

LAUBACH LITERACY MATTERS

Changing Lives in NB through one-to-one adult literacy services!

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LLNB'S 2011 AGM in Fredericton NB

Great **FOLKS** + a beautiful **VIEW** overlooking the 'greens' + nutritious **FOOD** + valuable **messages & reports** = An excellent **LEARNING** opportunity ☺



Fredericton mayor, Brad Woodside, spoke to LLNB's AGM attendees at the Kingswood Lodge on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. The event was hosted by Laubach Literacy Fredericton this year. Special thanks to Chris, Virginia, and board members for arranging event details.

About fifty people came to hear updates and reports from LLNB President Julie McSorley, Executive Director Deanna Allen, & Treasurer Ashley Chapman at the 2011 AGM in Fredericton, and Miramichi student, Elaine Malley, share her personal message.

Attendees learned that more than 20,000 hours of tutoring had been provided by approximately 300 LLNB volunteers in the past year.


Seasons Greetings

"A time of peace, a season of wonder, a moment of joy we quietly hope will last forever..."

*Wishing you all the joys of the season and all the best for 2012!
With warmest thanks from
Laubach Literacy New Brunswick
for all you do!*

The Board and Staff of LLNB



LAUBACH LITERACY FREDERICTON (LLF) TRAINS NEW TUTORS

Following the November 1st article in *The Daily Gleaner*, about a shortage of volunteer tutors for a waiting list of adult students, the phone line at LLF was busy. Virginia Little, the Tutor-Coordinator, heard from Frederictonians expressing interest in her November training workshop held on the weekends of Nov. 4th-5th and 18th-19th in the Victoria Health Centre Deli area.

Virginia, an LLNB trainer, delivered a 20 hour workshop to ten area residents with diverse backgrounds and experiences. Also, Laura Long, from the Doaktown area, completed her tutor training at the first weekend session.



FREDERICTON'S NEWEST TUTORS (L to R) Betty Cluthé, Vivian Farrar, Kathy Ricketts, Gail Sawlor, Richard Chase, Ashley Flinn, Jim Harvey, James Gallagher, Gail Jasper, and Pat Stewart.

WOODSTOCK NEWS ☺

Kelly Worden is the Grand Prize winner of the first annual *Lifelong Learning: The Future of New Brunswick* writing/video contest hosted by LCNB. Here she poses with Executive Director, Natasha Bozek. Check out the link to her story on page 3 of this newsletter. On November 7th, her story was posted on NALD's Story of the Week.



FREDERICTON LEARNER WINS A GOGUEN CHAMPLAIN LEARNER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Myrtle Kennedy, a 74-year old, received an award this year for her commitment to life-long learning. She's met with her Laubach tutor twice weekly for the past seven years!

A strong advocate for literacy programs, she often appears on CBC Radio and Rogers Cable Television. She is a member of LCNB's S.O.U.L. Project Speakers' Bureau and has spoken to high school and elementary students about experiences.

The award ceremony took place on August 17th as a part of the PGI Tournament, at the Eveningside Blues for Literacy VIP Gala and show.

Congratulations Myrtle; we applaud your passion!



WOODSTOCK HOSTS TRAINING

The South Carleton Literacy Council hosted an ITT workshop in September, with 2 Florenceville tutors and 5 Woodstock tutors. A member of the Keswick Valley Council finished her training certification needs too.



MIRAMICHI PRIDE –Barb Lane poses proudly with student, Elaine Malley, after her speech at the 2011 AGM. Congratulations, Elaine, on a fine job. Have a speedy recovery on your leg injury. Until then, Elaine, *read on & on...!* 📖
Miramichi held an ITT workshop in October with trainer Valarie Higgins & 6 new tutors. (No photo taken)

READ SAINT JOHN 2012

Several workshops and events are being planned. (Dates TBA)

⇒ **January** ~ Tutor enrichment

⇒ **February** ~ Computer workshops tailored to tutoring needs.

