

Literacy Nanaimo Newsletter

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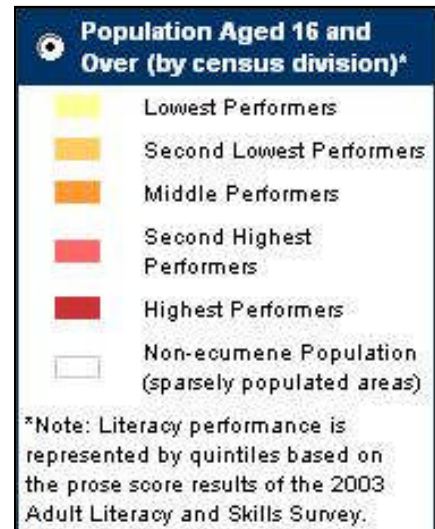
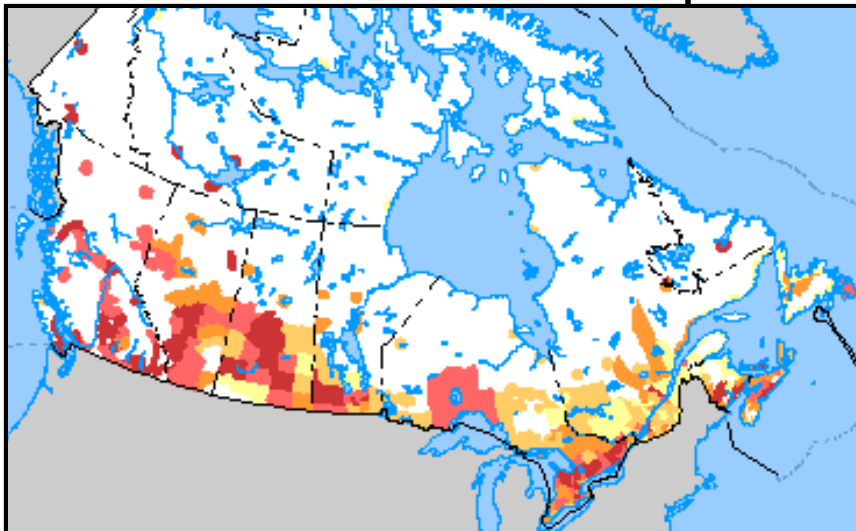
Jacques Demers

Jacques Demers, Stanley Cup winning hockey coach will be visiting Nanaimo on September 30th. You are invited to hear him speak about his personal struggle with literacy at 2:00 pm at the Coast Bastion.

This event is free or by donation to Raise-a-Reader. Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Literacy Levels across Canada

We are frequently asked about literacy levels in other parts of the country. This is a map of Canada prepared from information compiled by Stats Canada. To view this online go to: atlas.nrcan.gc.ca/site/english/maps/peopleandsociety/literacy/literacy



Raise a Reader Day

Wednesday October 3rd
10:00 am to 12:00 noon

Volunteers will be giving away newspapers for a donation to Raise-a-Reader. Watch for volunteers at major stores and shopping centres.

If you would like to volunteer for Raise-a-Reader Day contact Carolyn at Literacy Nanaimo 754-8988.

Rotary Giant Book Sale

The Rotary Clubs’s Giant book sale will take place at Nanaimo North Town Centre (Rutherford Mall) October 4, 5 and 6. Half of the proceeds will go to Raise-a-Reader.

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Bookstore News

Bookstore Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 to 5:00, Saturday 10:00 to 5:00

Open House

Saturday September 8th



Iris Strong & Val Hannan

Author and Publisher's
Rep Caroline Woodward



Design consultant
Cheryl Campbell



Wendy in the Fish Pond



Prize winner
Lynette Heasley



Our Open House was held to celebrate International Literacy Day.

Thanks to **Costco Wholesale** for sponsoring the day. We had guest authors signing books, a fish pond for children (they got books donate by Kate Walker and Co.), music by the Woodlands School Jazz Combo, food from C.J's, a treasure hunt and door prizes. There was a great turn out and everyone had a wonderful time.

Goodbye and Thank you!

