

# Literacy Partners of Manitoba

## April 2011 E-News

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### EVENTS & AWARDS

**Canada Book Day - April 23**

**Frontier College Scrabble Challenge April 30 at the Forks**

**Children's Book Week April 30—May 7**

**Food For Thought Family Literacy Conference May 19-20**  
at the Fantasyland Hotel, West Edmonton Mall. Register at [www.famlit.ca](http://www.famlit.ca).

**Community Literacy Awards**  
Nominations are now being accepted for the [2011 Canada Post Community Literacy Awards](#). Nominations are being accepted until June 3, 2011.

**Summer Institute June 27-29 Workplace Literacy & Essential Skills: Embedding Practice, Preparing Providers** hosted by the Centre for Literacy. For more info see [www.literacy.ca](http://www.literacy.ca)

### Manitoba Adult Literacy Learners get published

Literacy Partners of Manitoba (LPM) encourages the development of adult literacy learners and strives to inspire others through the publication of Write On! magazine twice yearly. Write On! magazine is devoted solely to the writing of adult literacy learners and practitioners, and is now available.

The spring issue of Write On! contains poems, stories, reflections and reviews from 13 adults in literacy programs across the province. Stories range from the heartache felt by the cousin of a missing aboriginal woman, the impact of an addiction, the pride felt in families when parents are finally able to read to children, and the doors that have been opened as a result of pursuing learning as an adult.

The Canadian Commission for UNESCO supported the printing of Write On! this spring and LPM Board member Jim Lewis, from Lewis Communications donated his expertise in graphic design to make this a truly professional publication the writers will be proud to show off! The spring issue of Write On! Magazine is available on our website [www.mb.literacy.ca](http://www.mb.literacy.ca).

### A message from the Executive Director

Hello everyone! Here at Literacy Partners of Manitoba we have been busy with International Adult Learner Week – LPM was very pleased with the response from learners and honoured to be able to share and highlight their stories and poems in Write-On magazine, available on our website.

I have just returned from a week of meetings with our coalition colleagues from across Canada. It was a great week of sharing ideas, talking about a variety of directions for literacy and essential skills initiatives, and participating in excellent workshops. Literacy Partners of Manitoba continues to support literacy through other means as well, including the LEARN Line, learner scholarships, sharing practitioner information at various mediums, including workshops at the Adult Secondary Education Council, & keeping the resource centre open.

Last month you heard from Jeremy Johnson about the position he is moving into. Jeremy has done an outstanding job as our LEARN Line coordinator, reaching out and connecting with many organizations who were not aware of the LEARN Line, and is now our Literacy and Essential Skills Coordinator, a new position for Literacy Partners of Manitoba. Support for this new position came from our major funder – the Government of Canada's Office of Literacy and Essential Skills.

Our volunteer, Susan Hamilton, who has been helping us in the Resource Centre, will be leaving us at the end of May. Susan has been an extremely helpful volunteer and we will miss her. We extend a very sincere note of thanks to Susan for her support this year.

An important reminder to practitioners – the Katherine Arid Hamilton Bursary is available for anyone wishing to enrol in learning opportunities that would benefit them in their work. To date we have had no one apply for this year's bursary. On behalf of all of us here at the LPM office, we wish everyone a most enjoyable spring. Please feel free to get in touch with us if you have any questions!

**Wendy Bulloch**



## NALD Headlines

[Call for presenters: Literacy & Learning Symposium 2011 in Alberta \(PDF\)](#)

[General election in Canada on May 2, 2011: What you need to know](#)

[Canadian Literacy and Learning Network has unique web area for learners](#)

[Nominations open for 2011 Canada Post Community Literacy Awards](#)

[New from Office of Literacy and Essential Skills \(OLES\): Inaugural issue of 'Insights' \(PDF\)](#)

[ABC Life Literacy Canada names inaugural LEARN ambassador](#)

[Starting Points: Creating environments for literacy teaching and learning in Community-Based Agencies - Partnering for Literacy Programs by Mary Norton \(2009\) \(PDF\)](#)

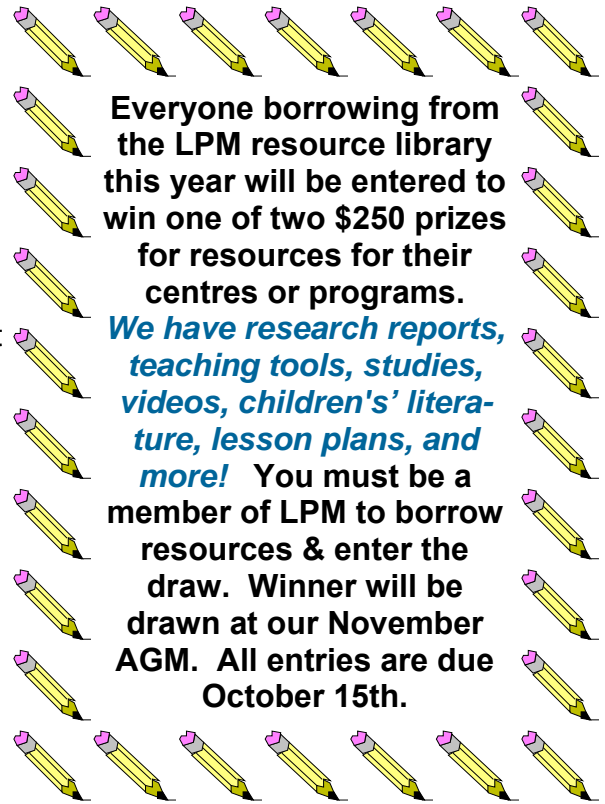
The Ontario Literacy Coalition has officially launched its new Spotlight on Learning: Becoming Agents of Change website dedicated to Professional Development in Literacy and Essential Skills. Check it out at <http://www.spotlightonlearning.ca/>

