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June, 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:



June 21 PGI Golf Tournament has been cancelled.

July 15 Advanced Plain Language Training, LPM offices, Winnipeg. See below for more information and dates.

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

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September 29 Raise-a-Reader Events, Winnipeg

Wendy's Message

Hello all,

Literacy Partners of Manitoba has been successfully working through a new strategic direction over the past few months - we will be putting the final touches to the strategy over the summer.

I want to extend most sincere thanks to the many people and organizations that in the past six months of my time here with LPM, have been so very supportive to me and to Literacy Partners of Manitoba.



In addition, I want to thank the LPM Board, the staff and our volunteer Susan, for all their help and support as we begin this new journey.

We welcome our new LEARN Line coordinator - Jeremy Johnson - Jeremy will begin his role as LEARN Line coordinator on Monday June 14th - he will be in the office until the end of June and then return in mid-August to gear up for the coming year.

Please be sure to call our office in July and August to make sure we are here - as summer time is holiday time in Manitoba and our office may be closed. Please call 204.947-5757 to check our office hours.

I wish each of you a very great summer with family and friends - and look forward to continued great opportunities to partner and work together in the coming months. Cheers!

Sincerely,
Wendy

Is your message clear? Take Plain Language Training with an expert!

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.

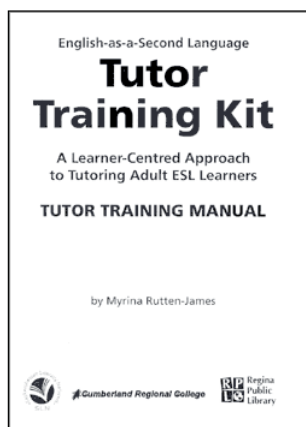
Email Kathy Pavlik at: kpavlik@mb.literacy.ca by June 29th to register.

Did you know:



Four out of 10 adult Canadians, age 16 to 65 - representing 9 million Canadians - struggle with low literacy. They fall below level 3 on the prose literacy scale.
(*Adult Literacy and Life Skills (ALL) Survey, Statistics Canada and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2005*).

English-as-a-Second-Language Tutor Training Kit



A learner-Centred Approach to Tutoring Adult ESL Learners

by Myrina Rutten-James

From the introduction:

"The way in which you tutor an ESL learner may be very different than the way in which you were taught in grade school or university. Often, in a classroom setting, the teacher makes decisions regarding the information that is covered and the skills that are developed. However, adults learn best when they can make decisions regarding what materials or strategies should or should not be taught. When tutoring an adult learner, it is important that all the activities and content be learner-centred. Learners should be full participants in the learning process. Decisions should be made with the learner, not for the learner."

Click [HERE](#) for the full resource.

NWT Literacy Council's *How To Kit for Readers Theatre*

This free resource is a sure way to get students engaged and involved!

"This *How to Kit* will help you to get started on Readers Theatre. In this kit, you will find ...



- ✓ A description of what Readers Theatre is
- ✓ Some benefits of Readers Theatre
- ✓ Tips for creating scripts
- ✓ Tips for putting Readers Theatre into practice
- ✓ Information on different styles of Readers Theatre
- ✓ Ready-made scripts for Readers Theatre
- ✓ A list of Readers Theatre resources"

Click [HERE](#) for the Readers Theatre How To Kit.

Children 'more likely to own a mobile phone than a book'

Graham Patton at *Telegraph.co.uk* reports:



"Children as young as seven are more likely to own a mobile phone than a book, figures show, fuelling fears over a decline in reading.

Almost nine-in-10 pupils now have a mobile compared with fewer than three-quarters who have their own books in the home, it was disclosed.

The study by the National Literacy Trust suggested a link between regular access to books outside school and high test scores."

Read the full article [HERE](#).

ABC Life Literacy Canada debuts new audio podcast

From ABC Life Literacy's June 11 press release:



"ABC Life Literacy Canada (formerly ABC CANADA Literacy Foundation) today launched its debut episode of Life Literacy Radio, an audio podcast dedicated to literacy, education and lifelong learning. Life Literacy Radio raises awareness of the importance of literacy and how it affects all aspects of our lives.

To learn more about literacy and lifelong learning, or to download the debut episode, please visit www.abclifeliteracy.ca."

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