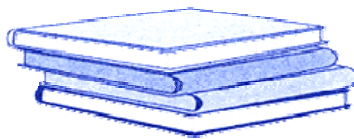


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MISSION STATEMENT *The Literacy Council of South Simcoe is dedicated to providing and promoting literacy skills in the community.*

A MESSAGE FROM THE DESKS OF

MARILYN ARDITO, ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR



Greetings to Everyone!

I'm starting into my seventh month with the Literacy Council. Time flies by!! Spring is here finally. Time to throw off that winter garb and get into lighter clothing! Time to do some housecleaning and get that garden started!

We have finished off our year for contact hours on a successful note.

I'm happy to report that we have more than met our required contact hours for 2005-2006. With the start of the 2006-2007 year, Eva and I are working on increasing our contact hours and the number of learners we serve.

We continue to offer small group tutoring. There are at least six learners involved with this group. They have a great rapport with their tutor and we are very pleased with their progress.

The Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities gave each agency one-time funding to purchase or lease new computer equipment. Here at South Simcoe Literacy Council, we were able to purchase two new computers and also up-date our current equipment. We set up our equipment and established a computer training program for learners. The training offers basic instruction about computers, **Microsoft Word** and **Excel**. So far the class is full and is moving along successfully.

Eva May and I were fortunate to have an article published in "*Side roads Simcoe*". The article addresses literacy issues in general as well as what the Literacy Council of South Simcoe offers our community. There are many potential learners out in the community who may benefit from our assistance. We hope to be more visible in the community and heighten awareness of what we offer.

The tutors here are fabulous! Because of their dedication we enjoy many success stories involving learners. We had our first tutor's meeting on May 4th. In an effort to promote communication, we will be hosting quarterly meetings for tutors to share information on techniques or training seminars, new resources for training etc.

Fundraising efforts continue and I want to thank some of our community members for their support: Township of New Tecumseth, CRIC, the Knights of Columbus, The Alliston Lions, Harmony Express Ltd., the Legion, The Alliston Potato Festival Committee, Lovett Pro locks and **many** of our tutors.

Watch for upcoming fund raising events. We'll be at M&M's over the summer. If you need a special item that you just can't find in any store come to our garage sale at the Potato Festival in August and purchase that special treasure from our wide selection of goodies. Not to rush back into the cooler weather, but we'll be doing our **Tag Day** event in October. Along with the training sessions, there's lots to do here. Have a great spring summer season. Talk to you again in the fall.

Yours in learning,

*Marilyn Ardito
Administrative Coordinator*

EVA MAY, PROGRAMME COORDINATOR



YEAH! "SPRING IS HERE

B.B.Q. August 5th from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm, *come and bring your appetite*; Garage Sale August 11th & 12th, *come and bring your money!!* (contact the Office for further information)

I would like to discuss our "**TUTORS**". These individuals volunteer their time and energy to assist individuals with learning. You are the heart and soul of our Literacy Council.

When you conduct a one on one tutoring, you share the gift of knowledge and enlightenment to each of the learners who want to "**Learn**". I want to thank you over and over again in praise for all you do and I want each of you to know how grateful I am for all your hard work and dedication.

I listened to the old gents talk, no tale you've heard the like
No drinkers in that town could match, those buddies – Pat and Mike
Seems later in the Fall last year the night was dark – and fog
Was thicker than pea soup they said, not fit for man nor dog

Now the drinkers – most left early but that pair drank more and more
'Bout two o'clock the landlord then put both them out the door
The elements of night were bad, but they didn't give a hoot
Both were 'wired' to the hilt and stiffer than a boot

The place these sots were headed for was just across the road
For that shrouded, fog bound graveyard was the place of their abode
The night was still and quiet, but the ringing of a bell
From that darkened scary graveyard was sounding someone's knell

A ghostly figure in the fog, a dreadful scary sight
Was approaching both those drunkards and rang its bell that night
Pat fled through that awful fog, old timers told me – then
Perhaps that ghost had got him, he ne'er was seen again

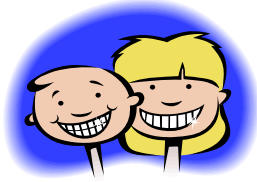
Poor Mike was not so lucky, his heart no longer beat
They said he'd had a heart attack and died there on the street
Next morn the townfolk found him, the fog had drift away
He was stiff as frozen bed sheets, they claim that tale this day

Round noon, a local farmer that lived a mile away
Said Bessie (that's his Holstein cow) had wander o'er that way
Yes they found her in that graveyard, she was chomping up the grass
The cowbell ringing round her neck was heard by all t'would pass
Mike there became a resident (cemetery) the old timers told me then
His drinking pal named Patrick was never seen again

VARIOUS WAYS TO SAY "VERY GOOD"

- You're on the right track now!
- You've got it made.
- I'm proud of the way you worked today.
- You're doing that much better today
- Now you've figured it out
- I knew you could do it
- You must have been practicing
- Now that's what I call a fine job
- Good remembering
- Congratulations. You got it
- WOW
- SENSATIONAL!
- EXCELLENT
- It's such a pleasure to teach when you work like that!

