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Literacy community mobilizing to send clear message to political leaders . . .

Frontier College, with the support of the other national and provincial/territorial literacy organizations, is initiating a national literacy action petition campaign.

In recent years, we have seen growing interest in literacy as both a provincial and a national issue. The federal Innovation Agenda, an all-party parliamentary committee, leaders from the business and community sectors, provincial and territorial Premiers, and the Council of Ministers of Education Canada all identified literacy as a priority that demands action. Last fall, the federal government went so far as to publicly promise to move ahead on a pan-Canadian literacy strategy.

However, partly due to months of transition and uncertainty in Ottawa, there has been a discouraging lack of progress on a literacy agenda in the past year. Prime Minister Martin's February 2004 throne speech referred to the importance of literacy in Canada, but the March 2004 federal budget included very little help for the millions of Canadians who need literacy services or the organizations that struggle to provide these services.

We need to advocate for concrete action that will make a real difference on the front lines. One way that you can become actively involved in sending a clear message to our political leaders is to become involved in a national literacy action petition campaign (petition enclosed).

The petition asks Members of Parliament (from all parties) to support the development of a comprehensive literacy strategy along with the resources to carry it out. The petition provides a chance for anyone concerned about literacy in Canada to "stand up and be counted". We need your help to collect signatures from literacy learners, tutors, teachers and other community members. We plan to hand-deliver signed petitions to Parliament Hill on Literacy Action Day on October 21st.

Copies of the petition can have one signature or many. The return address is on the page. The petition can also be accessed online at www.literacy.ca and www.frontiercollege.ca

You can help by:

- forwarding this petition to your distribution lists
- printing out the petition and making copies available at literacy events throughout September and October
- publicizing the petition campaign in your communications materials

This national literacy action petition campaign is a wonderful opportunity to collect support from thousands of literacy learners, educators, administrators and supporters, and add impact on Literacy Action Day. Let's show Ottawa's decision-makers that our community is strong and united in our demand for action!

Announcing the SLN Team for 04-05

The SLN is pleased to announce a strong, dynamic staff team for 2004-05. Returning to the SLN are:

- Lynne Mouro, Family Literacy Coordinator (Lynne will continue to provide information, training and support to family literacy practitioners in the province. Additionally, she will be working with Pine Grove Correctional Centre on the further development/refinement of a justice literacy strategy for Saskatchewan.)
- Lisa Erickson, Field Development Coordinator (In this capacity, Lisa will continue the work that she began last year on a professional development plan for literacy practitioners. She will also be organizing community literacy meetings and training for adult literacy practitioners, as well as responding to requests, to build capacity within the field.)
- Katrina Ham, Learner/Communications Coordinator (In this capacity, Katrina will continue to work with and support learners in all levels of involvement within the SLN and the broader literacy community. Additionally, Katrina will be assuming responsibility for general public awareness and the development of promotional materials and publications.)

New to the SLN are:

- Ted Stensrud, Accounting and Office Manager
- Shelagh Ruth, Administrative Assistant

We are confident that with this blend of experienced literacy practitioners along with the new perspectives of our two newest staff members, that we will be able to meet your needs with renewed energy and commitment!

The SLN wishes to extend our best wishes to Rachelle Moberly (off exploring other horizons) and Rebecca McIvor (off to Scotland on a two-year work visa) in all their future endeavours!

New literacy Web site readregina.ca

Created by Neil Squire Foundation

For more information please call
Manal at: 751-2626.



ABC CANADA Unveils *Dark Secrets*

In honour of International Literacy Day (September 8), ABC CANADA Literacy Foundation announced the launch of a new television PSA campaign available to broadcasters across Canada. Developed pro bono by Ambrose Carr Linton Carroll Inc. (AACL) of Toronto, the humorous spots are designed to encourage reluctant adult learners to give literacy upgrading programs another thought and guide them in seeking assistance.

