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Literacy on the Hill!

Over seventy literacy delegates from across Canada (representing each provincial and territorial coalition, Aboriginal literacy, francophone literacy, Frontier College, NALD, ABC Canada and Laubach Literacy), took Parliament Hill by storm on Thursday, October 25th – Literacy Action Day.

The day began with a breakfast rally hosted by Senator Joyce Fairbairn, Special Advisor on Literacy. Then, over the course of the day, teams of 2 or 3 delegates including learner representatives met with over 80 Senators and MPs. Despite the pressing world issues the federal government is currently dealing with, the response that each team received was overwhelmingly positive!

During each meeting, team members had the opportunity to discuss literacy needs and priorities at both the provincial and national levels. Lynda Magerl, learner representative from Saskatchewan, and I had the opportunity to meet with:

- Maurice Vellacott, Canadian Alliance MP (Saskatoon-Wanuskewin riding);
- Dick Proctor, NDP MP (Palliser riding);
- David Anderson, Canadian Alliance MP (Cypress Hills – Grasslands riding); and
- Lisa Bryden-Clark, Assistant to Ralph Goodale, Minister of Natural Resources.

All four of our meetings were very positive and follow-up activities are planned with each MP according to areas of expressed interest.

Two other Saskatchewan delegates, Don Pinay and Elder Irene Jacques, both of whom are members of the Provincial Aboriginal Literacy Steering Committee and the National Aboriginal Design Committee, also participated in Literacy Action Day. The message about Aboriginal literacy that they shared with MPs and Senators was echoed during Question Period later that day!

Thanks to the Movement for Canadian Literacy for providing assistance in organizing these meetings. They also prepared Literacy Information Kits that included basic literacy facts as well as specific action items that Parliamentarians can do to advance a national literacy strategy.

The day ended with a wine and cheese reception that was also hosted by Senator Joyce Fairbairn.

As we returned home from these meetings, we realize that there is still much to be done to keep

literacy "front and center" on the government agenda. Along with the Movement for Canadian Literacy and national/provincial/territorial literacy organizations, we plan to do our part to keep literacy and the National Skills and Learning Agenda in the spotlight.



Lynda Magerl, Senator Joyce Fairbairn, and Debbie Purton

Literacy on the Hill continued

We are not the only ones who recognize that the time for literacy is now. On the day following our meetings on Parliament Hill, HRDC Minister Jane Stewart announced \$2 billion in funding for the initiative, which was announced in the Throne Speech earlier this year. Only days before, David Zussman, president of the respected Public Policy Forum, made an announcement emphasizing that the federal government must stay focused on the national skills agenda. He stated that while the September 11th terrorist attacks have rightly forced a re-ordering of priorities that pushed the big plans for skills development, training and education this fall out of their "place in the queue," he warned that the government cannot afford to become solely focused on security issues.

His full speech is available online at www.ppforum.com under publications, under the Canada club speech.

Debbie Purton
Executive Director



Learners' Focus Group

Learners are making a lot of progress in Saskatchewan. People have been busy getting involved in different activities. It's great to see so much enthusiasm out there. These activities include:

Learners' Focus Group:

The provincial Learners' Focus Group met on October 11, 2001 in Saskatoon. 18 people came from



Prince Albert, Saskatoon, Wynyard, Regina, Moose Jaw and Swift Current. We discussed a lot of key issues, such as the Post Secondary Education Skills and Training (PSEST) Provincial Literacy Steering Committee report, the SLN project proposal (2001-2002) for learners, as well as setting up a chairperson and rotating chairperson for the group. Our group has met a number of times and there are more and more learners getting involved in it. The group plans to meet again in November.

PSEST Provincial Literacy Steering Committee:

Lynda Richards (Swift Current) and Qinglai Zhang (Regina) are two learners involved in the PSEST Provincial Literacy Steering Committee. They are making sure learners have a voice in the consultations that are happening around the province.

