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- Newsweek: 10
- Readers Digest: 9
- Comic Books: 6

Please see LLO's website for more information about the gunning fog index at <http://www.laubach-on.ca/Trainingpost/3-2-over.htm>

If you have any comments or questions please feel free to email Robyn Cook-Ritchie:
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Editor's Spot

This is our last official issue of E-magazine! However, LLO has decided to utilize this format and continue with a second volume of the E-Magazine to replace our newsletter in the upcoming year. Our new publication will be a hybrid called "Expressions E-Magazine." All publications are available on our website.

We hope you enjoy!

Dyslexia Online Resources

The November issue of E-Magazine included a feature article on “deciphering dyslexia”. Below are four great websites to access for more information.

The **Learning Disabilities Association of Canada** website provides in-depth definitions, resources and links to other relevant sites. Both the font size and contrast can be adjusted on the site to accommodate different needs.

<http://www.ldac-taac.ca/adult-e.asp>

The **Dyslexics Adult Link** website is a great place to read about other adults that cope with dyslexia everyday. The web site has three great adaptive features:

- an option to make the print size larger
- a talking browser
- the ability for the user to change the background colour of the screen

<http://www.dyslexia-adults.com/>

The **Positive Dyslexia** website provides a suggested resource reading list. There are also links to current news and articles related to dyslexia.

<http://www.positivedyslexia.com/>

The **Canadian Dyslexia Association** website has many resources including downloadable publications and a list of celebrities with dyslexia. The information is also available in French.

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

Arnie's Garden

“Teachers and students have called Arnie a real life hero! Arnie Stewart is unafraid to tell his story of struggle and hope to students of all ages. Arnie has lived most of his life not being able to read and write. His stories are told from the heart as only he can tell them. Arnie's Garden is a record of Arnie's dream for a better tomorrow in literacy. You may also visit Arnie's website to learn more about this courageous man.”

Click here to go to the video link for “Arnie’s Garden”.

**[http://www.teachertube.com/
view_video.php?
viewkey=8e21e23049634cec06c6](http://www.teachertube.com/view_video.php?viewkey=8e21e23049634cec06c6)**



VISIT ARNIE'S WEBSITE

<http://web.mac.com/janetleestinson>

Employment Ontario Overview

Where literacy and basic skills fits in...(taken from the Employment Ontario website, and the Information Management Systems website).

The Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities' Literacy and Basic Skills program helps people whose literacy skills fall below the Grade 9 level. Academic upgrading is also available, to help people qualify for postsecondary training or employment. Services are free, and are offered on-site at [approximately 300 locations](#) across the province, in self-directed format and online.

The program is divided into four streams, to best serve Anglophone, deaf, francophone and Aboriginal learners. In 2006, over 45,000 literacy learners received help. There were 290 sites, 210 of which serve the Anglophone stream, 14 which serve the Deaf stream, 40 which serve the Francophone stream, and 26 which serve the Native (Aboriginal) stream. Services are provided through community-based agencies (164 sites), School Boards (61 sites) and Colleges (65 sites). There are 48 Laubach Literacy Ontario affiliated programs, some of which have more than one site.

To learn more about literacy and basic skills in Ontario click on the link below (new link):

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/tcu/adultlearning/>

Not sure what kind of program would work for you? Try the online learning [quiz](#).

Other services

The Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities also supports the [Council of the Federation Literacy Award](#), encourages research and development, and ensures agencies offering the Literacy and Basic Skills Program provide quality services.

For more information, or to find programs in your area, visit Employment Ontario www.ontario.ca/employmentontario or call the hotline at 1-800-387-5656.



**Ministry of Training,
Colleges and Universities**

Donations!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank some very special people in Niagara Falls; The Kentucky Colonels, The Niagara Falls Golden Central Club and of course our own Arnie Stewart. What an awesome group of people.