The campaign, entitled *Dark Secrets*, includes two spots (*Clink* and *Consultation*) that portray situations in which adults feel compelled to share a "dark secret" — their struggle with literacy — with a coworker or friend. Just as they are about to reveal this secret, their companion interrupts with a secret of their own. The companions' secrets are outrageous, and are intended to get a laugh, but more important, they make the point that if you have trouble with reading, writing or math, there's no reason to feel embarrassed or ashamed, because there are people with much darker secrets.

ABC CANADA Literacy Foundation is a national charity committed to promoting adult and family literacy to the general public and to the private sector. ABC CANADA's focus is on public awareness programs, providing promotional support to local literacy groups, and conducting research to further the development of a fully literate Canadian population. For more information on ABC CANADA, and to view the *Dark Secrets campaign* visit www.abc-canada.org.



Participants at The Wisdom Within Conference.

The Wisdom Within

On June 12, 2004 the provincial Learners' Focus Committee organized a mini-conference called "The Wisdom Within". Fifteen adult learners from around the province had a great time getting to know each other and finding out about some of the different programs in the province. Highlights of the conference included:

1. Presentations by Carey Rigby-Wicox (Free Expression Painting), Ngeune Selinger (Story Sacks), Debbie Fleming (Cooking Connections with Literacy), Lisa Erickson (Learning How to Learn) and Carmen Bussiere (Saskatchewan Aboriginal Literacy Network).
2. Five learners shared their speeches from the Learners' Speakers' Bureau. Thank you to Ngeune Selinger, Debbie Fleming, Carey Rigby-Wilcox, Gordon Li and Herb Lerat.
3. The Story Sack went to the learner who had driven the longest distance: Gary Tinker from Pine House Lake.



Provincial Learners' Focus Committee

The provincial Learners' Focus Committee is meeting on October 2, 2004 in Saskatoon. Adult learners from around the province are invited to share their opinions about literacy issues with other learners. Please call Katrina at 1-866-756-7323 (free) for more information.

Literacy Strategy Consultation

The Prince Albert Learner Support Group is hosting a Provincial Literacy Strategy consultation on September 23, 2004. Saskatchewan Learning is requesting feedback on the Strategy from adult learners, members of the Prince Albert Literacy Network, and the public. Please call Ngeune at (306) 763-4350 for more information.

Are you interested in having an adult learner speak at your event?

Adult learners are available to speak to community groups about literacy issues.

Please call Katrina at

1-866-756-7323 (free) to request a speaker or to get involved.

Tansi!

Fall is such an exciting time of year. New literacy programs begin, we tend to be more energetic and hopeful as the new season unfolds after summer breaks.

Saskatchewan Aboriginal Literacy Network is happy to share good news: the announcement of the new date for the ***Saskatchewan Aboriginal Literacy Gathering: May 17, 18, 19, & 20, 2005.***

We are looking forward to continue working with numerous volunteers who have already committed to serving on planning committees and to hear from you if you are interested in participating in that capacity. Your calls are always appreciated and welcomed.

In the past year, we developed successful partnerships working on projects, and participated on different literacy committees. As we start a new season, it is our hope that we can continue working together to make a difference in people's lives by promoting and supporting literacy in Saskatchewan.

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Need literacy information?

Looking for a program in your city or town?

Call the Saskatchewan Literacy Network's toll-free literacy information line at:
1-888-511-2111.

Articles Wanted

- Has your organization developed an innovative program or resource?
- Is your community getting more involved with literacy?
- Have you recently won a literacy related award?
- Do you know of any learners who would like to write about their literacy experiences?

If so, we would love to publish them in the next *Literacy Matters*. Send submissions to saskliteracy@sasktel.net (Pictures are welcome too!)

Next deadline: November 1, 2004

BC Matches Raise a Reader Donations

Premier Gordon Campbell announced in September that the Province will provide matching funds for all donations raised by The Vancouver Sun and Victoria Times-Colonist Raise-A-Reader September campaigns to support literacy programs and help make B.C. the most literate jurisdiction in North America by 2010.

Last year, the Victoria Times-Colonist and Vancouver Sun September fundraising campaigns raised approximately \$255,000. That funding went to support groups including Literacy BC, the CNIB, as well as individual grants to public libraries and school libraries across B.C.