Saskatchewan Literacy Network Board:

Two learners from the Learners' Focus Group have been elected to serve on the board of the Saskatchewan Literacy Network. Lynda Richards will serve a two year term and Rose Marie Tufts (Moose Jaw) will serve a one year term. Another learner, Ngeune Selinger (Prince Albert), was elected as the ESL/Immigrant member of the board. Good luck ladies!

Learner Advisory Network (Movement for Canadian Literacy):

Lynda Richards, an active learner in adult literacy, has stepped down as the Saskatchewan representative with the Learner's Advisory Network (LAN). Lynda has done a lot of work making sure learners have a "voice" from Saskatchewan. Everyone at LAN will miss her.

Exciting New Training in 2002

Education Community Development/ Building Partnerships



Presenter: Carmen Rodriguez
Location: Saskatoon

This 3 day, highly interactive workshop will:

- focus on literacy through a community development perspective
- explore the process of developing and maintaining effective partnerships
- explore effective ways of obtaining community support.

For more information,
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Lynda Magerl (Swift Current) was kind enough to step in on short notice and be the Saskatchewan learner representative at the MCL meetings in Ottawa on October 22-25, 2001. She had a busy schedule in the capital city. Lynda attended workshops on conducting research and was part of a planning session for the next year's activities. She and Debbie Purton, SLN Executive Director, met with three MPs from Saskatchewan and an assistant to another MP. They presented each MP a copy of the "Book of Changes". This book was a cross-Canada project by MCL to collect stories from adult learners and the positive changes in their lives after returning to school. There were 35 stories collected from Saskatchewan and we thank all



Debbie Purton, MP Dick Proctor and Lynda Magerl



Lynda Magerl, MP David Anderson, and Debbie Purton



Lynda Magerl, Minister Goodale's Assistant-Lisa Bryden-Clark, and Debbie Purton

the people who took the time to write about their own personal lives. One of stories by Judy Millard (Saskatoon) is featured in this newsletter.

Regional Learner Support Groups:

With all the activity reported above, that does not mean there are no chances for more. There is additional funding to help start regional learner support groups in the province. Six adult learners in Moose Jaw have already met to talk about what they want to do as a group. There are still opportunities for more groups in other regions in Saskatchewan. We are open to suggestions, so BYOI—Bring Your Own Ideas!!

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From Learners



Forty years ago, the teachers I had told me that if you have a Grade Ten education and a business course, you will always have a job. That worked for about fifteen years. Today the entire business world has changed. I am now an obsolete secretary with a grade ten education, trying to get a job. There is a lot of anxiety and a lot of decisions to make.

One of my first steps was to attend the Radius Community Center program with the hopes of being able to upgrade my education enough to write my G.E.D. exams. I was extremely nervous when I arrived, but I was soon at ease. The teachers at Radius are all very understanding and encouraging. As I progressed with the course, I started to remember some of the lessons from high school. History, a subject that I always hated in my younger years, is now fun. There are a lot of younger people in the classes and the reactions of these younger people is to say the least humorous when they suddenly realize that you have actually lived in the time we are discussing.

My second step in my personal program will be to take a computer course. When I first started taking secretarial courses, we were trained on manual typewriters, manual adding machines and a comptometer, used for fast multiplying by hand. Now we have machines that do all the work for us, if you can figure out the programs. Not only have the machines changed, the office etiquette has changed as well. The office environment is less formal than when I was trained because clothing, communication between office workers, and office workers with customers is all more casual.

When you are fifty-seven and forced by reasons beyond your control to start over again, the Radius Community Center programs and staff make the difference between failure and making the best you can with what you have. Teachers and counselors are encouraging and helpful. This was one of the best decisions that I ever made.



Judy Millard
October 17, 2001

Editor's Note: RADIUS is located in Saskatoon. It is a community centre for education and employment training.



Photo Gallery



Facilitation refresher workshop.



New adult literacy coordinators.




Tom Sticht, presenter, Power of Adult Literacy Presentation.




Assessment Workshop participants and facilitator, Terri Peters.


