



Literacy NL E-Bulletin for Wednesday, March 21, 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: The Story of Mark Regular, Student

The story of 18-year-old Mark Regular, a Level 3 student from Menihek High School, is explored in this March 12, 2007 article contained in *The Packet*. Mark will graduate this June, however, despite a report card showing high averages in the 60s, 70s and even 80s, he won't be able to read what's on his diploma.

[Read the full story...](#)

NEW PUBLICATION

Focused on Practice: A Framework for Adult Literacy Research in Canada by Jenny Horsman & Helen Woodrow (Eds.)

Research in practice (RiP) is an approach to professional development that engages instructors, teachers and tutors with adult literacy research. In RiP approaches, practitioners read and respond to research; reflect on the implications of research findings for their practice; and develop knowledge by conducting research projects.

Focused on Practice contains the findings of a Canadian study designed to learn about our experiences and interests in RiP so that a framework to support practitioners' research efforts could be created.

Provincial and territorial adult literacy workers conducted the research in their own jurisdictions - Pam Bennet led the Literacy NL team. A *limited* number of copies of the report are available for community groups and individual practitioners through Literacy NL's office.

Contact info@literacynl.com to request a copy. You can also download the report in PDF format at http://www2.literacy.bc.ca/focused_on_practice/focused_on_practice.pdf

Report on Atlantic Roundtable Discussion

The Adult Learning Knowledge Centre, along with the Canadian Policy Research Networks (CPRN), is co-sponsoring a national series of invitational roundtables organized around the CPRN report *Too Many Left Behind*. The roundtables are intended to affect policy around the delivery of programs related to high school completion, literacy, and prior learning recognition. The report on the Nov 13 roundtable in Halifax has now been released. [Read both the CPRN and Roundtable reports...](#)

UPCOMING

Invitation to Participate

Literacy NL (LNL) is inviting its grassroots membership to get involved in our activities. One way members can play a role is to take a seat on one of our standing committees. We are looking for your valued input, your shared energies and your ideas (great and small), to invigorate our *Research* and *Communications* committees. These committees will play a defining role in shaping the present direction of LNL. Intrigued? Contact Caroline at the LNL office by email cvaughan@literacynl.com or call 1 800 563-1111 for more information.

NEED A SUMMER STUDENT?

Canada Summer Jobs deadline March 30, 2007

Canada Summer Jobs is focused on encouraging not-for-profit, public sector, and smaller private sector employers with 50 or fewer employees to create jobs that not only meet their needs, but benefit young people who need jobs the most. Deadline for applications is March 30, 2007. For a paper application call

1 800 935-5555. For an on line application go to [Canada Summer Jobs Applicant Guide](#) .

SWASP Student Work and Service Program (Community Service Component)

The SWASP Community Service Component is a career-related employment program for post-secondary students. Students complete an 8-week (280 hours) community service placement with a non-profit organization and receive a \$1,400 tuition voucher as well as a \$75 per week stipend. This program is delivered by the Community Services Council Newfoundland and Labrador (CSC) and funded by Service Canada and the provincial Department of Human Resources, Labour and Employment. Community groups **will receive applications in the mail** by the end of the month. Deadline on applications is April 13.

[More information...](#)

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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