⇒ **March** ~ The ABC's of Fraud.

⇒ **April** ~ Safety tips for spring and summer -Saint John Ambulance

ITT WORKSHOP OCT/NOV 2011

READ Saint John hosted a tutor training workshop on the weekends of October 28-29th and November 4th-5th. They welcomed 4 new tutors, with 2 set to deliver services in the St. George area.



Left to right: Peter Oliver, Carol Crawford (updating training as a READ SJ tutor), Marion Westgate, Alicia Shaw, Peggy Bacher & READ Saint John Director, Marijke Geurts.

READ Saint John Ltd.





ONLINE STORYTIME FOR FAMILIES

ABC Life Literacy Canada is working with Energizer Canada in the promotion of their new program, *The Power of Reading*, launched during Life Literacy Month, September 2011.

Parents and children can work together by logging on to www.thepowerofreading.ca to access five fun stories to read with children anytime. Visitors can select from five one-of-a-kind customizable story builders and can download and print the stories and colouring pages to enjoy later.

Energizer Canada Inc. is partnering with ABC Life Literacy Canada on the *Power of Reading* microsite, with a hope to inspire parents, teachers and caregivers to have a positive impact on children's literacy development. The program is interactive and has great graphics and story options, making it a fresh and engaging tool for families.

Start your family's learning journey today and create your own personalized story at www.thepowerofreading.ca



Combine digital technology with the simple pleasure of reading a story together!

NINE ESSENTIAL SKILLS

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Reading | 2. Document use |
| 3. Numeracy | 4. Writing |
| 5. Thinking | 6. Oral communication |
| 7. Working with others | 8. Computer use |
| 9. Continuous learning | |

LCNB held its "Moving Literacy and Essential Skills Forward in NB" Conference on October 24th-25th, 2011. LCNB created Essential Skills fact sheets to help people understand how each of the nine Essential Skills can be related to the home, finances, health care, certain aspects of the justice system, seniors and the workplace. To view the full list of ES Fact Sheets please visit LCNB's website at: http://www.nb.literacy.ca/rsorslnk/es_fact_sheets.htm

ABC Life Literacy created an Essential Skills brochure that you can download at: http://abclifeliteracy.ca/files/ESD_Brochure_FNL.pdf

Build Your Career with Essential Skills was launched Nov. 14th, offering HRSDC job profiles, online assessments, reports, and customized learning plans & online resources at: <http://en.careers.essentialskillsgroup.com>

WEBSITE Picks for Learners

→ Check out www.freerice.com for a fun game for learning word meanings along with an opportunity to donate rice to help with the world hunger situation. There are a number of levels and interest categories. Isn't it nice to know that your learning could be helping someone else in the world?

→ Read a Woodstock Laubach learner's success story at: http://www.nb.literacy.ca/learners/winners/kelly_worden_and_natas_ha.pdf

→ Keswick Valley Literacy Council's Laubach learner, Bev Arbeau, was a Canada Post Literacy Award winner. His story appears on the Canada Post website, with other winner stories. Go to: <http://www.canadapost.ca/cpo/mc/aboutus/community/literacy/awards/default.jsf>

EYE ON IT -Online Tutoring Resources

For an online indicator of Learning styles try the VAKT survey at: <http://www.open2.net/survey/learningstyles/>