SLN's
Traveling Resource Trunks



Subjects include:	Materials include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aboriginal Literacy English as a Second Language Family Literacy Learning Disabilities Numeracy Program Start-up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> print resources from SLN's Provincial Literacy collection new research workbooks and teacher's guides journal articles CD Roms videos cassettes lesson plan ideas



Available January 2001



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News Bytes



Readthis.ca

Readthis.ca, the first Web site of its kind in Canada, is now available to help adult literacy learners develop their reading skills and learn about current events. The Web site provides local, provincial and national news stories rewritten at a basic reading level.

Each week the site will contain stories using simple language about Regina, Canada, and the world. To help readers build their skills, lesson plans are included for each story. After reading the story, learners can take a quick test to see how well they understood it. Readthis.ca also provides ready-made lesson plans for teachers and tutors.

This project was made possible through the collaborative efforts of Regina Public Library, Rediger Communications, Saskatchewan Literacy Foundation, SaskTel Pioneers, and Steamdrive Media.

Source: Regina Leader-Post, October 22, 2001

AboriginalJobs.com

What is thought to be the first Aboriginal job Web site was launched in Saskatoon on September 26, 2001. The Web site, www.aboriginaljobs.com, is a joint venture between Job Source Canada and SAEBO (Saskatoon Aboriginal Employment and Business Opportunities Inc.). The Web site is for all people of Aboriginal descent, including First Nations, Metis, and Inuit people.

Services available for job seekers include job postings, information on training courses, on-line resume creation, and links to additional Aboriginal Service sites. Employers will have access to a database of resumes, advertising opportunities, newsletters, and surveys.

All Aboriginal people are welcome to register online. If you would like to search the job postings or submit your resume, please visit

www.aboriginaljobs.com

2001 Provincial-Territorial Literacy Consultation

Donna Woloshyn, Program Manager, Adult Literacy, Family Literacy, and ESL, Post-secondary Education and Skills Training

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This year's Consultation was hosted by the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador and held in St John's, Newfoundland from September 19-22.

Highlights from The 2001 Literacy Consultation include:

- The NLS is undergoing an organizational review; the NLS will also be moving its office from Hull to Ottawa.
- *The Skills and Learning Initiative* announced earlier this year by HRDC has been put on hold because of other financial pressures relating to new security measures the government is considering.
- Several NLS initiatives to build the capacity and to improve the quality of literacy research in Canada include:
 - ♦ "A Gathering About Literacy Research in Practice" held in Edmonton in July 2001 - the gathering brought literacy researchers and practitioners together to discuss how literacy research can be supported/developed in Canada.
 - ♦ Network of Centres of Excellence called "Canadian Language and Literacy Research Network" established.
 - ♦ Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto has hired Nancy Jackson to direct its newly created Centre for Adult Literacy.
 - ♦ The Initiative on the New Economy, a \$100M research program lead by the Social Sciences and Human Research Council (SSHRC) will include as part of its mandate a focus on literacy, education and lifelong learning.
 - ♦ The Movement for Canadian Literacy is in the process of launching a refereed Canadian Literacy Research Journal
- *The International Adult Literacy Skills Survey (IALSS 2002)* - All provinces and territories will be participating in the upcoming IALSS 2002. Each province/territory will receive a base sample of 700 (British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec's base sample is higher due to higher population), with some provinces purchasing additional samplings.

Education ministers want to invest in E-learning



Canada's provincial and territorial education ministers are calling upon the federal government to provide significant financial investments in on-line connectivity, especially to promote the development of e-learning. The Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC) believes it is essential for the federal government to commit itself to supporting Canada's on-line learning infrastructure when it delivers its next budget, which would assist the provinces and territories in their efforts to develop on-line learning.

"Connectivity is essential to ensure the future growth and prosperity of every province and territory in Canada," noted the Honourable Dianne Cunningham, Ontario's Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, and Chair of the CMEC. "It will enable schools and post-secondary education institutions to be on the leading edge in the use of educational technology."



