



Midland Area Reading Council

Spring Newsletter — April 2007

Promoting Literacy in our Community for more than 25 Years!

President's Message

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It was 25 years ago that a committed few sat around their kitchen table to form the Midland Area Reading Council. From those humble beginnings there grew our present institution which is proving to be one of the most dynamic community based literacy organizations in the region. Our on going outreach programmes are touching every corner of the area and at the time of writing we are embarking on a new venture to provide our services to the Central North Correction Centre. It is time to celebrate the

vision of those who first recognized the need and took the necessary action that has allowed us to make such a vital contribution to our community.

join with us at our annual Volunteer Appreciation and Awards Dinner to be held 10 May at the Royal Canadian Legion in Midland.

Garry C. McPhail

I encourage all members of the Midland Area Reading Council to



MISSION STATEMENT

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

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MARC Annual Appreciation Dinner—25th Anniversary

Thursday May 10th, 2007—6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. @ Midland Legion

** Guest Speaker **

Come help us celebrate and recognize our students, volunteers and community partners!

Please call the MARC office before May 1st, 2007 to reserve your tickets to attend this fabulous evening! Tickets are \$10.00 each. There is no charge for MARC special guests, students or volunteers.



MARC Board of Directors & Staff

MARC Board of Directors

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Volunteer Coordinator's Report

At MARC our time to honor our students, volunteers and community partners is May. You are all cordially invited to join in our celebrations. We are also celebrating MARC's 25th Anniversary. Each year our volunteers amaze me! You bring your own unique talents to the team and make it stronger.

I applaud each of you and say a humble thanks for all your hard work.

Words of Wisdom:
 "Growth demands a temporary surrender of security".
 ~ Gail Sheehy ~

Ruth Faulkner
 Volunteer Coordinator

A library is a hospital for the mind.
 ~ Anonymous ~

Each One Teach One

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WWW.NALD.CA/MARC

Community Partners

- * 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
- * Toronto Raptors Foundation
- * Full Line Electronics
- * Tim-br Mart
- * Bruin Engineering
- * Kelsey's Restaurant
- * Salvation Army
- * Huronia Office Supplies
- * Georgian Team Design Builders
- * Employment Ontario



Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

- Coldwater
- Waubaushene
- Elmvale
- Honey Harbour

Tutors Needed for our new Literacy Program at the Central North Correctional Centre. For more information on this program please contact Jennifer at the MARC office 527-1522 or email jellis@csolve.net.

If you or anyone you know is interested in tutoring in these areas please contact Jennifer at the MARC office.

Rotary Youth & Family Literacy Program

The Midland Area Reading Council's Rotary Youth and Family Literacy Program is progressing with great success. At this point we are pleased to have 4 adult volunteers, 5 students from Penetang Secondary School and 1 student from St. Theresa's High School as volunteer tutors for this Youth Literacy Program. Currently we are serving

close to 30 young people and their families in four elementary schools in Midland and Penetanguishene. The principals, teachers, students and parents at all four schools have been very positive and helpful during the past seven months. The feedback that has been received is that this program is making a significant difference in the attitudes and

school performance of the young people we are tutoring.

Many thanks to the following schools, volunteers and all the students for working so hard to make this program a success!

James Keating P.S.

Burkvale P.S.

Bayview E.S.

Monsignor Castex School

Learn as
much by
writing as
by reading.
~ Lord Acton ~

MARC Office Hours

Monday—Thursday
9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Friday
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

"Life affords no greater responsibility, no greater privilege, than the raising of the next generation." ~ Dr. C. Everett Koop, U.S. Surgeon General

Midland Area Reading Council Programs

Literacy Basic Skills

One-on-One Tutoring

Small Group

- * Computer Assisted
- * Math
- * English
- * Employment Ontario
- * Workshop Specific / Customized as required
 - * Microsoft Office
 - * Telephone Skills
 - * Money Management
 - * Ontario Driver's G1 Prep

Student Group (coming soon)

Outreach (Tutoring and Small Group off-site from MARC office)

Computer Committee

Tutor Personal Development

- * Tutor Certificate Training
- * Support Meetings
- * Workshop specific / customized as required/requested
- * Computer Workshops
- * Computer Committee

English As A Second Language (ESL)

One-on-One Tutoring

Small Group

Computer Assisted

Coming Soon

Fee for Service

ESL & Microsoft Office

All MARC Programs include:

Student/Volunteer assessment

Customized training plans (goal setting and demonstrations)

Student/Volunteer/Program evaluation

Rotary Youth & Family Literacy Program - Read Write Now

A program for underachieving students in Grades 7, 8 and 9 in Midland and Penetanguishene who need supplementary after school help with:

- literacy skills
- homework
- research for projects / assignments
- organization