

Midland Area Reading Council

Fall Newsletter September 2007



You are cordially invited to attend the

MIDLAND AREA READING COUNCIL'S

Annual General Meeting

"Celebrating 25 years of Promoting Literacy in the Community!"

Location: North Simcoe Sports & Recreation Centre
Bill Thompson Room

Date: Thursday September 20th, 2007
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Wine, Cheese & Light Refreshments Will Be Served!

DYNAMIC GUEST SPEAKER!

Dave Trumble

"Literacy, Employment & Health and Safety"

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As this newsletter goes to press, the staff are busily preparing for our Annual General Meeting, which is scheduled for the 20th September at the North Simcoe Sports & Recreation Center. Each year at our AGM, the important tasks of electing the Board of Directors as well as approving the major policy initiatives of the Council are completed. Without this direction from

you, the members, it would be impossible to legally operate as a charitable non-profit corporation.

A quorum at our AGM is comprised of 15 members. If a quorum was not in attendance, all of the organization and planning would have been for naught since no business could be conducted. I therefore urge you

to mark the 20th of September on your calendar so that you can lend your voice to those who are committed to literacy and ensure the continued progressive operation of MARC.

In closing, I would like once again to thank all of our volunteers for their selfless dedication to the cause of literacy. Those of you who attended our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in May know from the number of awards handed out that the Council has been as busy as ever. This activity level would not be possible without the active participation of everyone.

See you at the AGM!

Garry C. McPhail

Thank you to our Community Partners and Funders

- ◆ Ministry of Training Colleges & Universities
 - ◆ Ontario Trillium Foundation
- ◆ Midland Rotary Club
- ◆ Mirror Newspaper
- ◆ Dollar Tif Variety
- ◆ Brabant & Kretschmann Chartered Accountants
 - ◆ Midland Honda
 - ◆ Midland Printers
 - ◆ Town of Midland
 - ◆ Casino Rama

"Mission Statement"

The Midland Area Reading Council aims to increase awareness of Literacy needs and promote a Literate Society!

STUDENT WRITINGS

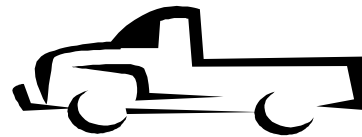
MY NEW TRUCK

Roses are red
Violets are blue
Thank you to the Mid-land Area Reading Council!

Your friend,
Jenny Leitch

I love my truck because it takes me back and forth to Lu's house. It takes me to my girlfriend's. I got my truck after it was in my uncle's field for two and a half years. I fixed it up. Now it's the best.

By Dave McKnight



"The future depends on what we do in the present."
Mahatma Gandhi



WE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO YOU!

Many people in our community do not have the literacy skills they need to function fully in our society.

At least 15% to 20% of adults in North Simcoe have serious difficulties dealing with printed materials. An additional 25% can only deal with materials that are simple to understand. They can read but not well. The MIDLAND AREA READING COUNCIL (MARC) has been providing free, confidential adult literacy and numeracy upgrading since 1982. Our trained volunteers are dedicated to helping adults in our community acquire reading, writing, numeracy, computer and other life skills.

The MARC Speakers' Bureau is available to speak to various organizations in our catchment area. The purpose of this outreach program is to increase awareness of our services.

If your organization would like to have a speaker from MARC, we would be happy to tell you all about us.

Please contact Sue Bannon at 527-1522, or email us at sbannon@csolve.net.

Thank you for reading this letter; be grateful that you can!

Dorothy Harper, Chair
MARC Speakers' Bureau

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Office Hours

Monday to Thursday
9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Friday
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Each One
Teach One

Tutors Needed

MARC is recruiting adult tutors in the following areas:

Penetanguishene, Coldwater, Waubaushene, Elmvalle and Honey Harbour. Tutors will help adults improve their basic reading, writing and math skills.

For further information contact the Midland Area Reading Council at 527-1522 or email marc@csolve.net.

Volunteers Needed

for TAG DAYS on September 28th & 29th, 2007

If you are available to help with this event please contact Ruth Faulkner Volunteer Coordinator at 549-8660.

We're on the Web:
www.nald.ca/marc

UPCOMING EVENTS

Books for Brunch

Saturday September 15th, 2007

Little Lake Park Pavilion

10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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Children's Crafts By the Ontario Early Years

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Children's Performer "RUSS"

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Face Painting

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Midland Fire

Department & Sparky

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Clifford the Big Red Dog

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Magic Show

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Free Breakfast for the first

50 people or while

supplies last

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Used Book Sale

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Child Find

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BBQ 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Midland Honda Halloween Used Book Sale

Sunday October

28th, 2007

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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Midland Honda

Showroom,

King Street, Midland

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Used Book donations

will be accepted at

Midland Honda

starting Sept 28th until

Sunday October 28th.

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Come in costume

and

receive a free

prize ballot.

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8th Annual Hockey Challenge

Saturday February 2nd, 2008

North Simcoe Sports & Recreation Centre

Toronto Maple Leaf Alumni

Vs.

Midland Community Stars

Call soon to reserve your spot to play with the Leafs or the Community Stars!

Apple Cider & Face Painting

