



# OCTOBER 2011 ENEWSLETTER

*Everything you need to know about Literacy & Essential Skills*

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## FEATURE



The next Write ON! Magazine is ready for publishing and we need your help deciding which of these three cover layouts - featuring our Reader in Residence, Flo Oramasionwu - we should go with.

Here's your chance to be an art director! Go to our website at [www.mb.literacy.ca](http://www.mb.literacy.ca) and tell us which one you like. Send us a tweet @ [LitPartnersMB](https://twitter.com/LitPartnersMB), email, or fax us your selection. Feel free to send this to your artistic and discriminating friends. The vote ends November 3, 2011 so act quickly, then watch for the winning cover on Facebook and our website.



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. It's free and produced by Literacy Partners of Manitoba.

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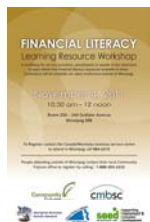
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# EVENTS

## FINANCIAL LITERACY WEEK | OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 5, 2011



As part of Financial Literacy week, LPM is co-hosting a Financial Literacy Workshop with SEED, Canadian Business Centres, and Community Futures, on November 4th from 10:30am-noon in room 250-240 Graham Avenue. This workshop is for service providers, practitioners, or people who want to learn about free financial literacy resources available to them. The workshop will be available via video conference outside of Winnipeg.

To register please contact the Canada/Manitoba Business Service Center at 984-2272 or toll free at 1-888-303-2232.

## ABORIGINAL LITERACY SYMPOSIUM | NOVEMBER 1 - 2, 2011 “NEW RELATIONSHIPS, NEW OPPORTUNITIES”

By the time you read this newsletter we will be moments away from the launch of our first Aboriginal Literacy Symposium! We extend thanks to LPM’s core funder, the Office of Literacy and Essential Skills – HRSDC – Government of Canada for their assistance. We are extremely appreciative of our symposium sponsors: the Counselling Foundation of Canada/CERIC as our Eagle+ sponsor, Wolf sponsors include Boeing Canada and Pitblado, Little Bear sponsors include the Aboriginal Business Service Network, Community Futures, Manitoba Hydro and Workplace Education Manitoba. Our Turtle sponsors are MPI and Lowey Insurance. Advertising support came from Assiniboine Credit Union, MB Lotteries Corporation and Remediation Plus Systems. All conference details can be found at [www.aboriginal-literacy2011.ca](http://www.aboriginal-literacy2011.ca).

## LPM 2011 AGM | NOVEMBER 15TH, 2011

Come celebrate the work of literacy practitioners and learners at the LPM AGM at the Norwood Hotel - 112 Marion Street, Winnipeg. Registration and reception begins at 5:00pm with the AGM at 5:45, followed by the awarding of 4 regional scholarships to adult learners, the release of our fall Write On! Magazine and entertainment compliments of our Reader in Residence, Flo Oramasionwu.

To RSVP your attendance, please contact Kathy Pavlik at 947-5757 or [kpavlik@mb.literacy.ca](mailto:kpavlik@mb.literacy.ca) on or before Thursday, November 10th.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM RAISE-A-READER DAY 2011

A big thanks to everyone who bought and sold Winnipeg Free Presses last month to raise funds for family literacy programs across our province. Twenty-four volunteers in Winnipeg raised nearly \$14,000, volunteers in Brandon (a new community to participate) raised over \$500, and the World Issues class at Adult Education Centres raised almost \$1000 at Main and Mountain (the second highest amount in the city). Phil McBurney from AEC said that it was their third year doing it and they are getting a little better each year at working the location to maximize donations. It helps that 24,000 cars go by every rush hour.



Everyone did a phenomenal job and we are grateful and proud of your effort and support. Hope to see you for Raise-A-Reader 2012!

# PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

## GO TO LEARN: YOUR GO-TO GUIDE FOR ADULT LEARNING IN MANITOBA

GO to LEARN, an interactive online resource for adults wishing to upgrade their literacy skills, was developed by Literacy Partners of Manitoba.

Jeremy Johnson, Literacy and Essential Skills Coordinator for LPM, says that this tool was developed because of the need to increase access to information about adult learning opportunities, which many found difficult to figure out,

particularly low literacy learners.

Written in simple, easy to understand language, GO to LEARN asks users questions and provides referrals based on responses.

Anyone can use it, adult learners, service providers, and other professionals, including job counsellors, and it has the potential to grow to include other adult learning opportunities.

Click on the logo to explore this exciting tool!



## READER IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM

Literacy Partners of Manitoba has acquired a new fan, volunteer, and spokesperson, one whose passion for learning and following dreams will inspire even the most fearful of folks wanting to better their lives. Flo Oramasionwu is an aspiring local R&B artist whose star seems to shine whether she's talking about her love of reading, love of music, or passion for helping others to pursue their dreams through learning.

Flo's passion for supporting adult literacy and learning comes from her deep belief that "making time to read is the best way to broaden your mind, expand your imagination, motivate yourself, and succeed." Flo is an amazing role model for those not yet ready, or just starting out on their next learning journey. She believes that it is never too late to pursue a dream and better yourself through education, "it is only the boundaries and restrictions you place on yourself that are holding you back from pursuing your dreams" she says.