Screening For Success

Volunteers Wanted

Winter 2002

This project is a partnership between literacy, corrections, crime prevention, community colleges, and learning disabilities organizations. The primary objective of Screening for Success is to remove the barrier that prevents adult learners at risk for learning disabilities from acquiring or increasing their literacy skills, by providing the training required for literacy practitioners in all provinces and territories to effectively screen clients at risk for learning disabilities.

Screening for Success is a 2-day training institute for 8 -12 experienced volunteer trainers. In exchange for the 2-day training, participants are asked to follow-up with the delivery of a minimum of one 2-day workshop to ten participants, in partnership with another volunteer trainer. Training materials and ongoing support by a regional coordinator are provided.

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On October 4th, the Regina Public Library's Business Literacy Project held the 8th Annual Corporate

Definition Derby for Literacy. Surprisingly, the winning team was CTV's Sopranos, who made a huge comeback from 2000's last place finish. The University of Regina's Batty Word Smiths came second and Luther College's Brain Drain were third. Best costume was awarded to CGI "Cowboys 'Gainst Illiteracy.



Definition Derby teams in action.

Word Whiz - Saskatoon

On November 9th, a roomful of word enthusiasts joined to cheer on their favourite teams during Saskatoon's 2001 Word Whiz.

This year's champions are the Campus Oxymorons from the University of Saskatchewan. The Runner up team was Dead-Eye Dick and the Dictionaries from the Saskatoon Public Library.

Most importantly, this year, Word Whiz in Saskatoon raised \$12,835.00.



Senator Fairbairn Meets with Learner's Group

Senator Joyce Fairbairn met with the Learners' Focus Group in Saskatoon on November 15, 2001. Members of the group described challenges that adult learners currently face in returning to school. Some of the ideas raised included establishing literacy facilities in local communities, the need for long term funding to support literacy programs, recognizing transferable skills and experience ESL learners bring to Canada, and providing more assistance for adults with special needs. Senator Fairbairn acknowledged all comments by saying that adult learners know best what programs and assistance are needed. In addition, she noted that at the national level, the key concerns of literacy include the need for more funding and that 40% of adults in Canada have literacy difficulties, particularly in technology. Senator Fairbairn has been involved with literacy for 17 years and she is one of the few people in Ottawa who talks about and promotes this issue. She is impressed that more learners are becoming active in the literacy movement and encouraged everyone in the group to continue with their efforts. As Senator Fairbairn stated, "Learners need to make more noise!".



Senator Joyce Fairbairn and the Learners' Focus Group

Join the Voices Consultations Continue

Four additional *Join the Voices* literacy consultation sessions have been organized to ensure that a broad range of perspectives are considered in the development of a Provincial Literacy Strategy. Consultations have been organized with: the agricultural sector, representatives of First Nations and Metis organizations, Aboriginal literacy learners, Family Literacy, and the special needs community.

A report on the outcomes of these consultations will be available by mid December. Funding for this initiative has been made available by the National Literacy Secretariat with assistance from the Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training.

Provincial Literacy Strategy

Report from Donna Woloshyn, Program Manager, Adult Literacy, Family Literacy, and ESL, Post-secondary Education and Skills Training

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The department is working with the Provincial Literacy Steering Committee (PLSC) to develop a Provincial Literacy Strategy. To date, the following work has been completed:

- Development of mandate, terms of reference, and work plan;
- Development of a background paper, "Current Literacy Provision in Saskatchewan (May 2001). - available upon request.
- Hosted Literacy Visioning Workshop - Saskatoon, March 28, 2001.
- Development of a provincial literacy consultation plan in collaboration with the Saskatchewan Literacy Network
- Preliminary work on the strategy based on research and consultations held in May and June 2001.