This September's campaigns are expected to raise more than \$300,000. Matching funding from the Province will be administered by the Raise-A-Reader program.

The government of British Columbia also announced the appointment of Linda Mitchell, executive director of Literacy BC, as the chair of the new Premier's Advisory Panel on Literacy.

the 2004
Canada Post
Literacy
Awards

And the Saskatchewan winners are:

Individual Achievement - English *Yong Toy, Nipawin*

Life in Canada was challenging for Yong. She spoke no English, had no job, and her husband was her only friend. When her two children went to school, she finally did too. Along with her new literacy skills, Yong has new goals and new friends. She has even joined a Line Dancing Club that visits and dances for senior citizens.

Educator

Lisa Vargo, Saskatoon

Lisa, an English Professor, has been a relentless advocate for literacy for 13 years as a tutor, board member, and spokesperson. Her many activities have included helping to raise awareness, organizing fundraisers, tutoring adult learners and working to remove barriers to literacy.

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Mark your calendars!

International Literacy Day: Sept. 8th

Parliament Resumes: October 4th

Speech from the Throne: October 5th

Literacy Action Day 2004: October 21st

MCL Fall Action Campaign: Renewing Momentum on Literacy

This Fall, MCL is planning a number of initiatives intended to influence action on a pan-Canadian literacy strategy and renewed federal literacy policy. Over the past years we've had great success in helping raise literacy's status on the public agenda. However, in the 6 months preceding the June federal election, changes in government, in Parliament, and in the Prime Minister's office effectively slowed government operations to a crawl.

Literacy is not the only issue to be sidelined by government gridlock. Many of our partners in the NGO community have also felt the impact. Now, with a new parliament and new power brokers in Ottawa, MCL is planning a Fall Literacy Action Campaign aimed at getting literacy back on top of political agendas and government "to do" lists.

We have good reason to be optimistic about this. Many developments serve to strengthen our messages and our goals, including recent research that proves literacy investments drive economic growth (see www.nald.ca/fulltext/oced/oced.pdf); invaluable support from provincial and territorial governments; the anticipated release of a new international adult literacy study (IALSS) in 2005; past commitments from government and parliament, and recent election promises (see www.literacy.ca/elect04/parties/main.htm).

Our plans include connecting with every newly elected parliamentarian; working with the coalitions to support further advances at the provincial/territorial level; planning a successful Literacy Action Day on Parliament Hill in October, and other efforts to influence and inform key decision makers. Stay tuned to www.literacy.ca for more information.

Source: Federal Literacy Facts, September 2004 found on MCL Web site: www.literacy.ca

The Circle of Learning: Orientation to Adult Literacy Levels 1 and 2 Benchmarks

November 18 from 1-4p.m.

As calendars fill this fall, do not forget to include the orientation to the Adult Literacy Benchmarks draft. Phase 2 of the project nears completion and a draft of the Benchmarks document will be sent to all literacy coordinators by the end of October.

Since February of 2003, the Saskatchewan Literacy Network and Saskatchewan Learning, with funding support from the National Literacy Secretariat, have been working in partnership to develop Levels 1 and 2 Literacy Benchmarks for Saskatchewan. The overarching goal of this project is to provide clear benchmarks that can be used to guide program development, assessment and instruction. Both formal and informal literacy and adult basic education programs and services in Saskatchewan will find the benchmarks useful.

It is important to note that Levels 1 and 2 Literacy Benchmarks fall within a broader four-level framework for credit programs developed by Saskatchewan Learning's Adult Basic Education Redesign Task Team. Levels 1 and 2 incorporate literacy programming, Level 3 leads to the Adult 10 Certificate, and Level 4 includes Bridging and Grade 12 Completion.

The Circle of Learning contains draft benchmarks and learning outcomes for Communications, Numeracy, Lifelong Learning, and Interpersonal Skills. Honouring the literacy definitions of the Provincial Literacy Steering Committee and the Saskatchewan Aboriginal Literacy Network, the benchmarks answer the key question:

What do adults need to know and be able to do to live meaningfully as parents and family members, workers, community members and citizens?

