



Literacy NL E-Bulletin for Monday April 2, 2007

Literacy Newfoundland and Labrador

A grassroots network of individuals and community-based groups committed to advancing literacy and lifelong learning in our province.

NEWS

Media Item: Low Literacy Rates linked with Health Concerns

The Health and Wellness Advisory Council of Bell Island sees the struggle with low literacy as a possible root cause for serious addiction and obesity problems uncovered in a recent study. Read more....<http://www.cbc.ca/canada/newfoundland-labrador/story/2007/03/02/bellisland-addictions.html>

Literacy and Mental Health

A newly released Ottawa-based feasibility study on literacy and mental health surveyed three participant groups: clients, mental health workers and literacy staff, in an effort to develop strategies to help adults who have serious mental illness, as well as literacy needs, integrate more fully into society. Current practices and suggestions which constitute best practices are included in the full report. If you would like to obtain a full electronic copy of the report, you can email the Ottawa Community Coalition for Literacy: abcline@occl.ca.

Workplace Literacy Fellowship

Thinking about heading back to school to work on your masters or doctorate?! The National Adult Literacy Database (NALD) is offering a fellowship program to a Canadian graduate student who is focusing his or her research on workplace literacy. For more information go to nald.ca/fellowship

Canada Post Awards

Think about nominating someone for a Canada Post Award. The Literacy Awards were established by Canada Post in 1993 as a means to celebrate the achievements of both adult learners and those who have helped them learn to read and write. By publicly acknowledging these efforts the Literacy Awards continue today to inspire thousands of Canadians to improve their reading and writing skills and to reach their personal literacy goals. For more information go directly to the Canada Post website at <http://www.canadapost.ca>

UPCOMING

Invitation to Join a Conversation, April 4, 2007

Please mark your calendars! Anne Budgell of CBC's Radio Noon will be hosting a call-in show to review the current landscape of literacy in our province. Please join the on-air discussion on April 04, 2007, from 1:30 – 2:30 pm Island time, and share your views on the activities in literacy and learning. Caroline Vaughan of LNL will be one of Anne's guests for this program. The call in number for Radio Noon is: 722-7111 or toll free 1-800-563-8255.

Free Books for Community Groups, April 21, 2007

The Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) will have many unsold books -adult, children's, fiction and non-fiction- available for community organizations at the close of their annual CFUW Book Sale on Saturday April 21. A representative from your group must be available the afternoon of the sale. To register to be included in this offer please contact Karen Herzberg by telephone 753-6568, or [email karen_herzberg@hotmail.com](mailto:karen_herzberg@hotmail.com).

DID YOU KNOW?

Communities in Schools

CIS works with schools to coordinate the delivery of services to young people by recruiting community volunteers to help support school initiatives. They do as their name implies - bring "Communities In Schools". Learn more about this NL initiative. [Literacy Newfoundland and Labrador](#)

LNL Web Page Now Online

If you're looking for information about literacy in Newfoundland and Labrador, then you will want to visit here and return often! This website is your '1-stop-shop' to find out about literacy and learning programs, news, events and much more. Have a look around the site to see what's happening with literacy in our province and how you can get involved. [Literacy Newfoundland and Labrador](#)

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Family Literacy Day Highlight

To celebrate Family Literacy Day, January 27th, St. John's Public Libraries partnered with the Community Food Sharing Association to collect donations of new and gently used children's books for the Food Banks. The books will be distributed by local food banks to families when they pick up their groceries. St. John's Citizens donated 878 books! To learn more about your local library visit www.nlpubliclibraries.ca.

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