Preliminary consultations with stakeholders were completed in June 2001. Two reports documenting two processes for public consultations were produced:

- Saskatchewan Literacy Network. *Join the Voices For Literacy! Report on the Provincial Literacy Consultation Project April – June 2001*
- Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training. *Provincial Literacy Strategy Consultations: SASKATCHEWAN - Summary of Conversations With Focus Groups And Briefs Submitted To the Provincial Literacy Steering Committee And Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training*

Except for the summer months, the PLSC has met monthly. The term of the committee is until December 2001. However, at the October 2001 meeting, the PLSC reviewed its workplan and determined that the mandate of the committee needed to be extended to June 2002 to allow for input from the Aboriginal Literacy gathering to be held in May 2002. Several immediate tasks the Committee has identified include:

- Completion of the consultation process
- Refinement of the Literacy vision, principles, goals and action plan based on completion of consultations;
- Meeting with the BE Redesign Task Team;
- Report back to stakeholders;
- Development of an evaluation plan for the strategy;
- Development of The Final Report with recommendations.



New Provincial Immigration Branch Established in Saskatchewan

On April 9, 2001, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs (IGAA) Minister, Chris Axworthy, announced a new Saskatchewan immigration plan that will help the province achieve its economic goals, while supporting immigrants and refugees coming to Saskatchewan. The initiative has three major objectives:

- to strengthen the province's economic immigration recruitment;
- to improve services to immigrants and refugees; and
- to help immigrants achieve accreditation.

To help implement this new provincial initiative, the province has established an Immigration Branch within IGAA to create a single entry point for the public on immigration matters pertaining to Saskatchewan. Establishment of this branch will assure that the province has a more visible and proactive provincial role in immigration planning.

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"More than Just Words"

30th Annual TESL Manitoba Conference

February 11, 2002 in Winnipeg, MB
Speaker: Judy B. Gilbert

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Share the Warmth Campaign 2001

The 2001 SaskEnergy's Share the Warmth campaign added children's books to their list of collectible warm fuzzies. In partnership with the United Way and the Saskatchewan Literacy Network, SaskEnergy kicked off this year's campaign on "Fuzzy Friday" held on October 5th. Representatives from the media attended while SaskEnergy and United Way volunteers handed out cheap hamburgers, drinks, and of course, warm fuzzy characters to interested people walking down Fedrick W. Hill Mall in Regina. Representatives from each partner organization was invited to speak and then the media were invited to record the symbolic collection of the first warm fuzzies this year - books.



Diane Mullan, SLN board president, speaking at "Fuzzy Friday".



"Fuzzy Friday" Media kickoff, Fedrick W. Hill Mall, Regina.

against the Calgary Stampeders on October 15th. Drop-off bins were located at each entrance to Taylor Field and fans were encouraged to bring warm fuzzies to the game. An entire truckload of warm fuzzies were collected at the kickoff alone.

As of the publication of this newsletter, over 10 000 books have been collected by the Share the Warmth project. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time, and a big thank-you to everyone who donated books and other warm fuzzies.



Official Share the Warmth Kickoff during the Saskatchewan Roughriders game on October 15th.



Again, books are being distributed to various types of organizations in Saskatchewan. A few examples are:

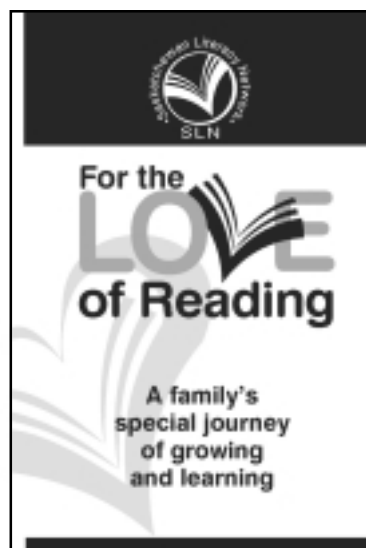
- loosely organized parent and baby reading programs like the Mom and Me Project in Wynard
- daycares like the First Nations Daycare in Saskatoon
- Aboriginal Headstart programs like the Awasisak Headstart Program in Cumberland House
- Community Action Plan for Children in Beauval
- Community Schools like the Thomson Community School in Regina

SaskEnergy has also enlisted the Salvation Army and the Regina Food Bank in Regina to distribute books to families using their Christmas Hamper projects.