The general purpose of the orientation is to familiarize literacy practitioners, Adult Basic Education instructors, program coordinators, community agency personnel and adult learners with the benchmarks document. There are two secondary aims:

a) to recruit literacy practitioners and/or Adult Basic Education instructors from a variety of literacy programs and services to pilot test the benchmarks in the spring of 2005, and

b) to gather feedback from the literacy field concerning the benchmarks. The orientation will be broadcast to all SIAST campuses and one or two receive sites at each of the regional colleges.

Registration packages will be sent out in late September when all of the receive sites have been confirmed. Registration will be conducted through Saskatchewan Literacy Network's head office in Saskatoon. Site facilitators will be available at all receive sites to ensure that questions and feedback concerning the benchmarks are relayed to the Orientation Facilitator during the broadcast.

Levels 1 and 2 benchmarks have been developed with input from:

- 20 focus groups across the province
- a Benchmarks Advisory Committee representative of Aboriginal, rural, urban, and northern learners and literacy practitioners, and
- Life Skills content experts, and a Project Management Team.

The benchmarks have been influenced by the literacy standards work done by:

- the Northwest Territories Department of Education
- SkillPlan of British Columbia
- Literacy Ontario
- Manitoba Education
- the Essential Skills database of Human Resources Development Canada
- the Employability Skills 2000+ of the Conference Board of Canada, and
- the Equipped for the Future Content Standards of the National Institute for Literacy of the United States.

Levels 1 and 2 Benchmarks have also greatly benefited from the visioning and curriculum development work done by the Basic Education Redesign Task Team.

For further information concerning this orientation, call Terri Peters, Adult Literacy Benchmarks Developer, in Calgary at (403) 640-2696 or via e-mail at benchmarks@shaw.ca. Please do not hesitate to call collect if needed.

PGI Golf Tournament for Literacy - 2004

This year, the PGI committee took a very active role in acquiring donations for the silent auctions, selling tickets to our Evening Before Event, and requesting sponsorship from the local business community. Due largely to their diligence, we were able to host a silent auction at both the Evening Before Event and our Golf Tournament. The Honourary Chair for the 2004 PGI Regina was



PGI Chair for 2004, Amber MacLeod speaks at the evening before event.

Amber MacLeod. With the help of the committee, sponsorship requests were developed and sent out to close to 100 local and regional businesses, organizations and individuals.

The Evening Before Event –

An Evening with Stuart McLean, saw over 100 individuals at the Hotel Saskatchewan Radisson Plaza, enjoying fine food and drink, laughter, a learner speaker and a silent auction in preparation for the big event the next day!

The Tournament had over 130 golfers, volunteers, staff and guests out at the prestigious Wascana Golf and Country Club!

We encountered cold and wet weather, however it did not dampen the spirits of our passionate participants and all had a fun day!



Lynda Richards, SLN President and Learners' Speakers' Bureau participant tells her story.



The banquet was filled with words from the clever, poetic Stuart McLean of CBC's Vinyl Café while we enjoyed an exquisite meal prepared by the Wascana. Sheila Coles, also of CBC radio was our



Poet Laureate, Stuart McLean, reads his PGI inspired poem.

host for the evening and she wowed us with wit and humor from beginning to end. The banquet was loaded with prizes for our golfers and another successful Silent Auction. Support for the PGI Golf Tournament for Literacy is growing in Saskatchewan and everyone should be proud!



The Co-operator's Learner Award Winner is presented a cheque and plaque.

Funds raised supported:



The Coming Year at SLN

The coming year promises to be exciting in the area of family literacy. Each year, the number, location, and type of family literacy programs continue to increase. In addition to programs that have been in place in the past, new programs are being funded by the National Literacy Secretariat and Saskatchewan Learning's Family Literacy Initiative. We look forward to the variety of programs across the province this year. Please keep everyone posted on what is going on in your area by sending information about your program to *Literacy Matters*. You can send your information to Lynne_Mourot@eLit.ca.

Professional development plans are already in full swing. In fact, the first training session will have taken place before this newsletter is distributed. This year, we have developed a professional development calendar, outlining all professional development opportunities that have been scheduled in adult and family literacy. Look for it as an insert in this newsletter and in the Saskatchewan Family Literacy folder on eLit.ca. We will update the eLit.ca site whenever new training is scheduled.