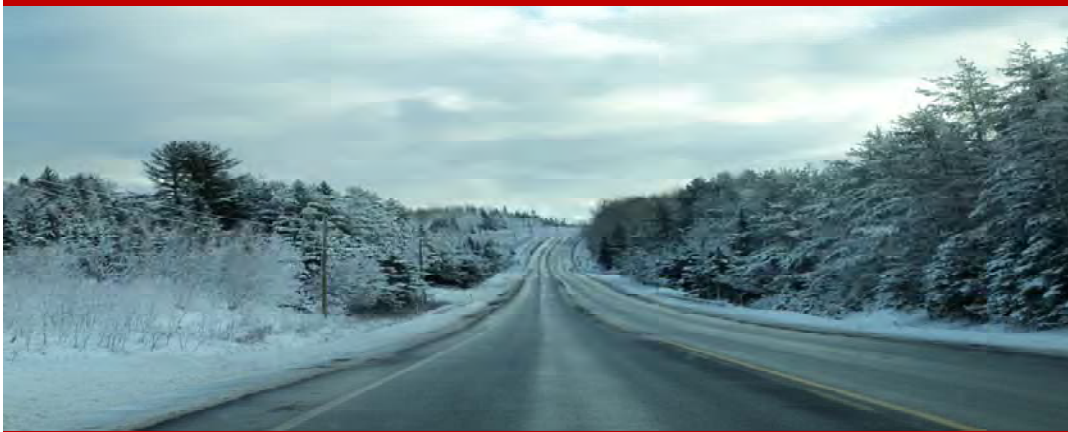
For some tried and true strategies for effective learner recruitment in literacy programs, go to: <http://www.nald.ca/literacybasics/retentn/abc-retn/01.htm>

Q: What does IALSS mean to Laubach tutors about learner skill levels?

IALSS offers 5 general benchmarks for literacy:

- *Level one* – Basic identification of words and numbers; basic decoding.
- *Level two* – Identifying words and numbers in a context and being able to respond with simple information e.g. being able to fill in simple forms.
- *Level three* – Identify, understand, synthesize, and respond to information. Be able to match given information which corresponds to a question. This level corresponds closely with high school completion levels.
- *Level four* – Have sufficient skills to decode, comprehend, synthesize and interpret info and respond accordingly; higher level skills in understanding and interpreting info, responding and problem solving.
- *Level five* – Understand and verify the sufficiency of the information, synthesize, interpret, analyze and discuss the information; sophisticated skills in handling information.

Extracted from <http://drsaraheaton.wordpress.com/2011/05/01/what-is-the-international-adult-literacy-survey-ials-a-canadian-perspective/>.



FAMILY LITERACY DAY: Jan. 27th

Learning happens in everything we do.

Whether you team up to sort laundry, write a grocery list, or discover a new route to school, you are learning together. How will you learn with your family? Take the learning journey at FamilyLiteracyDay.ca and download your Journey to Learning Passport.

LEARN LINE FOR REFERRALS TO ADULT LITERACY PROGRAMS

LCNB continues to be a provincial adult literacy program contact shared in Yellow Pages' ads (sponsored by ABC Life Literacy Canada & Yellow Pages Group Co.) Under the heading "LEARN" their toll-free number **1-800-563-2211** is displayed for those needing help with reading, writing, or math. They will refer to literacy organizations and programs in the area.

LLNB's TOLL-FREE LINE is 1-877-633-8899

FAMILY LITERACY DAY ON JANUARY 27TH

Family Literacy Day, held annually on January 27, was developed by ABC Life Literacy Canada in 1999 to celebrate adults and children reading and learning together, and to encourage Canadians to spend at least 15 minutes enjoying a learning activity as a family every day. Go to <http://abclifeliteracy.ca/fld/free-downloads> for ideas.

ABC Life Literacy Canada is encouraging Canadians to spend at least 15 minutes a day enjoying a learning activity together as a family is accomplished with the click of a button. Visit www.FamilyLiteracyDay.ca to download your copy and let the fun of learning begin!

They're encouraging families to get together and write an original short story in celebration of Family Literacy Day. Each week leading up to Family Literacy Day on January 27, a lucky story will be featured as the Family Literacy Day Weekly Story. Go to <http://abclifeliteracy.ca/family-literacy-day> and submit your story!

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT- If you or someone you know is looking for an exciting opportunity to contribute to your community by investing your time in one-to-one adult tutoring services, give LLNB a call and we can provide local council contacts who are recruiting new tutors.

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