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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 6th – Rick Miner – *People without Jobs, Jobs without People* at the Delta Hotel.

Hosted by Literacy Partners of Manitoba, with support from Workplace Education Manitoba and the Assoc. of Manitoba Sector Councils. Read more at www.mb.literacy.ca.

International Adult Learner Week April 2-9, 2011

Literacy Partners of Manitoba, the Immigrant Refugee Committee of Manitoba, and the Adult Secondary Education Council are partnering to host this exciting week. To learn more about International Adult Learner's Week visit our website.

Canada Book Day - April 23

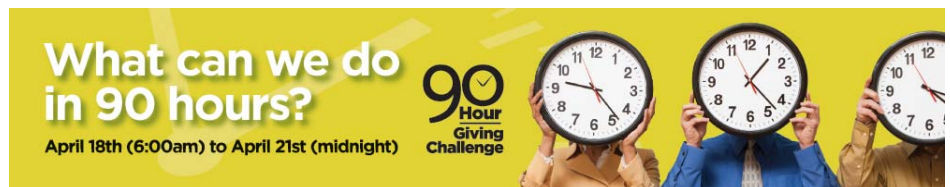
Frontier College Scrabble Challenge April 30th at the Forks

Summer Institute June 27-29 Workplace Literacy & Essential Skills: Embedding Practice, Preparing Providers hosted by the Centre for Literacy. For more information see www.literacy.ca

Literacy Partners of Manitoba Scholarships in honour of Manitoba's Adult Learners

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!

Written submissions (essays, poetry, biography, etc) should be between 350-500 words, videos should be 2-5 minutes. Scholarship will be awarded based on the technical quality of the submission and how well the impact of your literacy journey is expressed. Only individual works please. Submissions must be received no later than October 21, 2011 at the LPM office and MUST BE accompanied by a release form. Winners are awarded scholarships at the LPM AGM November 15th.



Winnipeg Foundation 90-Hour Challenge

Help support Literacy Partners of Manitoba by participating in the Winnipeg Foundation 90-HOUR CHALLENGE. In honour of their 90th year, The Winnipeg Foundation is holding a 90-Hour Challenge from 6am April 18th to midnight April 21st. During this time, all gifts made online to Winnipeg Foundation Endowment Funds will be supported by the Foundation, based on a formula that considers number of gifts and the total dollar amount: matching funds will go directly to LPM.

The 90-Hour Challenge is a collaborative opportunity for organizations to build their community profile and Agency Fund at The Winnipeg Foundation. When the Challenge begins April 18 a list of all the Agency Funds will be activated that will link donors to the online giving option for these funds. **The URL for the page is <https://wpgfdn.tng-secure.com/?pageId=90hour>.** The Winnipeg Foundation will announce the results of the 90-Hour Giving Challenge at 10:30am on April 26 in the Atrium at The Forks.

LEARN Line Update *from Jeremy Johnson*

Some may say that all good things must come to an end, but I believe that all good things must...GROW! That is why I'm pleased to tell you that after almost a year of coordinating the LEARN line, I will be stepping into the LPM Literacy and Essential Skills Coordinator role on April 26.

Assuming the LEARN Line responsibilities for the remainder of the year will be Hannah Hogan. Hannah was featured in a previous newsletter as a volunteer with over 60 hours of service with the LEARN Line. She has significant customer support experience and will be entering the University of Winnipeg Psychology Honours Program. On behalf of Literacy Partners of Manitoba, I'd like to welcome and thank Hannah for stepping in and helping out!

Literacy Partners of Manitoba is an organization that is reaching out and growing forward. My experience linking adult learners to literacy programs and learning centres that meet their needs, through the LEARN Line, provided me with a challenging but rewarding opportunity. I'd like to thank everyone who has worked with me and look forward to all the new opportunities for community partnerships in my new role.

As LPM continues to grow and work with multiple sectors, organizations and communities, I know that this is an exciting time to step up to the challenge of Literacy and Essential Skills Coordinator.



Literacy Research

The Future of Literacy in Canada's Largest Cities

<http://www.ccl-cca.ca/CCL/Reports/ReadingFuture.html>

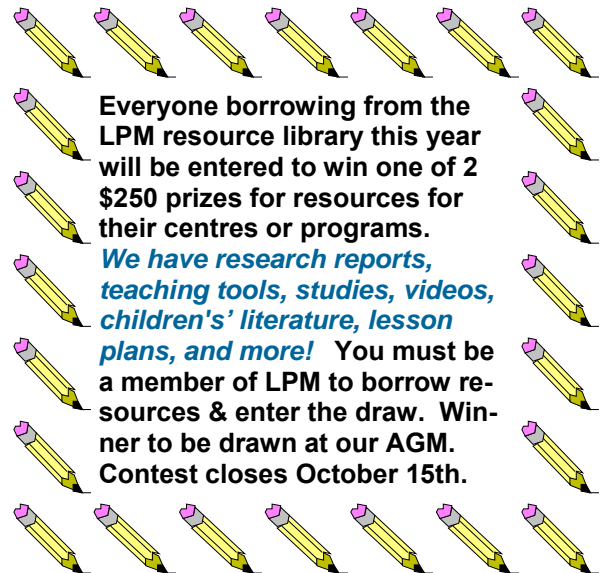
School Dropouts: Who Are They and What Can Be Done? by