This partnership has been beneficial to the Saskatchewan Literacy Network and to family literacy in the province of Saskatchewan. By partnering with SaskEnergy and the United Way, we have not only collected a lot of books to go to those in need in our province, we have also heightened awareness of literacy issues in Saskatchewan through TV spots, radio interviews and Public Service Announcements. We're looking forward to an even better campaign next year!



Student volunteers sorting books in Regina.



New Family Literacy Booklet

For the Love of Reading will be distributed with books from the Share the Warmth Project. A limited number of copies will be available to organizations who did not receive Share the Warmth books. To receive copies, contact the SLN office at 653-7368.



Interprovincial Territorial Foundational Training for Family Literacy

Five family literacy trainers, Leona Harasym, Lillis Lawrence, Leanne McLeod, Lynne Mouroto and Lorna Wesaquate attended the Foundational Training "Train the Trainer" event in Pictou, Nova Scotia from October 13 to 19th. Debbie Purton was one of the authors and a co-presenter at the training.

Most provinces and territories in Canada had previously identified a provincial training strategy and network as critical to the effective development of family literacy in their regions. The provinces chose to support an Interprovincial/territorial training initiative. It was the opinion of practitioners across the country that a collaborative creative process could be used to build on the Alberta Foundational Training held in June 2000, expanding and enhancing where necessary to make it relevant and adaptable for use across Canada. This kind of collective action would provide the opportunity for most provinces/territories to move quickly beyond the development stage to the actual delivery of comprehensive practitioner training in family literacy.

Forty-five family literacy practitioners, representing every province and territory, spent a very busy and interesting week participating in the training that was delivered by some of the most qualified people in the field of family literacy in Canada. Topics covered included: understanding family literacy, cultural issues, working with parents/adults, understanding children, emergent literacy, working with families and communities, administering and evaluating family literacy projects, and best practices in family literacy. Participants also had the opportunity to meet with others from across Canada, as well as from their own region, to discuss issues and plan for the future of family literacy.

Five regional groups were established to plan regional training. Saskatchewan practitioners will work with their counterparts in Manitoba to develop a training plan and to adapt materials for our region. Manitoba and Saskatchewan share some common issues such as a population of approximately one million people, most of whom live in rural and remote communities. Both provinces want to find better ways to involve First Nations and Metis in the development and delivery of family literacy programs.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan practitioners have begun to explore the possibility of a joint Family Literacy Summer Session, to be held at Madge Lake in August 2002. Foundational training will be offered over a five-day period, by the practitioners who attended the training in Nova Scotia.

Further information will be provided to family literacy practitioners as plans for the summer session become more concrete.

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News from Prince Albert Literacy Network

November 2001

Two community-based *Come Read With Me* programs are in progress—one at the Margo Fournier Center and one at John M. Cuelenaere Public Library.

Brenda Lee, Family Literacy Coordinator, has produced a brochure about family literacy programs and training opportunities in Prince Albert. She has done five Storysacks presentations and has received numerous requests for more information about Storysacks from schools, daycares and community agencies. She has also presented informational sessions about family literacy to three community groups.

Liz Thompson from PALN organized a *Health and Literacy Month* display at John M. Cuelenaere Public Library during October.

