

# e-bulletin

May, 2010

## Mark Your Calendars:



July 13 & 14: Introduction to Plain Language, LPM Offices, Winnipeg (more info below).  
July 15 Advanced Plain Language Training, LPM offices, Winnipeg (more info below).  
June 21 PGI Golf Tournament, Elmhurst Golf and Country Club (more info below).  
July 15 - 17 National Family Literacy Conference, Edmonton, Alberta

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## Wendy's Message

Greetings all,

May has proven to be a busy month as LPM works to finalize our strategic plan. We appreciate the input we have received from our various stakeholders across the province in sharing with us their thoughts and ideas.



In addition, we are finalizing our budgets for the coming fiscal year - which always proves to be a task and a challenge.

We encourage you to mark your calendar for our Annual General Meeting at the Norwood Hotel on November 16th - where we will be sharing with you our strategy and upcoming plans for the 2010-2013 years.

Enjoy the rest of our spring!

Cheers,

Wendy

## Plain Language Training: Introductory and Advanced courses

This summer, LPM is offering both plain language courses:

[Introduction to Plain Language](#) - July 13 & 14, 2010 - Winnipeg, MB.

Working on their own documents, participants will learn how to write in a language that their audience can understand.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about the introductory course.





And...

[Advanced Plain Language Training](#) - July 15, 2010 – Winnipeg, Manitoba

This is a one-day workshop for participants who have previously taken LPM's plain language training and would like to hone their skills by revising their own document in a tutorial setting.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about the advanced course.

Email Kathy Pavlik at: [kpavlik@mb.literacy.ca](mailto:kpavlik@mb.literacy.ca) by June 18th to register.



Did you know:

72% of adults for whom English or French is a first language believe that adult literacy is a problem in Canada. (2009 Ipsos Reid poll)

## "Best-selling Canadian authors to pen Good Reads new releases"

From the ABC Life Literacy Canada press release:

*Authors Joseph Boyden, Marina Endicott, Joy Fielding, Anthony Hyde, and Frances Itani to write original books for adult literacy learners in second year of series.*



ABC Life Literacy Canada in partnership with Grass Roots Press and with support from Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, is delighted to announce more new authors for **Good Reads**, a series of books written by Canadian authors for adult literacy learners. Best-selling authors Joseph Boyden, Marina Endicott, Joy Fielding, Anthony Hyde, and Frances Itani will contribute original Good Reads books that will be published in 2011.

To read the entire news item, click [HERE](#).

## 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!](#)

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## “Canadian teachers give failing grade to child poverty efforts”



“Teacher leaders from across the country added their voices to the national call for action to end child poverty when they met with Parliamentarians as part of the Canadian Teachers' Federation's (CTF) annual Hill Day.

For the Federation's report card on child poverty, news release and other information about Hill Day, click [HERE](#).

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## “We should pay attention to oracy in addition to literacy” says Columnist

*By Tom Sticht, International Consultant in Adult Education*

Excerpt:



“There can be no doubt that functional illiteracy maims the ability of adults to achieve well in contemporary life. However, there are a number of emerging factors that suggest that, in addition to lack of literacy being a problem, millions of adults may also have low levels of oracy, that is, their abilities to speak, listen and converse well in the oral language are so poorly developed as to pose problems in achievement, too. And I am not talking about foreign-born, non-English-speaking immigrants. I am talking about adults born in the United States who speak English as their native language.”

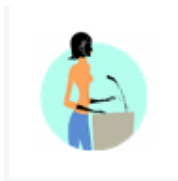
For the entire, thought provoking article, click [HERE!](#)

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## Powerful Listening: A Practitioner Research Project on Story and Difference in Adult Literacy

From *Powerful Listening's* introduction:

“This report tells the story of a collaborative research project entitled, “The Uses of Narrative in Adult Literacy Teaching and Learning.” A team of nine community-based practitioner-researchers in Toronto met monthly from September 2007 until July 2008 to reflect on our practice and ourselves as practitioners through the lens of story and diversity. [...]



Our focus was on story because stories are at the heart of literacy work and learning is about creating possibility in the stories we tell about ourselves. This project focused for a change on practitioner stories, in the belief that as we become more aware of what is happening in our teaching, learners learn more.

Our research method also involved story: we told stories of why we do literacy work and of the challenges we face, particularly in understanding how issues of social difference affect practice.”

Read the full report [HERE!](#)

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## "Teachers' and Youth Web Corner - A Fun Path to Learning!"

### Youth



Citizenship and Immigration Canada has launched *A Fun Path to Learning*, an interactive, on-line educational resource for teachers and youth.

This tool-kit explores subjects such as civics, history, and citizenship.

Visit [HERE](#) for both the teacher and youth resources.

Now online at [mb.literacy.ca](http://mb.literacy.ca): The latest *Write On!* Magazine



*Write On!* publishes poems, memoir, and fiction by Manitoba learners in literacy programs from all across the province!

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