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Mark Your Calendars:



April 19 – 24 National Volunteer Week
April 30 Raise-a-Reader funding deadline
May 15 Katherine Aird Hamilton Bursary for Literacy Workers
June 21 PGI Golf Tournament at Elmhurst Golf and Country Club
July 15 - 17 National Family Literacy Conference, Edmonton, Alberta

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Wendy's Message

From the desk of Wendy Bulloch, PHEc
Executive Director – Literacy Partners of Manitoba

Hello!

First – hats off to all Volunteers – National Volunteer Week begins April 19th.

What would we do without volunteers? Here at Literacy Partners of Manitoba, our board members are volunteers, we have volunteer tutors to help Learners and volunteers – Carin Crowe, Doris Quinn and Pat Frantz who all helped with Family Literacy Day. Volunteers are a great resource and support to any organization – many non-profits would not survive without volunteers. So to all volunteers – thank you for all you do in your community!



Literacy Partners of Manitoba has hosted and will be hosting a series of Strategic Plan initiatives across the province. We had two successful sessions in Dauphin and Brandon the week of April 12th and we will host another session in Winnipeg on April 22nd. We plan to do a conference call for those up north on May 12th. For further information contact our office.

Have a great rest of the month and watch for more news from us in May!

Cheers.

Wendy

The Raise-A-Reader Fund



Up to \$2,500 in funding for existing family literacy programs and up to \$5,000 for new programs developed by organizations not previously funded by Raise-a-Reader grants.

Deadline: April 30th.

Click [HERE](#) or visit www.mb.literacy.ca/whatwedo/bursaries.htm for full information.

Council of the Federation Literacy Award Manitoba

The Premier of Manitoba invites you to nominate deserving adult learners for the 2010 Council of the Federation Literacy Award



Nomination Deadline: May 28, 2010

In July 2004 Canada's Premiers decided to create a special annual award to recognize achievements in literacy across the country. The Council of the Federation (COF) Literacy Award acknowledges outstanding achievement, innovative practice and excellence in literacy. Each year 13 COF Literacy Medallions are awarded, one in each province and territory.

The COF Literacy Award for Manitoba recognizes achievement in adult literacy. In 2010 this award will be given to an individual adult literacy learner.

To nominate a learner, click [HERE!](#) or visit:



www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ael/all/awards/cof/call_nom.html

The Canadian Council of Learning Presents *State of Learning in Canada: A Year in Review*

The 2009–2010 *State of Learning in Canada: A Year in Review* report provides the most up-to-date information available on Canada's learning landscape, and in the process helps contribute to a more comprehensive understanding of how Canadians are faring as lifelong learners.

As in previous State of Learning reports, this report reflects CCL's vision of learning as a lifelong process. Time and again our research affirms that the skills and knowledge that citizens bring to their families, workplaces and communities help determine a country's economic success and overall quality of life.

It is this core value that continues to guide CCL's research and our commitment to fostering a learning society in which all members can develop their full potential as active, engaged learners and contributing members of their community.



This report adopts a life-course approach, beginning with data related to learning in the early childhood years and school-based education through to the formal and informal learning of adults.

Also included is a chapter devoted to Aboriginal learning in Canada which features highlights from the ground-breaking December 2009 CCL report *The State of Aboriginal Learning in Canada: A Holistic Approach to Measuring Success*. This report, which introduced the first application of a unique approach to measuring Aboriginal learning, represents the most current and comprehensive assessment of Aboriginal learning ever conducted in Canada.

Click [HERE](#) to read the report or visit:

www.ccl-cca.ca/CCL/Reports/StateofLearning?Language=EN

Katherine Aird Hamilton Bursary for Literacy Workers

This bursary supports adult literacy instructors in their professional development.

One \$500 bursary is awarded each year by LPM's Bursary Selection Committee. You must be a current LPM member to qualify.



Deadline: May 15, 2010.

Click [HERE](#) for full information and for the [Application Form](#).

Great Questions Essay Competition



The [Historica-Dominion Institute](#) is challenging young Canadians across the country to express their views on some important issues facing Canadians today. Using the book *Great Questions of Canada*, students are asked to write an essay on one of the six Great Questions debate topics. The winning entry will receive a \$2000 cash prize, have their essay published on the website and win a trip to Ottawa for the award ceremonies in 2010. Additional prizes will also be awarded for classrooms who participate!

Take part in the 2010 contest! Participants and educators are asked to read the contest rules prior to submitting an essay.

Great Questions

Essay Competition

Contest deadline is May 7, 2010

Click [HERE](#) for full information or visit:

www.greatquestions.com/e/bulletin.html

Canada Post Community Literacy Awards



The Community Literacy Awards program celebrates the achievements of both adult learners and those who have helped them learn to read and write.

Award Categories:

There are 2 award categories, both representing a broad range of literacy accomplishments: Individual Achievement Awards & Educator Awards

For full information click [HERE](#) or visit:

www.canadapost.ca/cpo/mc/aboutus/community/literacy/awards/default.jsf

National Family Literacy Conference July 15 - 17, 2010 Edmonton, Alberta

The Centre for Family Literacy in Edmonton, Alberta is very proud to be hosting this national family literacy conference. The conference will feature a broad range of perspectives on family literacy from Canada, North America and around the world.

Conference goals include:



- To facilitate the sharing of knowledge and the skill base amongst those working in the field of family literacy and related sectors in Canada and around the world
- To build connections between practitioners and researchers who work in this geographically vast field

The key goal is that delegates will take away new understandings and engaging practices to apply in their home communities.

For full conference information click [HERE](#) or visit:

www.famlit.ca/ccc/index2.shtml

Diagnostic Adult Literacy Assessment for Beginning Readers (DALA)



Grass Roots Press has launched its new assessment tool for beginning readers.

For more information or to buy, click [HERE](#) or visit:

<http://www.grassrootsbooks.net/ca/assessment/diagnostic-adult-literacy-assessment-for-beginning-readers-dala.html>