inform me that the course had been canceled. This left me in a bind. I applied at Sheridan College as well but needed a grade 11 biology credit which I did not have. I tried to enroll at Mohawk College for a biology credit but was too late. I also enrolled in a correspondence course but found it difficult. Sheridan College sent me a letter offering a conditional acceptance into their program but I had to write a science test for them. If I passed I would be accepted. I wrote their test and passed! Now I'm going to college in January 2010 in the Animal Care Program, if I get approved through Second Careers.

By: Patricia Hopkins

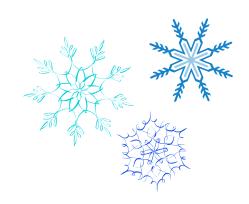
Congratulations to this year's winner of the

Frances Lever Memorial Award— Ruth Faulkner!

Ruth is a tutor at the Midland Area Reading Council. The award was set up by the OLC in 1997 in honour of Frances Lever, an individual who personified tireless dedication to literacy learning.



2009 FLMA Winner - Ruth Faulkner (right to left) with her sister Barbara Kilmer, Sue Bannon, Lana Faessler and Mary Wiggin



Word Riddle Answer

The letter e, which is the most common letter used in the English language, does not appear even once in the paragraph.

For a collection of online word puzzles click here:

http://puzzles.about.com/od/ wordpuzzles/ Miscellaneous Word Puzzles. htm

Happy Holidays from LLO!

Click on the link for our special holiday greeting!

http://www.jacquielawson.com/viewcard.asp?code=ER13610552

