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July, 2010

Summer Hours:

LPM staff will be taking vacation time over the summer. Please call 947-5757 before dropping by our offices to make sure someone is here to assist you.

Mark Your Calendars:



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September 8th – International Adult Literacy Day. We challenge everyone in Manitoba to *Take 5 minutes and read.*

September 19th – Open Farm Gates Literacy Experience. We've partnered up with the Immigrant Centre of Winnipeg and Manitoba Agriculture Food and Rural Initiatives to offer this farm visit / literacy experience to newcomer Canadian families.

September 28th – Literacy Month Celebration Breakfast (formerly "Breakfast of Champions"). The Council of the Federation Literacy Award will be presented

September 29th – CanWest Raise a Reader

Wendy's Message

Hello!

Here we are at the end of July, already!

At the end of June, I attended the Workplace Literacy and Essential Skills conference "What Counts and Why?" in Montreal – much was learned. There were great presentations from a variety of national and international presenters.



Here at LPM we hosted a successful two day training session on Introduction to Plain Language – facilitated by Charles Moody. We are planning to host further plain language workshops this fall – hopefully one in rural Manitoba and a second here in Winnipeg.

Practitioners please take note of the opportunity to attend the Spotlight on Learning Conference in Toronto in October. See the bulletin below or on our web page for further information.

Literacy Partners of Manitoba (LPM) staff are now into planning activities for Literacy Month in September – as well as International Adult Literacy Day – watch our web page for further developments.

Have a terrific summer!

Wendy

Professional development opportunity for one Manitoba literacy practitioner - Best part: it's in Toronto.

Are you a literacy practitioner? Do you have 2 years experience?
How about a free trip to Toronto to represent your field and expand your horizons?



Literacy Partners of Manitoba is paying for one deserving literacy practitioner to represent Manitoba literacy practitioners at the Ontario Literacy Coalition Conference: *Spotlight on Learning – Becoming Agents of Change*.

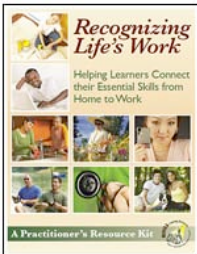


The conference takes place from October 18 to 20, 2010. We hear Toronto is nice in the fall.

For more details visit the LPM news page: mb.literacy.ca/news.htm

Recognizing Life's Work learners' tool kit

Recognizing Life's Work: Helping Learners Connect Their Essential Skills from Home to Work—A Practitioner's Resource Kit highlights the Essential Skills (ES) developed and strengthened through 12 different common leisure and home-based-activities. The kit is a comprehensive bank of materials that include high and low-level learning activities, authentic documents, steps to the answers to the learning activities, and fictional 'day-in-the-life of a job' case studies.



Please Note: A workshop on "Recognizing Life's Work..." will be offered during the ASEC conference on Friday, October 25th.

Literacy Partners has a copy of this resource in our Library.

Or:

Download the full resource [HERE](#).

Aboriginal Summer Literacy Camps

Frontier College Aboriginal Summer Literacy Camps operate in over 60 communities in Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Quebec.

In total, 60-100 children in each community have the opportunity to attend the summer literacy camps. Based on our experiences, a curriculum is developed that includes literacy games and activities, community specific content (e.g. elders), and an overarching theme that emphasizes the fun of reading and writing. Literacy is embedded into fun camp activities (e.g. scavenger hunts and games like tag). Camp counselors are hired and receive an extensive orientation and literacy training. Aboriginal specific content is developed through community involvement and engagement. The camps operate on a few key principles:



Community-Based: The diversity of each community is recognized and the summer camps are customized to the specific needs of each individual community, while at the same time offering standard, repeatable best practices. Members of the Aboriginal community are involved in the design and delivery of the summer camp program.

Respectful: Aboriginal knowledge, customs, cultures and history are valued and reflected in the design and delivery of the summer camp program.

Inclusive: Aboriginal youth are involved in the delivery of programs and services, with training included to support them in these efforts.

Learn more about Frontier College [HERE](#)



Did you know:

Reading skills of *seasonal workers* are lower than *year-round workers*.

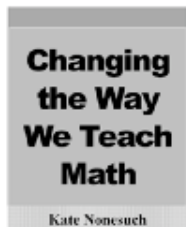
Changing the Way We Teach Math:

A Manual for Teaching Basic Math to Adults

Kate Nonesuch, the author, writes:

"I wrote this manual for ABE math instructors who, like me, are interested in changing their teaching practice to bring it more in line with recommendations from the research literature on teaching numeracy to adults. I wrote it after consulting with more than 100 people in British Columbia about their practice, and I wrote it to address the concerns they expressed to me at those consultations. The manual sets out some "best practices" from the literature, then outlines some difficulties instructors may face in implementing them, and makes suggestions for overcoming the difficulties. Finally, there are many pages of activities ready for immediate classroom use, which provide examples of some ways of implementing the best practices...."

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Download the entire PDF [HERE](#)

Indigenousfuturisms Science Fiction Writing Contest: \$1000 Award



Deadline: November 1st, 2010

This contest is open to Native, First Nations, Indigenous, and Aboriginal students currently enrolled part-time or full-time in any accredited university, college, or high school.

Send a personal statement and previously unpublished science fiction story (up to 4,000 words) to Professor Grace L. Dillon (Anishinaabe) as attachments to dillong@pdx.ed

Peter Gzowski Life Literacy Fellowship

ABC Life Literacy Canada has announced the new Peter Gzowski Life Literacy Fellowship.



This fellowship was created to increase public awareness of adult literacy in Canada and support one journalist with a financial contribution of \$2,000 in the development of a media story attributed to adult literacy.

Full details, submission criteria and entry forms can be found online at www.abclifeliteracy.ca now through to August 27, 2010.

Frontier College is Hiring

Frontier College is hiring a Community Coordinator to fill a one year term contract here in Winnipeg. Start date: August 2010



For full information about this position, visit:

http://www.frontiercollege.ca/english/literacy/job_opportunities.html

Interested candidates should send resumé and covering letter to:
Alice Zhou azhou@frontiercollege.ca

Closing date: Wednesday, August 4th, 2010

For more information about Frontier College visit <http://www.frontiercollege.ca>

“Universal Precautions: A Model for Health Literacy?”

The Wall Street Journal Health Blogger, Laura Landro writes:

“Low health literacy is a growing concern in the U.S. as medical-treatment decisions become more complex, chronic diseases more prevalent and doctors’ face time with patients more limited, today’s Informed Patient column reports.



A national action plan to improve health literacy, unveiled in late May by HHS, identifies one potential solution: the so-called universal precautions approach used by infectious disease professionals. Because it’s impossible to tell who might be infected with a bloodborne disease such as HIV, doctors and dentists take the same precautions, such as using gloves and other barriers to avoid needle sticks, with every patient.”

Read the entire article at:

<http://blogs.wsj.com/health/2010/07/06/universal-precautions-a-model-for-health-literacy/>

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Literacy Partners of Manitoba is an active member of the national coalition, [Movement for Canadian Literacy](#).