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2010 Literacy Award of Merit winner
2009 Spirit of Community conference
Moose Jaw learner support group "Our View"

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Why Call the Saskatchewan Literacy Network?

Call the toll free literacy line to:

- find out what learning programs are available to meet your specific needs
- find out about the Provincial Learners Focus Committee and how you can participate
- find out what agencies can help with learning disabilities
- find out who to contact about learner groups and activities in your area
- find out what agencies offer tutoring
- use the Saskatchewan Literacy Network's website
- and so much more!



For help, or to help call: 1-888-511-2111

Spirit of Community:

Working together to accomplish great things

On November 18 and 19 2009, 20 adult literacy learners from all over Saskatchewan met at the Saskatoon Inn to take part in the Saskatchewan Literacy Network's Spirit of Community.

These learners came free of charge. The Network paid for their meals and their fees to get in, and their learning institution paid for their hotel and transportation. Learners attended lots of interesting workshops, including one on how storytelling can build bridges. Another session talked about how being active helps children learn. One other session talked about how a literacy program is helping women heal from domestic violence.



(L to R) Debbie Griffith, Lynda Richards, Connie Jones, Carey Rigby-Wilcox, Lisa Erickson, Katrina Ham

"I learned lots about getting our children and ourselves more physically active in order to help them learn better," stated one learner. Another said, "The resources you gave us reach way out, beyond what you think. When we all work together, we can accomplish great things."

Next year's Spirit of Community will take place November 24 – 25, 2010 at the Saskatoon Inn. Would you like to attend? Talk to your instructor today!

Literacy Awards of Merit

**Adult Learner from
Regina receives
Literacy Award
of Merit**



**B'Way Mu Na with His Honour Dr. Gordon L. Barnhard,
Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan**



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the learner address.**

The Literacy Awards of Merit are a time to celebrate the good literacy work in Saskatchewan. The Cameco Adult Literacy Learner Award includes a \$500 prize. This award goes to an outstanding literacy learner who has worked very hard and is committed to future success.

This year, the Cameco Adult Literacy learner Award was given to Mr. BWay Mu Na. Born in Burma, BWay fled to a Thai refugee camp as a pre-teen, leaving his family behind to try to avoid persecution by the Myanmar military, which is often experienced by the Karen people. While at the Thai camp, BWay began to learn English and came to Canada in 2006 as a refugee.

BWay registered for a tutor at the Regina Public Library, then studied at the Adult Learning Centre, and then enrolled in the grade 10 course at SIAST. He plans to finish the grade 12 course as well. His future dreams are to someday become a Canadian citizen and a police officer.

BWay also gives back to his community by helping to interpret when other newcomers arrive in Regina speaking Karen.

A big congratulations to BWay Mu Na! We wish you all the best in your studies and in reaching your goals and dreams.

Regional Adult Learner Support Group Story



Our View

Mariam and Misa from the Moose Jaw “Our View” support group share their ideas on doctors and child care.

The group has met three times and has two more sessions to go. Five learners have attended each session. Session One was a planning meeting where participants came together to decide on future dates and the format of each meeting. Session Two's topic was how to conduct a job search. The group decided to meet at the Learning Centre to use the computers and two of the learners showed the others how to go about using the various sights available to find job postings. Session Three topics included finding good babysitters, transportation issues, doctors and medications.

The group has decided that Session Four will take place back at the Learning Centre so Mariam and Abdella can show the group how to email and search for information. For Session Five they are all going to bring a friend, share information and tell all about what they have learned from each other.

Upcoming events

International Literacy Day: September 8

What is happening in your area? Plan to take part!

Saskatchewan Literacy Network annual Spirit of Community Knowledge Exchange

November 24 – 25, 2010 in Saskatoon:

Lots of great learning to be had.

Would you like to attend? Talk to your instructor today!

Watch our website for more information—coming soon.

www.sk.literacy.ca

Brain Workout

1. In the middle of a pool floats a water-lily. Every day, the water-lily doubles in size. After 20 days, the lily covers the entire pool. After how many days was the pool half covered?
2. You are running in a road race. If you overtake the person who is #2 in the race, what position will you be in?

Answers on back page.

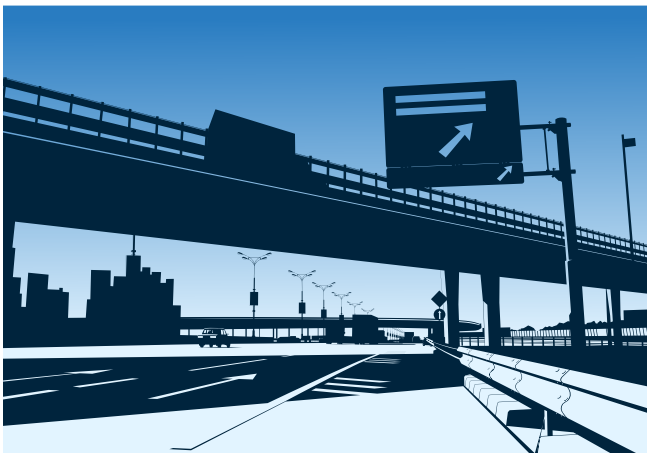
There are many websites where a person can play brain games to improve their vocabulary, thinking speed, math skills and more. Two great sites are:

- www.lumocity.com
- www.brainist.com

Activities

birds
bloom
breeze
flowers
garden
grass
green
grow
melt
plant
puddle
rain
rainbow
seeds
spring
sprout
sunshine
thunderstorm
umbrella
wet

b k f t g p v q f d z y e l o c a i b s
r t s n x e c s o e m i q p r d h v n g
k h o h a t j g p s i x a m g a n b o q
s u g r a s s u d r c g u b d r x r v j
c n y a f e i l d t i y m w p a e e k n
p d a m r e d m s p g n r f g i u e d e
d e i f h d g a x n t r g l a n e z n g
f r b s o s e f e b w v o o s y z e f b
e s g o t c u n d s i d j w k h p d o o
u t e r s p j y x c n r m e j o i s k n
y o f v h m d f a h o u d r t x e a c q
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x m l u a r u w e t h r t e m u b v a s
r h a r d j p k s z n o a p r w g h e u
q c n m f d d t a y q f u i t d r x a n
o t t b k b l o o m s b c s n g y n o s
s e j n o s d e x y k e n g m b e s z h
g h z e h c n b r p h t o n e q o j m i
f c y t e k q y t u m b r e l l a w r n
x s p r o u t b n s a e f o t p o h e e



Can you spot the five differences between these two pictures?

Answers on back page.



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Answers to Brain Workout and Activities:

1. The water lily was half the size of the pool on the 19th day. 2. You are now in 2nd place.

The five differences are: a building is gone from the bottom left, the sign above the road is taller, the arrow on the sign on the right is pointing the other direction, the sky is darker, and there are two flags on the far right.