John Richards http://www.cdhowe.org/pdf/ebrief_109.pdf

Funding and Priorities: The Library Resource Guide Benchmark Study on Library Spending [http://](http://libraryresource.onlineinc.com/Downloads/ResearchReports)

libraryresource.onlineinc.com/Downloads/ResearchReports

A Comparative Study of Small Group Classroom Literacy Instruction and Computer-Based Literacy Instruction: A Province Wide Intervention http://www.nald.ca/library/research/ccl/comparative_study/comparative_study.pdf



Everyone borrowing from the LPM resource library this year will be entered to win one of 2 \$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 to be drawn at our AGM. Contest closes October 15th.

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

Manitoba members of the International Adult Learner Week planning committee – Literacy Partners of Manitoba, Immigrant Refugee Committee of Manitoba, and the Adult Secondary Education Council - each received a copy of an Adult Learning Week proclamation signed by Ministers Howard, McGifford and Bjornson last week – declaring April 2 to 9, 2011 “Adult Learner Week” in Manitoba.

The province is increasing funding to Manitoba adult literacy and adult learning centre programs by \$700,000 annually, bringing total funding support to almost \$20.6 million. Since 1999, the Manitoba government has more than doubled the province's annual investment in adult literacy. "Our economy is becoming increasingly knowledge-based and all Manitobans need strong literacy skills to fully participate in society and get good jobs," said Premier Greg Selinger, adding "We will continue to invest in adult learning, so all Manitobans have the best possible opportunities for the future....Manitoba was the first province in Canada to proclaim legislation that guides efforts to improve adult literacy levels, highlighting our commitment to this issue."

Practitioner Resources

Numeracy Maps

The following links are for numeracy maps, which were produced using estimates from the 2003 International Adult Literacy and Life Skills Survey conducted by Statistics Canada, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, and the 2006 Canadian Census.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/how-canada-scores-in-math-skills-across-the-country/article1927681/> AND http://www.ccl-cca.ca/ccflash/numeracy/map_canada_e.html

UNESCO Interactive Atlas of the World's Languages in Danger

The online edition of the Atlas does not reproduce the regional and thematic chapters of the print version, but offers additional information on endangered languages. Via this interface you can browse through them, using combinations of search criteria, and/or zoom around the map. For the complete resource see: <http://www.unesco.org/culture/languages-atlas/index.php>

Children's Language and Literacy Development (Mackenzie & Cairns)

The Literacy and Parenting Skills (LAPS) program helps parents improve their own literacy and parenting abilities, while at the same time showing them how to foster their children's literacy development. This document, an updated version of the original manual, explains how to facilitate LAPS classes. Lessons are arranged around themes like positive discipline, listening skills, and building self-esteem. The resource is at <http://library.nald.ca/learning/item/9113>

Read Forward On-Line Training & Classroom Resources

Read Forward is a new adult reading resource developed by the Centre for Foundational Learning at Bow Valley College in Alberta. The resource is an easy-to-use, pencil and paper tool that can complement any reading or language course in a variety of educational programs – including literacy, upgrading, GED, apprenticeship, workplace and college. Web-based training opportunities are available free of charge over the next two weeks. You can register for any session that fits your schedule and participants will receive a complimentary copy of the resource. For more information see <http://www.nald.ca/news/0323117242>

“Essential Skills - Have you used yours today?” computer module is part of an educational package developed by literacy practitioner Linda Collier of the Newfoundland and Labrador Laubach Literacy Council, in consultation with learners and literacy volunteers throughout the province. The package is designed to help adult learners increase their literacy and essential skills, in order to make easier transitions to a new workforce or adapt to changing technology. More information about this resource can be found at <http://www.naldatwork.ca/information/newsflashes/03162011>

Don't forget about Literacy Partners of Manitoba's Resource Library, available on-line at <http://www.mb.literacy.ca/resources/> or in-person at our office!

The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.
B.B. King

A book is the most effective weapon against intolerance and ignorance.
L.B. Johnson

Teaching reading IS rocket science.
Louisa Moats

National Volunteer Week April 10-16, 2011

National Volunteer Week was first proclaimed to draw the public's attention to the vital contribution women made to the war effort on the home front. In the late 1960s, the idea of a designated week to honour volunteers was revived, and the focus was broadened to include all community volunteers. This week is now firmly established as a time to pay tribute to Canada's volunteers. For more about local celebrations and **Volunteer Manitoba's 28th Annual Awards Dinner April 27th** please go to their website at <http://www.volunteermanitoba.ca/>.

Profit & Private Sector Leaders Unveil Landmark Campaign to Transform Volunteerism in Canada, with unique digital tools that match volunteers with meaningful opportunities. A national campaign aimed at enriching volunteer experiences for Canadians and strengthening the country's volunteer sector was recently launched by Volunteer Canada and Manulife Financial, whose signature cause is to encourage volunteerism nationwide. See <http://volunteer.ca/> or <http://www.getvolunteering.ca/>.

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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