Do you know someone who struggles with reading, writing, math or computer skills? If the answer is YES, tell them about our free, confidential one-to-one or small group tutoring (days or evenings).



HUMOUR

The Surgeon General Warns...

..
NEVER raise your hand during a hijacking to indicate that you get a kosher meal.

NEVER ask a bald man if you can borrow his toupee to clean your windshield.

NEVER threaten to punish your Dalmatian with spot remover.

NEVER hire an attorney who can discuss specific episodes of The Flintstones.

NEVER trust an Oriental dentist who sells miniature ivory animals.

NEVER tell an IRS auditor that if he doesn't leave you alone, you plan to cheat again next year



A relative was visiting in San Antonio and being shown the town by his cousin. "*What's that statue over there ?*" he asked.

"That boy is a Texas Ranger. He killed 146 Apaches in single- handed combat and broke up 27 riots during his career."

Not to be outdone, the Bostonian said, "*Well, we had some heroes too -- Paul Revere, for instance...*"

"Oh!" smirked the Texan, "*You mean that fella who had to ride for help.*"

SWEET-SOUR COLESLAW

- 1 ½ cups finely shredded green or red cabbage
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise or salad dressing
- 1 tablespoon sweet pickle relish
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 2 teaspoons vinegar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon celery seed

In a bowl combine the shredded cabbage and onion. Chill. For dressing combine mayonnaise or salad dressing, pickle relish, sugar, vinegar, salt, and celery seed, stirring till sugar is completely dissolved. Chill. To serve pour the dressing over the cabbage mixture and toss lightly to coat. Makes 2 servings.

WHY PEOPLE VOLUNTEER

(just a few possible motivations)

- To act out a fantasy
- To earn academic credit
- To be with people who are different than themselves
- To do something with a friend or family member
- To see that resources are well allocated
- For recognition
- To make new friends
- To demonstrate commitment to a cause or belief
- To do something different than their daily job
- To keep skills alive
- To feel good
- To have an impact
- To be part of a team



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are always required and A L W A Y S appreciated. If you have skills you wish to share with the Literacy Council, contact the Office to discuss what you can do for us and we can do for you.

There are many things that we can do to perk up and strengthen our interpersonal relationships. Yet the most effective involves the saying of just three words. When spoken or conveyed, these statements have the power to forge new friendships, deepen old ones and restore relationships that have cooled. The following three-word phrases can enrich every relationship.

I'll Be There:

If you have ever had to call a friend in the middle of the night, to take a sick child to hospital, or when your car has broken down some miles from home, you will know how good it feels to hear the phrase, “*I’ll be there.*” Being there for another person is the greatest gift we can give. When we are truly present for other people, important things happen to them and us. We are renewed in love and friendship. We are restored emotionally and spiritually. Being there is at the very core of civility.

Please Forgive Me:

Many broken relationships could be restored and healed if people would admit their mistakes and ask for forgiveness. All of us are vulnerable to faults, foibles and failures. A man/woman should never be ashamed to own up that he/she has been in the wrong, which is saying, in other words, that he/she is wiser today than he/she was yesterday.