Bookstore staff and volunteers are sad to be saying goodbye to **Michael Collinge** who has been the *backbone of the basement* since 2003. Michael has been responsible for Business and Economics, Other Languages, Science and Technology, Dictionaries and Reference as well as helping out in all the other categories in the basement of the bookstore. He has quietly carried out his duties for the past four years and we are going to have a hard time filling his shoes. *Goodbye and good luck, Michael!*

Books to Jamaica

The Bookstore has recently formed a working relationship with **Jameel Rahaman** from Port Alberni. Jameel has initiated a literacy project whereby he supplies books to children in Jamaica. To date, we have contributed approximately 600 books to this project.

Interesting Finds

All our books are donated and often we receive wonderful surprises. Recently, we found a **National Atlas of Canada, 5th Edition**. It is a very large volume (never been used) consisting of 93 separate maps that were published between 1978 and 1995. The list of topics include: Environment, People and Society, Economic, Historical, and many, many more. The case is on display at the bookstore and may be purchased for \$100.00.

The fourth book in the Camulod Chronicles, **The Saxon Shore** by Jack Whyte has just arrived at the bookstore. This is an autographed copy and may be purchased for \$20.00.

We now have two books by **Rien Poortvliet**, the famous Dutch illustrator. **Dogs** is a volume in which *The famous artist of Gnomes paints and chats about his own lovable canine pets as well as other dogs of every size and shape.* **Te hooi en te gras** is another illustrated volume of Portvliet's work but is in Dutch. The illustrations are of farm life – human and animal. Both volumes are priced at \$35.00 each.

Quotes from Visitors

Grant and Jennifer, Salem, Oregon: *Great place to get lost in books.*

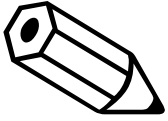
Brian, Whitehorse, Yukon: *Great selection –some stuff I'd looked for for years. Fantastic prices too!*

Ingrid, Brazil: *lovely I wish this place in my city.*

Bill, Riverside, California: *Interesting and great!*

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Volunteer



Tutor Program

Phone: Literacy Nanaimo 754-8988 or Malaspina 753-3245 Local 2822

Tutor Coordinators
Jacqueline Webster
Margaret Ames

Greetings!



There are now two coordinators to assist you in the valuable work you are doing. **Jacqueline Webster** has returned after an extended leave and would like to thank both Malaspina U-C and Literacy Nanaimo for their support. Over the last year and a half **Marilyn Guttman** and

Margaret Ames did an exemplary job of maintaining the program and providing excellent service. Margaret will continue as part-time coordinator and will be responsible for outreach with the creation of satellite tutoring locations. The coordinators bring different skills and expertise to the position and are excited about how this job sharing arrangement will benefit the tutor program. Both Margaret and Jacqueline are available to meet new learners and welcome current learners and tutors to drop in for a visit.



Tutoring Strategies Try the following web sites:
The Learning Resources <http://literacynet.org/cnnsf/home.html> This site has current and past news stories. Choose the full story, the abridged story or the story outline. Activities—vocabulary, sequencing, multiple choice, drawing conclusions.

Adult Learning Activities - *California Distance learning*
<http://www.cdlnonline.org/index.cfm> Consumer and health information. Stories and reading. Activities: vocabulary, comprehension.

Funbrain Math <http://www.funbrain.com/math/index.html> Practise whole number facts with a baseball game. Each correct answer is a run. You set the operation and the level. Good for quick practice.

Interactive Arithmetic: <http://www.onlinecollegeprop.com/interactivearith/alntro/alntrofull.html> Tutorials on whole numbers, fraction and decimals.

Spring Tutor Training

Pictured are the individuals who completed tutor training in March, most of whom are now matched and enjoying tutoring.



From left to right:

Stella Schlagel,
Victoria Brown,
Linda Vanomme,
Gordon Schlagel,
Rosanna Van Reeuwijk,
Annette Roehlig,
Jill Maibach,
Jean Flemming,
Bonnie McGlynn,
Elliot Chalmers,
Leo Routledge.