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SLN's Billboard Campaign for Family Literacy Day

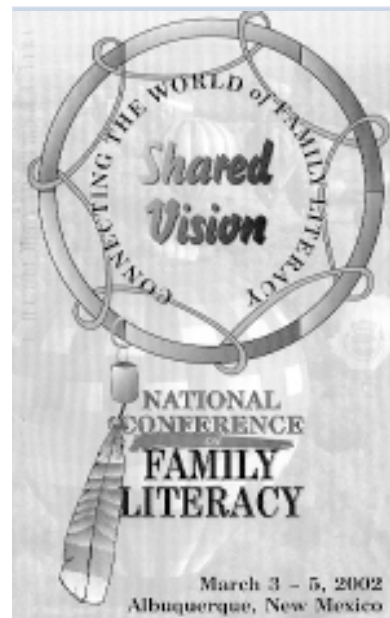
The Saskatchewan Literacy Network is planning a billboard campaign to coincide with Family Literacy Day on January 27, 2002. Working with Pattison Outdoor company, we plan to design and use billboards in the following communities:

- Regina
- Saskatoon
- Duck Lake (Prince Albert is already booked)
- Yorkton

We hope to use photographs of diverse sets of adults and children engaging in different family literacy activities. For example:

- a father reading to his daughter
- a Kokum telling stories to her grandchildren
- a mother and child cooking together

We welcome your suggestions. To give input into this project, please contact Kim Blevins, communications coordinator at: 525-4611 or kblevins@accesscomm.ca



For more information, contact the **National Center for Family Literacy at:**

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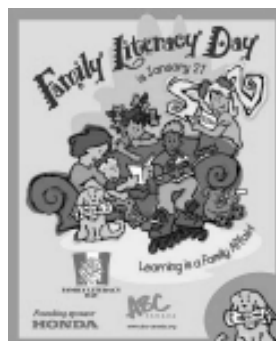
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www.famlit.org



Again this year, ABC CANADA has created bilingual awareness tools to help literacy groups celebrate Family Literacy Day (FLD) in 2002.

Newly designed posters, buttons, bookmarks, tips sheets, stickers, FLD Toolkits, temporary tattoos and T-shirts will be distributed to all provincial and territorial literacy coalitions in early December 2001, for distribution in their areas.



The Network will, once again, be distributing ABC Canada family literacy promotional materials to family literacy programs throughout Saskatchewan in preparation for January 27th - Family Literacy Day. To ensure that your name is on our distribution list, please contact:



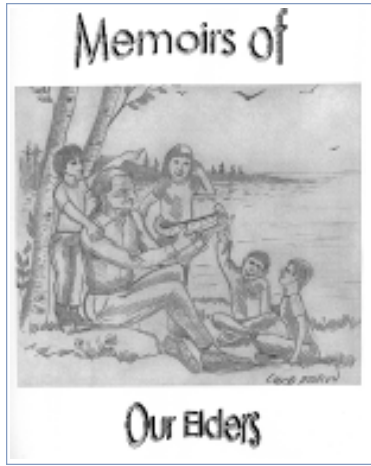
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Please specify the quantity of materials that you require. Every effort will be made to fill your request, to the extent possible.

Memoirs of Our Elders

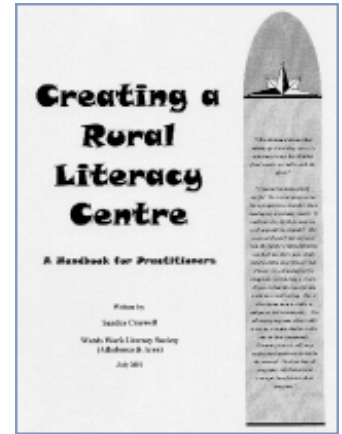
Northwest Literacy Reader

This book is a compilation of stories told by elders from the communities of: Beauval, Buffalo Narrows, Dillon, Ile a la Crosse and La Loche. It was produced by Northlands College (West) through funds provided by the National Literacy Secretariat



Creating a Rural Literacy Centre

Based on the experience of a rural literacy project called "Words Work Literacy Learning Centre", this handbook provides literacy providers in rural areas with ideas for planning a rural literacy centre.



Creating a Rural Literacy Centre contains information about the processes and documents necessary before opening the doors to a centre, outlines of the day-to-day operations of a centre, and discussions about the reality of keeping a rural literacy centre open.