In May, 2005, we will be offering additional Foundational Training in Family Literacy training for those who attended the 2002 training in Good Spirit Lake. We have space for one additional person to participate in the training, as one person who participated in 2002 has left the province. Details of the training and an application form are included as an insert in this newsletter. If you are interested, please complete and submit the application by October 31, 2004.

Additional family literacy training will be scheduled on request, whenever a community has ten people who wish to participate in specific training.

ABC CANADA, Coca-Cola continue to *share the stories* across Canada

ABC CANADA Literacy Foundation is accepting applications from literacy organizations, school libraries and public libraries interested in obtaining funding from *share the stories*, a corporate philanthropy program first launched by Coca-Cola Ltd. in 2001. The *share the stories* program funds reading circles and book collections for children across Canada. ABC CANADA manages the program on behalf of Coca-Cola, including the distribution of funds to successful applicants.

Over the last two years, a total of 995 organizations have applied for *share the stories* funding. Of these, 172 programs from every province and territory - from Nunavut to Newfoundland/Labrador - received grants. Since the program's inception, *share the stories* funding has supported the maintenance and creation of over 240 reading circles, and the purchase of more than 22,000 new children's books.

Canadian not-for-profit literacy organizations, school libraries and public libraries can apply for \$2,500 worth of funding to assist in the development/ maintenance of a reading circle, or \$1,500 to create/supplement a children's book collection.

Eligible organizations interested in applying for *share the stories* funding can download the complete application package from ABC CANADA's Web site at www.abc-canada.org/sts. Those who wish to have an application package mailed to them may contact ABC CANADA directly at 1-800-303-1004.

Need Resources?



Get what you need in a Traveling Trunk from SLN. We have trunks dedicated to several subjects relating to literacy. Call toll-free 1-888-511-2111 for information.

Get to the Point!

Do you communicate with the public? Is the clarity of your message important? If yes, attend the "Towards Clearer Communications" forum that is coming to every provincial capital city in Canada.

Saskatchewan's forum is November 18th, 2004 in Regina. This is a bilingual forum on the benefits of plain language. Some of the information that will be shared includes:

- How to communicate with less-literate Canadians.
- How to design more effective forms.
- What are the 5 levels of literacy in Canada?
- What are the characteristics of comprehension for these 5 levels?
- Results of a Saskatchewan survey on communications.

There will be case studies delivered by the Saskatchewan Public Health Association, The Leader Post, the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada and the Government of Saskatchewan (Communications branch) showcasing effective communications.

When?

Thursday, November 18th, 2004 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Join us at 8:00 am for coffee and to get your Participant Kit.

Where?

The Ramada Hotel & Convention Centre, 1818 Victoria Avenue in Regina.

Why attend?

If you communicate with the general public and wish to improve the clarity of your message.

Who should attend?

Communication professionals from the public and private sectors and personnel who create written material.

To register:

<http://www.clearercommunications.ca/registerhere-5-SK.html>

The cost?

Before November 12th, the registration cost is \$95. After November 12th, the cost is \$125. This is due to increased charges from the hotel. Your registration includes lunch, coffee breaks, forum materials and access to a dedicated website on plain language tools.

Register early and qualify for donated prizes.

Visit <http://www.clearercommunications.ca/ourpartners-5-SK.html> to read Premier Calvert's letter of support.

This forum is organized by the Fédération canadienne pour l'alphabétisation en français (FCAF). Participating literacy groups include the Service fransaskois de formation aux adultes (SEFFA) and the Saskatchewan Literacy Network. There will be a simultaneous translation in both official languages.

For additional information?

Contact Tobias Keogh, Project Manager, FCAF at 613-749-5333 or 1 888 906-5666 or tkeogh@fcf.net.

Update from the Prince Albert Literacy Network

Mayor Jim Stiglitz raised the literacy flag at a ceremony in Memorial Square on International Literacy Day, Wednesday, September 8.