The Kentucky Colonels held a golf tournament in July 2007 and a portion of the proceeds came to Laubach Literacy Ontario to help students in their learning endeavours. We were the happy recipients of a \$2,500 cheque. Arnie Stewart and Gary Porter represented us at the golf tournament – Gary actually won the closest to the hole competition.

We just recently received another \$450 donation from the Niagara Falls Golden Central Club. A big Thank You to them as well.

Arnie, thank you for going out there and spreading the word about Adult Literacy. You are amazing.

All of these donations are to be used for student initiatives. \$2,500 has been set aside to reduce the cost of literacy students from Laubach programs attending LLO's 2008 Conference.

Driving

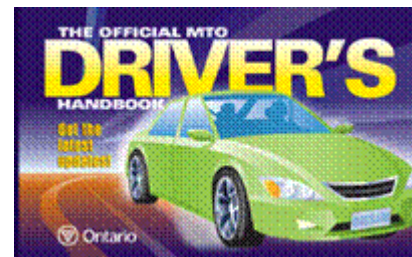
Do you have a student learning to drive? The Official Driver's Handbook can be found on the Ministry of Transportation website. <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/dandv/driver/handbook/index.shtml>

Driving Directory: A student can take online practice tests on this American site: <http://www.drivingdirectory.com/test/index.php>

British Columbia has one of the most comprehensive tests for new drivers in North America. The questions need thought and understanding; just memorizing facts won't be enough. Click on the link for the online test that can help a student prepare. <http://www.icbc.com/licensing/opkt.asp>

The **DriveTest** site, licensed by the government of Ontario allows you to download a log book when your student starts to drive:

<http://www.drivetest.ca/en/edu/ReadyLog.aspx>



If you have an **ESL** student learning to drive the State of Washington has driving guides available in several languages.

<http://www.dol.wa.gov/>



Navigating the NET one site at a time

Let the April showers bring
you May flowers! Click here
and click on your mouse to
see what happens:

[http://www.procreo.jp/labo/
flower_garden.swf](http://www.procreo.jp/labo/flower_garden.swf)

Sudoku Solution

1	5	7	3	4	9	2	8	6
4	3	8	1	6	2	7	5	9
9	2	6	7	5	8	4	3	1
6	7	4	5	3	1	9	2	8
2	1	9	6	8	4	5	7	3
5	8	3	2	9	7	6	1	4
8	6	2	9	1	5	3	4	7
3	4	5	8	7	6	1	9	2
7	9	1	4	2	3	8	6	5



In the Kitchen...

Take your bananas apart when you get home from the store. If you leave them connected at the stem, they ripen faster.

Whip store bought frosting with your mixer for a few minutes. You can double it in size. You get to frost more cake/cupcakes with the same amount. You also eat less sugar and calories per serving.

In the House...

Put small piles of cornmeal where you see ants. They eat it, take it "home," can't digest it so it kills them. It may take a week or so, especially if it rains, but it works and you don't have the worry about pets or small children being harmed!

In the Garden...

Put layers of wet newspapers around the plants, overlapping as you go. Cover with mulch and forget about weeds.

Place a dryer sheet in your pocket to keep the mosquitoes away.

In the Car...

Do you hate foggy windshields? Buy a chalkboard eraser and keep it in the glove box of your car. When the windows fog, rub with the eraser!

Laubach Literacy Ontario presents:

**Conference June 20—22, 2008
LEARNING for all Seasons—LEARNING
for all Reasons**

Education Centre, Nipissing University/Canadore College
- College Drive Campus, North Bay, Ontario

LLO's Conference 2008 is partially funded by the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities through the Employment Ontario Network Fund. Due to this funding we are able to offer subsidies to member agencies, their tutors, volunteers and students.

Additional student subsidies are possible thanks to our Student Fund. Travel subsidies will be provided as usual, to member agencies.

