

COMMUNITY LITERACY OF ONTARIO
MEMBERS' E-COMMUNIQUE
APRIL 2011

Dear CLO Members,

Community Literacy of Ontario is pleased to present its **APRIL 2011 Members' E-Communiqué**.

Topics covered in this E-Communiqué are:

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FUNDING INCREASE TO LITERACY AND BASIC SKILLS PROGRAMS IN THE 2011 ONTARIO BUDGET

It is with great pleasure that Community Literacy of Ontario recognizes the exciting **announcement from the Ontario government's 2011 budget**, which includes an investment in literacy and basic skills of \$44 million over the next three years. The funding will help provide the LBS services for those Ontarians needing them most—at work, at home, at school and in their communities.

To review the budget document as released by the Ontario Ministry of Finance, please follow this link: www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/budget/ontariobudgets/2011/papers_all.pdf.

Literacy agencies will be hearing in the coming days and weeks about their specific allocations.

The Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities has shared the following email that outlines more details about this very welcome budget increase:



April 6, 2011

"Dear Literacy and Basic Skills Delivery Agencies,

The Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities is pleased to announce that over the next 3 years the government will invest an additional \$44M in literacy and basic skills. This translates into a \$13M annual increase in the total envelope for literacy and basic skills.

Our priorities for 2011-2012, outlined in the 2011-2012 Business Plan package for delivery agencies, continue to support the goals of the LBS program and the vision of Employment Ontario. We remain committed to providing quality LBS services to the learners who benefit from our programs. The \$13M annual investment will go towards increasing the base funding for LBS service delivery organizations. The ministry will distribute \$9M to the base budgets of LBS service delivery organizations in all streams and sectors. The rest will be used to introduce stable funding for the e-channel stream.

A portion of the \$9M will be used to establish a baseline funding level of \$100,000 for all LBS service providers whose 2008-09 base funding was below that level. The remaining portion will be distributed to the remaining LBS service delivery providers. The increased baseline funding level for service delivery sites will improve the capacity of LBS service delivery organizations to deliver consistent, high quality services to learners and will improve accountability to prepare for a more responsive LBS delivery system that includes the Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework (OALCF), Employment Ontario Information System and other future program developments.

In addition, the ministry will provide a further one-time allocation of \$5M that will be used to support the implementation of EOIS, the new adult learning curriculum and research and development. Part of the \$5M will include a one-time additional funding allocation to LBS support organizations. Further details on this one-time investment will be coming soon.

Next steps

Your regional LBS Field Consultant or Employment and Training Consultant will be in contact with you to discuss increased funding and related activity. The process to determine new activity level for this increased investment will follow a similar format to the business planning process for 2011-2012. The following documents for Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS), Academic Upgrading (AU), and existing Academic Upgrading Partnerships (AUP) have been posted on the Employment Ontario Partners Gateway website at www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/programs/training.html"

ONTARIO ADULT LITERACY CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK CLO'S IMPLEMENTATION TRAINING

Please mark your calendars!!

Community Literacy of Ontario is pleased to be delivering OALCF Implementation training sessions in May and June 2011 for Anglophone community-based literacy agencies. CLO will be inviting two participants per agency to attend this very important training.

CLO will be delivering the two-day OALCF training at six regional sessions to allow for greater program participation. The following is a list of dates and locations for the Anglophone community-based agencies:



THUNDER BAY <i>May 3 and 4</i>	Community-based literacy agencies from the network region of Literacy Northwest
LONDON <i>May 10 and 11</i>	Community-based literacy agencies from the network regions of Literacy Link South Central and Tri-County Literacy Network
KITCHENER/WATERLOO <i>May 18 and 19</i>	Community-based literacy agencies from the network regions of Project Read, QUILL Network and Adult Basic Education Association of Hamilton/Wentworth
KINGSTON <i>May 31 and June 1</i>	Community-based literacy agencies from the network regions of Literacy Link Eastern Ontario, Literacy Ontario Central South, and Ottawa Community Coalition for Literacy
TORONTO <i>June 6 and 7</i>	Community-based literacy agencies from the network regions of the Metro Toronto Movement for Literacy, Simcoe Muskoka Literacy Network, Literacy Network of Durham Region, Peel-Halton-Dufferin Adult Learning Network and Literacy Link Niagara
SUDBURY <i>June 16 and 17</i>	Community-based literacy agencies from the network regions of the Mid North Network and Literacy Network Northeast

CLO will be sending out information directly to programs in the very near future with specific training venues and subsidy details.

