

A note from the Network...

We have just had a moving experience. *Not* emotionally moving. We've actually moved! The Network office is now located in the heart of downtown Barrie, in a lovely old house on a quiet street that is a nice mixture of businesses and residences. The coffee is always on... please come visit!

The Road to Reading Festival, held in Barrie on Sept 15th was a huge success! Both Michele Newton, Event Coordinator and Charlotte Lavimodiere, Event Co-coordinator are continuing to share office space with the

Network. They are busy planning events for Family Literacy Day with our community based programs in Alliston, Barrie, Midland and Gravenhurst. Please mark September 14th, 2003 on your calendar as the date for next year's festival, or visit the website at www.roadtoreadingfestival.com for updates!

The honeymoon is over for Wanda Minnings, as she officially marked her 1 year anniversary with the Network on October 4th. Bonnie Patton will reach her 1 year milestone on Nov 26th.

Remember to read our Network discussion pages, on-line at alphacom.alphaplus.ca for all of the latest information on literacy and community initiatives and updates. Please call the Network at the number below for help in 'logging on'.

Our hope is to keep this newsletter brief, yet still provide a wide variety of information and articles.

In closing, your talents, expertise and opinions are needed in the form of contributions and suggestions for *Networking*. As always, we welcome any feedback you can provide. If it is important to you, it is important to *us!*

Next issue: Spring 2003.

Resource materials ... free for the asking!

We have received a copy of a brand new magazine of consumer issues for YOU & YOUR LEARNERS—in plain language! To get your free copy, send your name & address to: Consumer Association of Canada, 267 O'Connor St., Suite 404, Ottawa, ON K2P 1V3, or email: info@consumer.ca

The Network office has a

(and not so current!) resources for you to borrow. Please call us or come and browse & borrow!

Why not borrow one of the Networks videos for your next staff meeting or board meeting?

The Network has completed the first 5 chapters of its Board Orientation Manual. They include:

- Ch.1: Board Overview
- Ch.2: Board Governance
- Ch 3: Strategic Planning
- Ch 4: Fundraising
- Ch 5: Risk Management

Programs are welcome to use this information for their own use; or consider asking Wanda Minnings to facilitate the use of this material to *your* Board.



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Family Literacy Day materials are available NOW! Order deadline is October 29th! Order forms are being faxed directly to all of our programs.

Projects, Grants and Funding Opportunities

The Youth Photography Project, created and managed by The Learning Centres—Barrie Campus, was so successful, that the Network has applied to Starbucks Foundation for funding to offer this again. Keep your fingers crossed!

The Youth Video Project, currently underway, will have its film, a 13 minute

short entitled “Occupational Hazards” shown at the Barrie Film Festival on Saturday October 26th. The film will appear in front of a 2 hour feature length film called Tadpole, starring Sigourney Weaver. Showtime is 4:30 p.m. Please plan to attend and support this literacy project!

The Board of Directors of the Network has given its support to pursue additional funding streams. This includes a lot of proposal writing and great project/program ideas. Together with this, is the opportunity to create partnerships with other community groups. Please feel free to call the Network to discuss this further—or to share your ideas for worthwhile projects and funding opportunities.

Did you know...

The Board of Directors of the Simcoe/Muskoka Literacy Network will be visiting your programs again this year. We will be contacting all programs to set up the time and date.

The OLC has submitted the list of Field Development Priorities for the Anglophone Stream to MTCU for consideration. The top 5 are: Resources & Curriculum; Practitioner Training & Renumeration; Literacy Community

Planning, Program Planning & Management; Support for Special Needs; and Learner Access, Retention & Transition

Bonnie Patton is available to speak to your community groups or staff meetings about literacy through our Partnership Outreach Program. Call her at the Network office to discuss.

Are you new to literacy? Do you have any Board Members, Volunteers or Staff who would benefit from our free New to Literacy training session? Call to register!