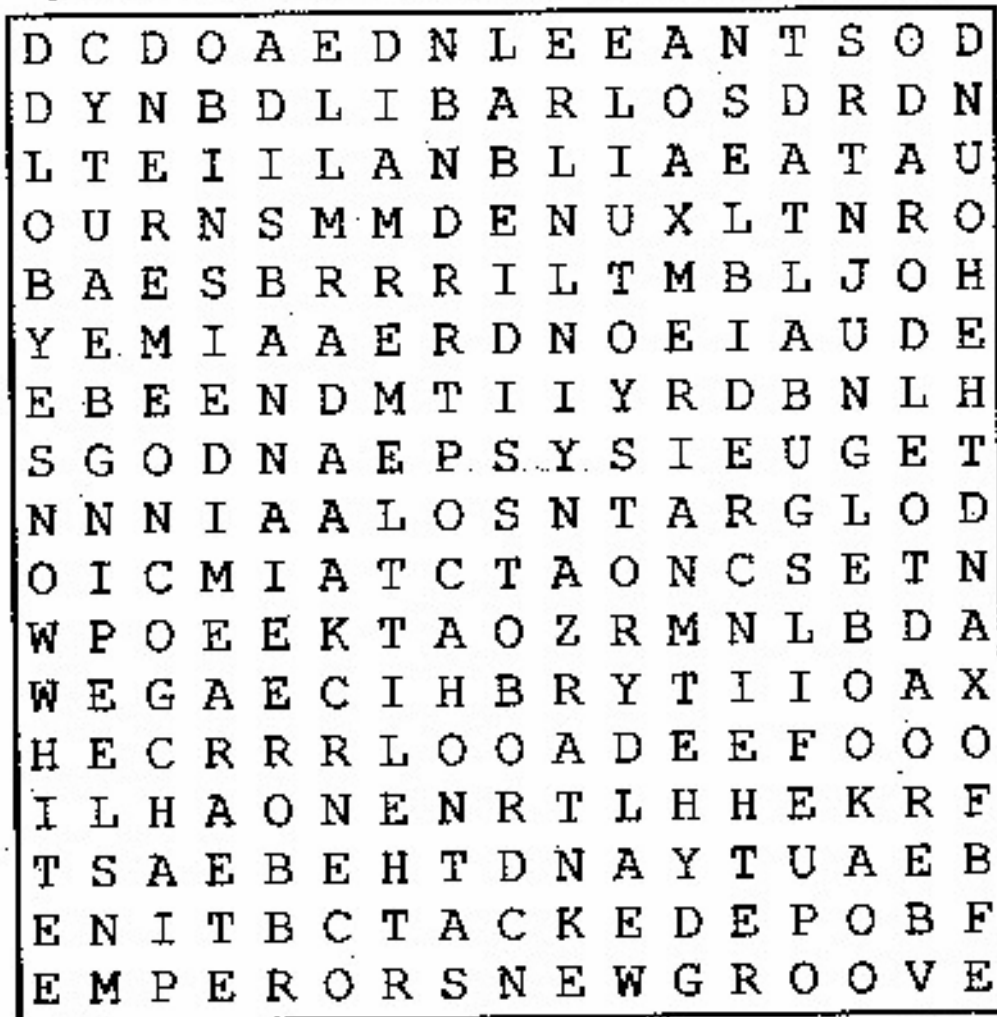
I Love You:

Perhaps the most important three words that you can say. Telling someone that you truly love them satisfies a person’s deepest emotional needs; the need to belong, to feel appreciated and to be wanted. Your family, your friends and you, all need to hear those three little words. “*I love you.*”

LEARNERS WANTED: Are you interested in participating in a small group to upgrade your Computer, Math or English Skills one night a week?? If so, contact the Office to register

Do you know of anyone who would be interested in joining The Literacy Council of South Simcoe as a Board Member or as a Volunteer. Maybe you alone are interested. I guarantee whom ever joins will find it very rewarding. Helping the Community is Great.

Animated Movies Word Search



Bambi
Beauty and the Beast
Cinderella
Emperor's New
Groove

Fox and the Hound
Ice Age
Jungle Book
Monsters Inc
Mulan

Pocahontas
Road to Eldorado
Robots
Shrek
Sleeping Beauty

Snow White
Tarzan
The Incredibles
The Little Mermaid
Toy Story

*annual garage sale for literacy
AUGUST 11th AND 12th, 2006*

If you have items too large or just unable to transport them to our Office, phone the Literacy Office {435-5624} and arrangements will be made to have them picked up.

To make this a very successful event, we need your cooperation and participation.

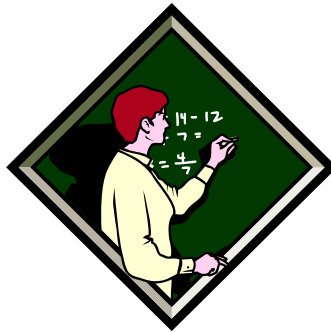
***THANK YOU TUTORS
Thank you LEARNERS
THANK YOU BOARD MEMBERS***

***THANK YOU TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS
WHO GIVE THEIR TIME AND ENERGY
TO KEEP OUR PROGRAM ONGOING***

LEARNING HOW TO READ



LEARNING MATH



LEARNING COMPUTERS