Our thanks--

Our thanks go out to the following tutors who have volunteered for us and are no longer able to do so. Thank you so very much for your time and commitment to your learners and to the Literacy Tutor Program.

Pauline Bayley (2005),
Bradley Belchamber (2005),
Lesley Bowman (2001),
Hertha Falk (1994),
Joyce Hedges (2002),
Christine Lamontagne (2002)



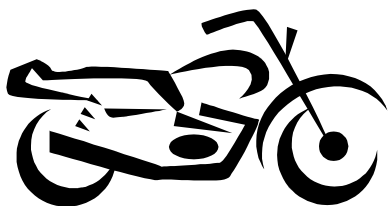
Learner Writings

We are starting to compile a new collection of learner writings. If your learners are interested in writing and submitting a story please encourage them to do so. Here again are some thoughts on assisting newly developing writers:

- Write what the learners say
- Ask the learners to read their story
- Go over the story together encouraging the learners to expand on some aspects of the story
- Learners should select words from the story that they recognize on sight or would like to learn
- Write these words on index cards for learners to review
- Submit the story for publication!

My experiences with motorcycles!

By Ron Kukko



Motorcycles are really nice to ride. A motorcycle can weigh approximately two thousand pounds.

Considering the weight of the bike, there is actually a sensation of having nothing beneath you while riding. I don't particularly like riding with another person as a passenger because it makes me feel unsafe. When I was about ten, I was riding on the back of a dirt bike and it tipped over on a steep trail. Now when I have the opportunity to ride a motorcycle as a passenger I usually pass it up because of the memory of that dirt bike experience. The sense of not being in control is unnerving.

My brother who lives in Nevada owns a custom made motorcycle and he let me ride it a few times. The motorcycle was custom made by Orange County Choppers in New York State. My brother helped to design the bike from some drawings that he did one day. He was doodling features from different models of bikes and came up with the kind of bike that he wanted. The motorcycle is very distinct in its appearance. I lack the terminology to describe how it is distinct. What I do notice about it is that it has higher handlebars and very unusual exhaust pipes. The bike is very unique in appearance color and style.

I took my brother's motorcycle for a ride in the desert and it was like jumping into cool refreshing water

when you are very hot- it reminds me of the color cobalt blue. If you've ever driven across the desert in a car and looked out across the flat land it seems to be moving very slowly...like sea gulls riding a current of air. This is what I experienced riding the motorcycle. It was the best ride I ever had.

Mugsy

By David Zurch

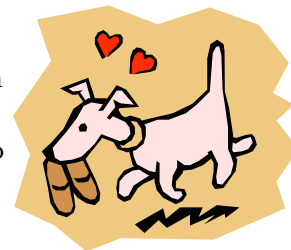
When I got Mugsy I was doing the paper route. She was always left out in the cold. On the days I delivered my papers she used to come to me lots. She was skinny and never cleaned up.

I went to the SPCA and asked them how I could take Mugsy away. They looked into it. They came to my house and told me to go to the City Hall, and tell them about Mugsy.

At City Hall they asked me about how Mugsy was treated. Then I told them I delivered papers on that route. I told them she was always left out in the cold. Then they pulled the file on Mugsy. They told me that she came from another family. Cindy got Mugsy from the other family. They told me that Mugsy wasn't licensed. Then they said one of our clients will take you to Mugsy.

I took one of the clients to Mugsy. One of the clients said to Cindy that Mugsy comes to David.

Mugsy came to me. Then one of the clients told Cindy to sign Mugsy over to me. Then one of the clients told me when I have a chance to go to the City Hall and sign some paperwork on Mugsy.



I took Mugsy home. Then I licensed Mugsy in my name. Then one of the clients that saw me about Mugsy's transfer told me that they are going to fine her five-hundred dollars. They told Cindy she can not own a pet in B.C. I felt better to be able to help Mugsy. I was happy.

Thanks so much to our tutors for submitting their monthly reports!!! We really appreciate it!!

Tutor Coordinator Hours at Literacy Nanaimo

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Jacqueline Webster (Tuesday at MUC)

Thursday, Friday

Margaret Ames (Thursday PM at MUC)