

NEWS FROM ACROSS CANADA

Provincial and Federal Governments Support Training Workshops for Non-Profit Sector in NB

LearnSphere Canada Inc. has developed a training program in NB for the non-profit sector. The six-month provincial pilot project is supported by funding from the federal and NB governments.

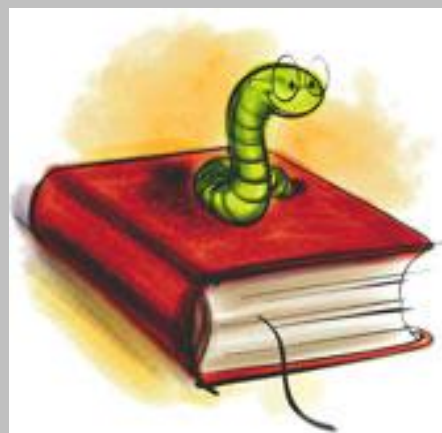
Practical and affordable workshops will be available in French and English in areas of board governance, project management, strategic planning, budgeting, accounting, fundraising & volunteer recruitment. See <http://dailygleaner.canadaeast.com/search/article/1370944>

Potato Harvest Break May Soon Disappear in NB

According to the February 14th article in National Post, the late September school closure for potato harvest may soon end. A survey done by the district education council, asked parents whether they preferred leaving the potato break as it was or altering it slightly. To their surprise, parents voted overwhelmingly on an unsolicited third option: to get rid of potato break altogether. Parents were more concerned about NB's low literacy challenges.

JAN/2011 TUTOR TRAINING WORKSHOP IN BURTT'S CORNER

An **Initial Tutor Training (ITT)** workshop was held on January 14-15, 28-29 in Burtt's Corner. Eighteen (18) participants received LLNB training certification enabling them to start (or continue) working as volunteer tutors with Laubach Literacy Fredericton or the Keswick Valley Literacy Council. We applaud Betty Albright, Krista Arbeau, Debbie Audibert, Nancy Carrier, Theresa Cox, Esther Davis, Brandi Estey-Burt, Elizabeth Hamilton, Faye Higgs, Norma Gene Jones, Jon LeBlanc, Cliff MacGibbon, Kitty Maurey, Patricia Owens, Patricia Standing, Patty Thomas, Kathy Warren, and Sandy Wright for their time investment in helping others. (Photo on pg.2)



MAKING HEADWAY...

CONFERENCE June 10th-12th @ Mount Allison University ...Mark Your Calendars!

Councils: Watch for registration packets being sent soon. The "**Celebrating Learning**" theme will continue as the focus of our Spring Conference. Workshops are limited in size; so book early! Please advise us of any special dietary needs. On-campus rooms can be reserved prior to this Sackville NB event.

WHAT'S THE SCOOP AT OUR LOCAL COUNCILS?

The **Keswick Valley Literacy Council** hosted an ITT workshop at the Burtt's Corner Baptist Church. They invited would-be tutors from **Laubach Literacy Fredericton** to join in the training. Special thanks to Dorothy Lagacy and Margie Cummings for their work in co-organizing the event. Multiple presenters (Valarie Higgins, Howard Lane, Virginia Little, & Joan Perry) facilitated the workshop over two weekends, providing 20 hours of tutor training. ⇐ Read more about it in the article to the left ☺

LAUBACH LITERACY MATTERS

ADULT LEARNING IS FOR LIFE...

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TUTORS & PRESENTERS AT
KESWICK VALLEY ITT
WORKSHOP JANUARY 29TH

FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAM COMING

ABC Life Literacy will create grassroots partnerships between adult learners and volunteers from TD Bank, who will deliver the program, to increase the comfort level of adult learners with financial institutions and cultivate new relationships within the community.

Topics covered in the **Money Matters™** program will range from basic banking and the differences between cashing cheques at a bank versus a payday loan office to understanding credit cards and long-term investments (like RRSPs and RESPs). Watch for it in September!

TIPS ON IMPROVING ADULT LEARNER RETENTION/TUTOR PERSISTENCE

If we do not tutor them on what they want to learn, they will leave.

♦Involve learner from the start in identifying goals, planning lessons, & evaluating learning. Learn how the student learns best. They can help you find that, by sharing what they *already* know works well.

♦If there's a problem with materials, the progress rate, time commitment, discuss what each of you can do to make it better. Always maintain your availability for learners. Stay flexible & respectful.

Adults vote with their feet.

♦Tutors must let learners control their own learning and supply support as needed. Show sensitivity. Identify those at 'risk' of non-completion & talk about ways to manage any barriers they face.

ONLINE RESOURCES for TUTORS:

Please e-mail website links for great resources to: jperry.lnb@nb.aibn.com for sharing in future issues of this newsletter.

LEARNING MATERIALS on NALD: For a lesson plan example & template, check out **Idioms: Love ,em or Leave ,em**(2010) from Read Saskatoon. Great for ESL or English learners!
www.nald.ca/library/learning/readsask/lp_idioms/lp_idioms.pdf

Want to know more about LD? Download **Adult Literacy and Learning Disabilities: Best Practices for Success - A Resource Manual for Practitioners** (2007) by Joan Perry at LCNB.
<http://www.nald.ca/library/learning/alld/cover.htm>

INTERNATIONAL ADULT LEARNERS' WEEK IN CANADA



International Adult Learners' Week (IALW) 2011 in Canada will be held from April 2nd-9th.

The Week celebrates adult learners across the country and the joy of learning throughout life (lifelong learning).

Have you had a learner submit their creative writing into the Literacy Coalition of New Brunswick's contest? If not, send it to: lnbcommunications@nb.literacy.ca
Details are on their website at www.nb.literacy.ca



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