### LITERACY IN THE NEWS: *from the Province of Manitoba*

Advanced Education and Literacy Minister Erin Selby visited the River East Transcona School Division Adult Learning Program to celebrate International Adult Learners Week (IALW) earlier this month. "Adult learners are some of the most courageous people I have ever seen. They not only take on the challenge of going back to the classroom as adults, but they have the determination to do so while continuing to care for their families and sometimes holding down a job as well," said Selby.

Each year, nearly 12,000 adults attend programs at Manitoba adult learning centres & adult literacy programs, which provide Manitobans the chance to get their high-school equivalency and upgrade courses. "Through their dedication and perseverance to get their education, these Manitobans will ultimately enhance their opportunities for employment and will be better able to follow their chosen career paths," said Selby.

Since 1999, the Manitoba government has more than doubled their annual investment in adult literacy, and Manitoba's total support for 2011-12 is almost \$20.6 million. Selby, Labour and Immigration Minister Jennifer Howard, and Entrepreneurship, Training and Trade Minister Peter Bjornson jointly proclaimed April 2 to 9 International Adult Learners Week in Manitoba.



**Everyone borrowing from the LPM resource library this year will be entered to win one of two \$250 prizes for resources for their centres or programs.**

***We have research reports, teaching tools, studies, videos, children's' literature, lesson plans, and more!***

**You must be a member of LPM to borrow resources & enter the draw. Winner will be drawn at our November AGM. All entries are due October 15th.**

## Practitioner Resources

[Literacy is a right - Fact Sheets by Canadian Union of Public Employees \(CUPE\) \(2010\) \(PDF\)](#)

[Tutor Handbook: Essential Skills - Have You Used Yours Today? by Linda Hobbs Collier \(2011\) \(PDF\)](#)

[Essential Skills - Have You Used Yours Today? Series User Guide by Linda Hobbs Collier \(2011\) \(PDF\)](#)

[ES 101 - Skill Book 1: A guide to learning, enhancing, and practicing Essential Skills needed for everyday living by Linda Hobbs Collier \(2011\) \(PDF\)](#)

[ES 102 - Skill Book 2: A guide to learning, enhancing, and practicing Essential Skills needed for everyday living by Linda Hobbs Collier \(2011\) \(PDF\)](#)

[An Aboriginal Essential Skills Journey: Planting the Seeds for Growth - Facilitator Guide by Pam Tetarenko \(2010\) \(PDF\)](#)

[An Aboriginal Essential Skills Journey: Planting the Seeds for Growth - Participant Workbook by Pam Tetarenko \(2010\) \(PDF\)](#)

Project READ's [Adding to My Skills: A New Numeracy Curriculum for Adult Learners](#)

Financial Literacy Quiz <http://blogs.forbes.com/shericaplan/2011/04/06/financial-literacy-quiz/>

### On-Line Election Tools

Help your learners exercise their democratic right this spring! Have them check out the Interactive Election Tool by the [Canadian Literacy and Learning Network](#) and CBC's Vote Compass, to find out [Whose views are most like yours?](#)

### *You are What you Read*

Scholastic, the children's publisher, has launched "You Are What You Read," a social networking site that is part of its Global Literacy Campaign. Readers of all ages are asked to list the five books that have had the biggest impact on their lives, and connect with others through shared "Bookprints." Celebrity role models have been enlisted to share their most influential books. To participate visit their website at <http://scholastic.com/readeveryday/>.

*Not all readers are leaders, but all leaders are readers.  
Harry S. Truman*

*Reading takes us away from home, but more important, it finds homes for us everywhere.  
Hazel Rochman*

*Don't forget about Literacy Partners of Manitoba's On-Line Resources, available at <http://www.mb.literacy.ca/resources/>!*

### ***Literacy Partners of Manitoba Adult Learner Scholarships***

Here's your chance to win \$200 to help you reach your personal literacy goals. If you are an adult learner in a recognized adult learning program in Manitoba you are eligible to enter. Put your experiences as an adult learner in writing or on video and share it with others. Tell us how your journey towards improved literacy is helping unlock your potential and build a stronger future for yourself and your family — AND help inspire others to begin their own journeys. One winner from each of Manitoba's seven regions will be awarded \$200 and their work will be published in Write On! See our website for further details and to download the scholarship poster.

If you missed your chance to participate in the Winnipeg Foundation 90-HOUR CHALLENGE, you can still donate to The Literacy Partners of Manitoba Endowment Fund. The Winnipeg Foundation is announcing the results of the 90-Hour Giving Challenge at 10:30am on April 26 in the Atrium at The Forks.

### ***Literacy Partners of Manitoba ...***

- ***is your literacy link***
- ***helps adults access learning programs through our Learn Line***
- ***maintains a library of literacy resources, reports, and research materials***
- ***offers workshops & training in plain language and related topics***
- ***hosts literacy events and fundraisers***
- ***administers grants and bursaries for learners and practitioners***
- ***publishes learner & instructor writing in Write On! Magazine twice a year***
- ***empowers and engages adults in continuous learning through networks and strategic partnerships***



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