A program, including presentations by learners from SIAST and Won-Ska School, took place in the City Hall foyer, immediately following the flag-raising ceremony. Debbie Fleming, a member of the Learners' Speakers' Bureau, gave an inspiring talk. Cake was served.

The first meeting of Prince Albert Literacy Network for the 2004-2005 season, concluded the days' activities.

Books for Babies

The families of three new babies born on September 8 at Victoria Hospital received gift bags from PALN.

For the Love of Reading 3

Andrea Beck, author of the popular Elliot Moose series, and Elliot himself, will be at John M. Cuelenaere Public Library on Saturday, October 16. Ms. Beck will be conducting a morning workshop for selected students. The afternoon's presentation about writing and illustrating will be open to the public and is free. This event is cosponsored by World Literacy of Canada, National Literacy Secretariat, SaskTel, PALN and the Library.

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Non-Academic Outcomes

By Pat Campbell

Accountability frameworks and assessment tools tend to focus on academic outcomes such as skill development. As an instructor, you have probably observed non-academic changes in the lives of learners that you work with. For instance, “students change their bearing, their walk; they hold their heads higher and smile more readily...They report joining local organizations, going to the library, and having opinions on community matters” (Battell, 2001, p. 1). The question on the minds of many instructors is “How do you document these changes?” If you have raised this question, you will be delighted to know that a group of instructors conducted a study to discover and document the non-academic in the lives of learners as a result of participation in literacy instruction. The study, written by Evelyn Battell, is called *Naming the Magic: Non-Academic Outcomes in Basic Literacy*.

In 1999, a group of 40 basic literacy instructors attended a conference and drafted six techniques for the documentation of non-academic changes. The federal and provincial (BC) governments provided funding to field-test the six documentation techniques:

- a multi-media approach
- journals
- goal setting by learners
- anecdotal reporting
- end-of-term reports, and
- questions for developing awareness.

The findings indicated that all of the techniques are equally effective in generating information from the students. However, “the techniques were more effective if the instructors already knew their students and if trust had been developed” (Battell, 2001, p. 12).

To learn more about this study, visit the Directory of Canadian Adult Literacy Research in English at <http://www.nald.ca/crd/>. The full-text document is available online.

Reference:

Battell, E. (2001). *Naming the magic: Non-academic outcomes in basic literacy*. Victoria, BC: Ministry of Advanced Education, Province of British Columbia and National Literacy Secretariat, Human Resources Development Canada.

Learn about Writing on the Web

The goal of Writenet.ca is to promote the use and value of writing in literacy and social/special programming. Based on many years of experience working with new and/or reluctant adult writers, the creators of the site believe that writing is a fun and effective way to increase literacy skills, feel part of the community and make healthy changes in our lives. A dedicated group of literacy instructors from across Canada worked together to develop and build Writenet.ca as a place for you to find a wealth of information and support to help bring writing to your learning settings in new and engaging ways.

What makes Writenet.ca different than other Web sites about writing? Well, in short, it’s the growing community of like-minded people who recognize that writing is more than just spelling and grammar. You’ll quickly feel a part of this community when you join in the dynamic and educational discussions on the Writenet.ca Bulletin Boards.

Writenet.ca as it stands now, is a starting point. This space is designed to change and grow according to the needs and interests of the membership.

Please visit www.writenet.ca to read all about this dynamic group of writers, register for discussions and join them in this exciting learning adventure.

Source: www.nald.ca

SLN Resource Collection

New materials are arriving at the SLN office frequently. The SLN resource collection contains one of the most comprehensive collections of literacy-related material in the province and is open to SLN members. For more information, please visit the SLN web site at: www.nald.ca/sklitnet.htm or call toll-free 1-888-511-2111.

SLN staff recommend:

Title: Public Speaking? It's a BLAST!

Produced by: Literacy Alberta

Publisher/Date: 2003

This video features eight adult literacy students from Alberta learning the art of public speaking. Each of them shares their life story and the struggles they encounter learning to make speeches. Public Speaking trainers share tips on writing a speech. This video is a good resource for Learner Speakers' Bureaus and basic literacy programs.

