

COMMUNITY LITERACY OF ONTARIO MEMBERS' E-COMMUNIQUE FEBRUARY 2012

Dear CLO Members,

Community Literacy of Ontario is pleased to present its **FEBRUARY 2012 CLO Members' E-Communiqué**.

Topics covered in this E-Communiqué are:

1. CLO's Online OALCF Implementation Forum
2. CLO's Board Governance Webinar
3. Digital Discoveries: Guide to Promising Practices in Online Learning for Adult Literacy Learners
4. Google in Education: A New and Open World for Learning
5. Employment Ontario News and Information
6. The Minister of Finance's Pre-Budget Consultations
7. YouTube for Good
8. Wonderopolis – Where The Wonders Of Learning Never Cease



CLO'S ONLINE OALCF IMPLEMENTATION FORUM

If you're a community-based literacy program greenhorn or an old hand, a city-slicker or a country cousin, we have something for you: Community Literacy of Ontario is holding an **"OALCF IMPLEMENTATION FORUM"** online on Centra, on **Monday, February 27th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm (EST)**.

Whether you want to share some tricks and resources you have come up with to make the ride easier or you need some new ideas to spur you on, this is the event you should attend.

Come and join our Implementation Forum host, Joyce Bigelow and CLO staff and let's learn and share together. There is no cost to join CLO's online OALCF Implementation Forum, but we ask that only one person per community-based agency register.

However, when you come, round up your friends and bring them along! You can have as many people as you like gathered around your computer to participate.

To register, please fill out this online form by February 14, 2012 at
www.surveymonkey.com/s/CLOoalcfFORUM

Seats are limited to the first 20 participants, so please register early. We will get back to you by **February 15th** to confirm your participation and to share instructions for joining CLO's **"OALCF IMPLEMENTATION FORUM"** on Centra.

CLO'S BOARD GOVERNANCE WEBINAR

On **March 8, 2012 from 1 to 3 pm**, Community Literacy of Ontario is pleased to be hosting a webinar about **Board Governance** led by the always informative and energetic David Hartley from **Imagine Canada**.

David Hartley will provide us with information, case studies and valuable, practical resources on the topics of:

- Legal duties of Boards
- Board recruitment
- Board evaluation
- Board behaviours



David brings a wealth of experience to all of his presentations. He has spent the past few years delivering over 220 seminars and webinars to not-for-profit organizations of all sizes across Ontario in his role as the Director of Imagine Canada's Insurance & Liability Resource Centre for Nonprofits (www.nonprofitzzz.ca). CLO will share registration information with our members later in February. Just watch your inbox!

This two-hour webinar is made available to CLO members free of charge thanks to funding from the Government of Ontario.

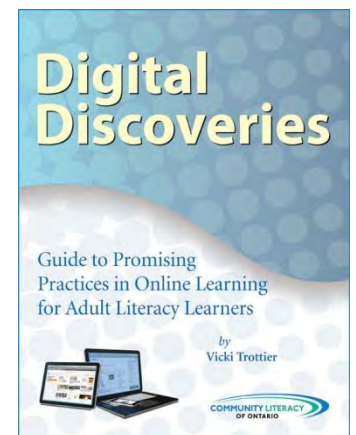


DIGITAL DISCOVERIES

Community Literacy of Ontario presents: *Digital Discoveries: Guide to Promising Practices in Online Learning for Adult Literacy Learners*.

Digital Discoveries provides an extensive overview of promising practices and strategies for digital learning. These strategies were gathered during research with both literacy providers and adult students from all across Ontario.

Digital Discoveries provides practical ideas that instructors and students can use every day. It also overviews popular technologies used for providing online learning (including blogs, social networking, instructional websites and more). Finally, *Digital Discoveries* includes an extensive annotated list of popular and useful digital instructional resources.



This practical and innovative 157-page guide was mailed to all community-based literacy agencies and support organizations. It can also be purchased for \$25 plus postage. Please click on this link to order: www.surveymonkey.com/s/DigitalDiscoveriesOrderForm

GOOGLE IN EDUCATION: A NEW AND OPEN WORLD FOR LEARNING

Google has gathered its resources and lessons learned into one place. “*Google in Education: A New and Open World for Learning*” highlights how people are using Google resources to enhance teaching and learning.

See: <http://googleblog.blogspot.com/2012/01/resources-to-support-new-and-open-world.html>



Google has also revamped its website to be a one-stop shop for teachers, students, and organizations.

See: www.google.com/edu/index.html

EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO NEWS AND INFORMATION

MTCU’s Employment Ontario Partners Gateway (EOPG) website provides a wealth of information on the latest developments.

See: www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/newpostings.



Recent news from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities includes:

- ***January 2012 Update for Literacy and Basic Skills Service Delivery Organizations***
 - www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/publications/lbs2012-01_sp_update.pdf
- ***LBS Learner Carryover and Transition Guide for April 2012***
 - www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/publications/lbs_learner_carryover_transition_guide.pdf
- ***Employment Services Snapshot:***
 - MTCU has produced a resource on the EOPG called “*ES Snapshot*”. It gives an overview of trends, issues and performance in Employment Services programming from EOIS-CAMS data as the of end of September 2011:
 - www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/publications/20120201_es_snapshot.pdf
- ***Using the correct email to contact MTCU with your OALCF questions:***
 - MTCU wants to remind LBS agencies to send all OALCF specific inquiries to: oalcf@ontario.ca
 - Apparently, a few organizations have been using the general ministry website email address. This means that the response to your questions would be delayed since your email would go through the Ontario government communications office and will take a long time for it to get routed back to the appropriate people at MTCU.

In the coming months, MTCU will also be posting a series of ***OALCF Question and Answer Bulletins***, so be sure to watch the EOPG for these helpful tools.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE'S PRE-BUDGET CONSULTATIONS

The Minister of Finance will be hosting pre-budget consultations with the general public, organizations, associations and other stakeholders. The Ministry of Finance is encouraging input via email, fax and mail.

As we do every year, Community Literacy of Ontario will be submitting our feedback to the Minister of Finance. In this critical time for our province's economy, as literacy organization and citizens of Ontario, CLO encourages you to submit your ideas and priorities for the 2012 budget.



For information on the submission process, visit: www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/consultations/prebud/

YOUTUBE FOR GOOD

YouTube has created many helpful resources for nonprofit organizations. These tools can help you to promote your cause, share your story, and market your organization on a shoestring budget.

YouTube resources for nonprofits include:

- How to set up your nonprofit YouTube channel:
www.youtube.com/t/ngo_tips
- How to run a YouTube video campaign:
www.youtube.com/t/nonprofit_campaigns
- How to make and edit YouTube videos on a shoestring budget:
www.youtube.com/t/nonprofit_budget



WONDEROPOLIS – WHERE THE WONDERS OF LEARNING NEVER CEASE

Wonderopolis is a learning website where wonder and learning are nurtured through the power of discovery, creativity and imagination. Wonderopolis is brought to life by the National Center for Family Literacy. Their “*Wonder of the Day*” will help you find learning moments in everyday life, ones that fit in with dinner preparations, carpool responsibilities, a stolen moment between breakfast and the bus, or within school curriculum and education programs.

Begin your journey of wonder by clicking here: <http://wonderopolis.org/>