Registration fees include meals, accommodation and workshops for Friday and Saturday, and breakfast Sunday morning. "Pick your own" packages, and daily rates will be available for those people who live locally or can't attend the whole weekend.

The Saturday night banquet will feature the Second Annual LLO Idol Karaoke contest, North Bay's 30th anniversary celebrations, awards, ceremonies and lots of fun! A conference brochure outlining workshops and special events, along with registration forms will be emailed to members and the literacy field, and posted on our website and on AlphaCom before May 1, 2008.

Registration Fees Subsidized Costs

Members and Presenters

Friday and Saturday accommodations, meals, and workshops. The registration fee for the first 200 members who register by June 2 is **\$50.00**

Student Subsidy

The registration fee for the first 50 literacy students who register by June 2 is **\$10.00**. Thursday night accommodation, if required, is \$30.00 extra for all registrants.

Conference hosted by:

North Bay Literacy Council



**Laubach Literacy Ontario is pleased to
announce the fifth annual**

**Arnie Stewart
Individual Achievement Award**

Arnie Stewart received the Flight for Freedom Award in 1999 and has served on the LLO Board since 1996, first as Student Representative, and later as Vice President. He was also a director on the board of the Ontario Literacy Coalition as well as Chair of the Learners' Council. Arnie is a very popular guest speaker at Annual General Meetings and at schools as he has a natural ability to present his story in a humorous and meaningful way. He has been called an ambassador for literacy and volunteers much of his time to literacy. Arnie is honoured that this award bears his name.

This is an award for adult learners from Laubach Literacy Ontario member councils. Each Council is asked to nominate one learner. Each learner nominated must meet some or all of the following criteria:

- Has made a significant achievement due to skills gained while in the program**
- Has overcome barriers**
- Is a mentor, leader and/or example for other literacy learners**
- Has given back to his/her Council or community by helping to raise awareness around literacy**

The recipient's name and Council will be engraved on a LLO plaque that the Council will showcase for one year. Each recipient will receive an individual plaque and all nominated learners will be recognized at the Awards Ceremony at our June conference in North Bay.

Send us your shining star!

**Deadline: LLO must receive your
nomination by May 9, 2008**

**Click here to download the forms from the
LLO website:**

[http://www.laubach-on.ca/
llo_award2008forms.htm](http://www.laubach-on.ca/llo_award2008forms.htm)

A word of thanks!

Laubach Literacy Ontario (LLO) would like to thank Human Resources and Social Development Canada through the **National Office of Literacy and Learning ALLESP** (Adult Learning, Literacy and Essential Skills Program) for funding the [www.elearn.llo project](http://www.elearn.lloproject.ca).

Through this project we were able to promote the use of Internet technology through the provision of links to a comprehensive, annotated compendium of current, quality sites that will provide e-learning opportunities, in addition to those provided through the LLO website (<http://www.laubach-on.ca/index.asp>), for trainers, tutors, students and council staff. We were also able to provide timely, high interest resources and learning materials to the front-line in a fresh new format, the E-magazine. All issues are available on our website.

The ability to support the adult literacy and basic skills field with cutting edge technology and support is critical, and we are grateful for the opportunity to do so. Thank you for helping to further the success of LLO's mission.

LLO would like to thank the Advisory Committee members:

- **Jennifer Ellis** Program Coordinator/Instructor - Midland Area Reading Council
- **Anthony Gomez** Assistive Technologist / Disability Advisor - University of Windsor - Student Disability Services
- **Karen Morgan-Bowyer** Program Coordinator - The Literacy Group of Waterloo Region

LLO would like to thank the following organizations for their participation as pilot sites:

- **Midland Area Reading Council**—Midland
- **Learning Disabilities Association**—Windsor
- **Literacy Council York Simcoe**—Newmarket
- **Sound Data Solutions**—Owen Sound
- **The Literacy Group of Waterloo Region**—Cambridge
- **The Literacy Group of Waterloo Region**—Kitchener