



Literacy Council of South Temiskaming

Newsletter



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The Literacy Council of South Temiskaming

exists to provide Literacy and Basic Skills programs and training to area residents. This service is free, confidential, and centered on the individual's needs. Learners receive one-on-one coaching from staff, instructors and/or volunteers from the community. Intake is continuous so clients may access our services at any time.

Part of what we offer is:

- Basic computer and email
- Basic Word 2007
- Workplace preparation
- Online study

If you want to learn, or know someone that wants to learn, please contact our office at (705) 672-4232.

E-Channel

Sioux Hudson Literacy Council and the Learning Hub offer literacy and basic skills online courses that can help you upgrade your skills, learn new skills, or work towards you General Education Diploma online at no cost. Go to www.echannel.ca, www.siouxhudsonliteracy.com or www.learninghub.ca for a schedule of available classes or more information.



Spelling Bee

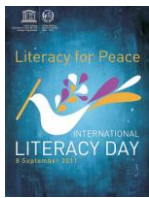
The Literacy Council of South Temiskaming will be hosting its annual Hilda Fowke Memorial Spelling Bee and Dinner September 29th @ 5:30 P.M. at the Riverside Place in New Liskeard.

Along with the competition, there is a silent auction and dinner. New this year is a prize for the team with the best cheering section. Please encourage your friends and family to come out and cheer you on! Tickets for this event are \$15.00. Tickets can be bought in advance. If you want more information please contact us at (705) 672-4232 or literacycst@gmail.com.



Upcoming Events

- **International Literacy Day, September 8th**
- **Literacy Council of South Temiskaming Annual General Meeting on September 12, 2011 @ 7:00 P.M.**
- **Temiskaming Shores Fall Fair-We will be at Amber's in downtown New Liskeard September 16th and 17th selling corn by the dozen and hot baked potatoes. Hope to see you there!**
- **Hilda Fowke Memorial Spelling Bee and Dinner on September 29, 2011 at 5:30 P.M.**



International Literacy Day, September 8th

The United Nations International Literacy Day annually falls on September 8th to raise people's awareness of and concern for literacy issues in the world. According to UNESCO, about 774 million adults lack the minimum literacy skills needed to cope. One in five adults is still not literate and two-thirds of them are women. Some 75 million children do not attend school and many more attend irregularly or drop out.

Why is literacy important?

Literacy is a human right, a tool of personal empowerment and a means for social and human development. Educational opportunities depend on literacy. Statistics Canada's 2005 Adult Literacy and Life Skills survey shows that 42% of Canadians between the ages of 16-65 do not have the minimum skills required for coping with everyday life and work!

A good quality basic education equips people with literacy skills for life and further learning; literate parents are more likely to send their children to school; literate people are better able to access continuing educational opportunities; and literate societies are better geared to meet pressing development.

The Government of Ontario funds the Literacy Council of South Temiskaming to provide free adult upgrading. We start by providing a complete literacy and numeracy assessment and then work with the learner to determine their long and short term goals. We work toward the goals of employment, further education, and independence utilizing a variety of tools. We offer basic computer classes and have a computer lab for online curriculum.

The Literacy Council of South Temiskaming will be marking International Literacy Day this year with our annual Hilda Fowke Spelling Bee and Dinner which will be held on Thursday, September 29 at Riverside Place. The Bee is our biggest fundraising event and all money raised goes to support adult learners in our region.



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