To arrange for Flo to visit your adult learning centre call the LPM office at 947-5757. She will be speaking and performing at our AGM on November the 15th as well. LPMs Reader-in-Residence program is available until spring 2012.

Read more about Flo at [www.flosoul.com](http://www.flosoul.com).



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## PRACTITIONER OF THE MONTH PROGRAM

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Literacy Partners of Manitoba is introducing a new program to recognize and honour all the dedicated, hard-working folks who work with adult learners in our province. Each Practitioner of the Month will be featured in our newsletter and receive a Certificate of Recognition from Literacy Partners of Manitoba. At the end of the year a Practitioner of Excellence will be selected from all the nominees. Practitioners of the Month are nominated by sending us an email and telling us why a teacher, colleague, friend or neighbour who works with adult learners should be recognized.

Nominations are due by the 20th of each month.

Go to LPM's website at [www.mb.literacy.ca](http://www.mb.literacy.ca) to download the nomination form.

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## ABC LIFE LITERACY LAUNCHES NEW FINANCIAL LITERACY WEBSITE

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ABC Life Literacy Canada (ABC) is pleased to unveil a new Financial Literacy Week website that all Canadians can enjoy as they increase their financial literacy and numeracy skills.

The site is designed to spark conversation and provide easy access to tips, tools and resources that Canadians can use to gain confidence and understanding with financial literacy.

**FinancialLiteracyWeek.ca** is your portal to math and money management tools, along with an *Interactive Tips page* (<http://abclifeliteracy.ca/flw/share-your-tips>) where Canadians can share their winning formulas for handling personal financial matters.

ABC Life Literacy Canada is a non-profit organization that inspires Canadians to increase their literacy skills. ABC Life Literacy Canada envisions a Canada where everyone has the skills they need to live a fully engaged life.



# PRACTITIONER RESOURCES

Bridging the Employment Gap for Learners with Low Literacy Levels by Simcoe/Muskoka Literacy Network (2008) (PDF)

Analyzing the Language Demands of Occupations: A Guidebook by Karen Hammond (2011) (PDF)

Compendium of Adaptive Technologies - A resource guide for adult educators by Simcoe/Muskoka Literacy Network (SMLN) (2011) (PDF)

Health Care Access and Navigation by Farzana Mubashir, Rabia Garewal, Calgary Immigrant Women's Association (CIWA) (2010) (PDF)  
There are also 9 modules that go with this.

Towards Employment: Meeting the Complex Literacy Needs of Adults with FASD by Regina Community Clinic (2010) (PDF)  
They also have an assessment tool.

Lesson Plan: Multiple Intelligences by READ Saskatoon (2011) (PDF)

ABC Life Literacy Canada recently released a new video for it's LEARN program. They invite you to watch the video of inspirational adults who improved their skills and improved their lives, and hope that it will inspire all Canadians.

You can place the video on your website with the code:

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<iframe width="560" height="345" src="http://www.youtube.com/embed/3QelKEGnYKs" frameborder="0" allowfullscreen></iframe>
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## ESSENTIAL SKILLS & TRAINING RESOURCES

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Reading Indicator - A Guide for Employers by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) (2009) (PDF)

Numeracy Indicator - A Guide for Employers by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) (2009) (PDF)

Document Use Indicator - A Guide for Employers by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) (2009) (PDF)

Guide to Effective Technologies and Tools for Providing Online Staff Training by Community Literacy of Ontario (CLO) (2011) (PDF)

Training Matters is ABC Life Literacy Canada's official publication on workplace literacy and essential skills. It profiles leaders and businesses whose innovative workplace training programs are achieving significant gains in employee skills enhancement and organizational efficiencies. See <http://abclifelifiteracy.ca/trainingmatters>.

The Centre for Workplace Skills has recently released the report *Investing in Skills: Effective Work-related Learning in SMEs*. The report profiles 45 Canadian small to medium-sized enterprises that have used workplace learning programs as opportunities to effectively reach their goals.

Read a summary or download the full report

Browse the Best Practices Database

# LITERACY RESEARCH

In the works: A compendium of projects from across the country by Movement for Canadian Literacy (2009)

Saskatoon Urban Aboriginal Strategy - Final Report 2010-2011 by Saskatchewan Aboriginal Literacy Network (SALN) (2011) (PDF)

Linking Adult Literacy to Poverty Reduction - Final Report by Tri-County Literacy Network (TCLN) (2010) (PDF)

CONFINTEA VI: Sixth international conference on adult education - Final report by UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL) (2010) (PDF)

Strategies for overcoming barriers to training and education for Canadians with disabilities - Lessons in Learning - October 7, 2009, by Canadian Council on Learning (CCL) (2009)

Education at a Glance 2011 (EAG), the flagship education indicators publication of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and Canada's companion report, Education Indicators in Canada: An International Perspective 2011 (EIC) is now available. Both reports offer a wealth of education-related data and underscore the ongoing commitment of provincial and territorial ministers of education to the collection of accurate and timely information on education. Click to read Education Indicators in Canada: An International Perspective 2011 or Education at a Glance 2011

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