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For more information contact: Words Work Literacy Society. Phone: 780-675-5650 or email: Vesna_Kavaaz@aal.ab.ca

New Accessible Room

SIAST - Wascana Campus celebrated it's tenth anniversary by building an accessible room for people with disabilities who require an attendant for care.

Up until now, students who required attendant care were attending SIAST using makeshift accommodations. The new campus did not provide facilities to meet their needs. This new room provides the necessary equipment to allow students with physical disabilities to meet their daily needs.

Two students, Dennis Burbee and Beau Triffo, their caregivers, mothers, an architect and staff from the Campus New Media Program and Facilities Area helped design the new space.

The accessible room is located on the fourth floor of the SIAST - Wascana Campus building and contains an eating area, complete with cupboards, sink, microwave and fridge. There is also a physiotherapy table with a privacy curtain, a hydraulic lift and a bathroom complete with sink, shower and washer and dryer.



Dennis Burbee and Beau Triffo cut the ribbon to officially open Siast's new accessible room.

Calendar of Events

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Moving on...
moving out...
or moving up?

Let us know!

If you're changing your job or changing your address, we'd like to know so that we can keep you up-to-date on literacy events and activities.

Five ways to contact SLN:

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In person: Visit
our office
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Saskatoon—we
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the coffee on!



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- Dec 7 *Plain Language Workshop*, Terri Peters facilitating. Prince Albert, Salvation Army Boardroom, 9 am to 4:30 pm. Contact Bonnie Vangool at: 653-7368 or bvangool.sklit@nald.ca to register. Registration Deadline: November 30.01
- Dec 7 *Parents' Roles Interacting with Teacher Support (PRINTS)*, Saskatoon, Mary Cronin/Peggy Adamac presenting. Time: 9am to 4 pm. Contact Bonnie Vangool to register.
- Dec 11 *Plain Language Workshop*, Terri Peters facilitating. Saskatoon, SLN office (Rm 205, 220, 3rd Ave. S). Time: 9am to 4:30pm. Contact Bonnie Vangool to register. Registration deadline: Dec 4/01.
- Dec 14 *Storysacks*, Prince Albert, Lynne Mourof and Brenda Lee presenting. Contact Bonnie Vangool to register. Registration Deadline: December 3, 2001.
- Dec 17 Learner Centred Intake and Assessment Workshop, 9 am to 12 noon, Meadow Lake, SK. Contact Terri Peters at: 525-9623 or terripeters@accesscomm.ca for more information.
- Dec 31st Deadline for SLF grant applications.
- Jan 15 2002 *Funding Sources and Proposal Writing*, Terri Peters facilitating. Saskatoon, Rm 205, 220, 3rd Ave. S. Time: 9am to 4:30pm. Contact Bonnie Vangool to register. Registration deadline: Jan. 08/02
- Jan 15 Deadline for next issue of *Literacy Matters*. **Please note: this date has been changed from February 15th.**
- Jan 17 Proposal Writing Workshop, La Ronge. Contact Terri Peters for more information.
- Jan 19 2002 *Funding Sources and Proposal Writing*, Terri Peters facilitating. Meadow Lake, Carpenter High School. Time: 9am to 4:30pm. Contact Bonnie Vangool to register.
- Jan 24-26 *Come Read With Me*, Laloche. 9am to 4pm. Registration deadline: January 10, 2002. Contact Bonnie Vangool at to register.
- Jan 2002 *Funding Sources and Proposal Writing*, Terri Peters facilitating. Prince Albert, location T.B.A. Time: 9am to 4:30pm. Contact Bonnie Vangool to register.
- Feb 2002 *Drawing the Line: dealing with affective issues in literacy*, Jenny Horsman. Workshops in Prince Albert, Saskatoon, and Regina. Contact Terri Peters for more information.
- Mar 12-14 *Education Community Development/Building Partnerships*, Carmen Rodriguez facilitating. Saskatoon. Call Terri Peters at: 525-9623 or terripeters@accesscomm.ca for more information.
- Mar 16/02 Word Whiz in Prince Albert, Marlboro Hotel.

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