Title: Moving the Markers: New Perspectives on Adult Literacy Rates in Canada

Author: Susan B. Sussman

Publisher/Date: Movement for Canadian Literacy, August 2003

Notes: This report outlines results and recommendations of a project intended to identify demographic patterns among adults with low literacy skills in each Canadian province. The report, which is organized in eight chapters and one appendix, includes information on: literacy rate statistics and public policy development, methods of estimating population literacy rates, overview of data analysis methodology, provincial estimates of prose literacy demographics, and implications and recommendations. The findings and recommendations outlined in this report are of significance to literacy programs and policy makers.

Title: Learning to Think, Learning to Learn: What the Science of Thinking and Learning Has to Offer Adult Education

Author: Jennifer Cromley

Publisher/Date: National Institute for Literacy, 2000

This book is based on the premise that teaching means "teaching students to think." The instructional strategies outlined are based on three types of research – studies done in laboratories, studies done by researchers in classes, and studies done by teachers/researchers in their own classrooms. Included are 18 fact sheets on learning and thinking. Each fact sheet includes: reflection questions; quotes from teachers, learners and researchers outlining how the information is relevant to teaching; a summary of ideas and evidence; what this means for teachers; and a set of short lesson ideas based on research findings.

Title: Hardships and Blessings: Seniors tell their Stories

Edited by: Una Hynes

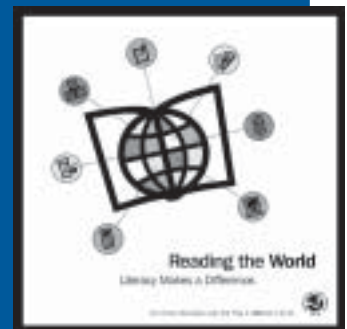
Publisher/Date: Una Hynes/2002 for St. Josephs Literacy Network

ISBN: 0-9731015-0-4

Forty-one seniors from Newfoundland and Labrador share memories in this 94 page anthology. Each selection has a small biography and a picture of the contributing senior. The introduction shares this summary: *This oral history book will provide a different literacy category that can promote a greater community involvement in literacy development...The final version is an easy-to-read book suitable for adult literacy programs.* Funded by the National Literacy Secretariat.

Literacy Posters Available

Posters are available to SLN members upon request in both English and French. To get your copies, call the Saskatchewan Literacy Network toll-free at: 1-888-511-2111.



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Keep in Touch...

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

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Visit our office in downtown
Saskatoon... we might even have
the coffee on.

Don't forget to visit our Web site:
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Calendar of Events 2004

- Oct 2 *The Provincial Learners' Focus Committee* is meeting on October 2, 2004 in Saskatoon. Adult learners from around the province are invited to share their opinions about literacy issues with other learners. Please call Katrina at 1-866-756-7323 (free) for more information.
- Oct 17-19 *Staying the Course: Literacy and Health in the First Decade* October 17-19, 2004 Crowne Plaze Hotel, Ottawa ON For more information, please check the MCL Web site at www.literacy.ca
- Oct 27-28 *Provincial Literacy Meeting and SLN Annual General Meeting.* Travelodge Hotel, Saskatoon. Call the SLN office at 653-7368 or Donna Woloshyn at Saskatchewan Learning at 787-2513 for more information.
- Nov 1 *Deadline for Literacy Matters Submissions.***
- Nov 18 *Orientation to Adult Literacy Levels 1 and 2 Benchmarks: The Circle of Learning.* Broadcast:via E-Learning Satellite Network Conferencing from the University of Regina to all SIAST campuses and one or two locations at each regional college. Registration: Begins early October through the Saskatchewan Literacy Network Head Office. Registration packages will be sent to all literacy coordinators in late September.
- Nov 18 Towards Clearer Communication Forum. Regina. For more information see page 9 of this newsletter.
- Nov 23-24 *Introduction to Literacy Programming in Saskatchewan* (formerly New Coordinator's Training.) Saskatoon. Contact the SLN office at 653-7368 for more information.

There are several other literacy and family literacy related professional development events happening over the next year. Please see the insert to this newsletter for more details.

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