Agencies from other sectors and streams will receive their implementation training from their own sector and stream organizations. Please contact them directly for more information.

We look forward to seeing you!

IMPORTANT ONLINE SURVEY TO HELP MTCU BETTER UNDERSTAND THE TECHNOLOGY NEEDS AND OPERATING ENVIRONMENTS IN LBS AGENCIES

To ensure a successful implementation of EOIS (Employment Ontario Information System) to LBS providers in spring 2012, MTCU is requesting the assistance of LBS service delivery organizations in completing an online survey to better understand your organization's operating environment and desktop infrastructure.

To access the survey and accompanying memo, click on the following link to be taken to Employment Ontario Partners' Gateway:

www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/publications/20110323_eois_lbs_bulletin.pdf



INTERNATIONAL ADULT LEARNERS' WEEK



International Adult Learners' Week 2011 in Canada is being held from April 2nd through April 9th. The important week is hosted by the Canadian Commission for UNESCO. International Adult Learners' Week celebrates adult learners across the country and the joy of learning throughout life.

You can learn more about International Adult Learner's Week at the Canadian Commission for UNESCO's website at: www.unesco.ca/en/activity/education/AdultLearners.aspx

ABC Life Literacy Canada also has excellent information on its website at: <http://abclifeliteracy.ca/international-adult-learners%E2%80%99-week-being-celebrated-week>

IT'S NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK – A TIME TO CELEBRATE!!!!

It's National Volunteer Week and time to celebrate the almost 6,000 literacy volunteers in Ontario's community-based literacy agencies. Thank you all for all you do – literacy volunteers provide critical support: from tutoring to fundraising, from offering administrative and technical support to providing board governance.

Visit Volunteer Canada's new website to access resources and learn about events happening across Canada: <http://volunteer.ca/nvw/>

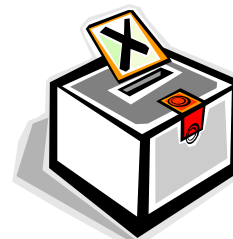


ELECTION RESOURCES FOR ADULT LEARNERS

The Canadian Literacy and Learning Network has created a helpful "Election Study Kit" (see: www.nald.ca/library/learning/elect11/elect11.pdf)

This resource contains information on topics such as:

- **Canada's Parliament**
- What is a Federal Election and Why is it Important?
- How Do I Vote?
- Can I Get Help on Election Day?
- Election Activities



As well, Elections Canada has produced "*I Can Vote! A user-friendly guide to voting in Canada*" (see: www.nald.ca/library/learning/vote/vote.pdf).

Information covered includes: Who can vote? What an election is all about; Election words I need to know; Making a choice on election day; and Election simulation.

MONEY MATH – EVERYDAY MATH SKILLS

Literacy Northwest Territories has created a helpful resource called "*Money Math – Everyday Math Skills*". *Money Math* has three sections. Each section has a variety of topics and worksheets and a review page. The workbook is designed so that learners can work on their own or with others.

Section One: Personal Finances

This section gives learners an opportunity to reflect on their personal finances. They learn to look at expenses and set up a budget. They also learn how to calculate weekly, monthly and yearly wages and how taxes work.

Section Two: Saving Money

In this section students learn about simple and compound interest, saving for retirement and return on investment.

Section Three: Consumer Math

In this section students learn about spending money. Student will learn how much a personal loan really costs. They will also learn how to calculate discounts on merchandise, figure out gas consumption and sort through cell phone options. The math skills are embedded into real-life situations and activities.

You can access this helpful instructional resource at:

www.nald.ca/library/learning/nwt/mathskills/moneymath/moneymath.pdf

