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NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR LAUBACH LITERACY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

The President's Corner

NLLLC President
Monnie Moores



Greetings Everyone,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas everywhere you go. Once again the festive season is upon us with all the hustle and bustle of this time of the year and all the shopping and preparations that this season entails. It's a time when we reach out to family and friends, a time to reflect on what we have accomplished and achieved over the year, a time to remember the less fortunate, a time to forget and forgive, and a time to love.

On behalf of myself and the NLLLC Board, I would like to extend best wishes for a safe & happy holiday season, to you and yours with much happiness and success for the coming year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the host council - Open Book Literacy Council, Anne Hughes and her committee for doing such a tremendous job in organizing and hosting our 2005 AGM. This required much commitment, dedication, and hard work from all involved. They are now in the process of reviewing all evaluations and any feedback received for future conferences.

Have a Very Merry Christmas,

Monnie

Congratulations Melanie!

& welcome to your beautiful baby girl

Jill Sandra Callahan

Born: Oct 01, 2005

7lbs 15ozs



2005 Annual General Meeting & Conference Update

This year The Open Book Literacy Council from St. John's hosted the NLLLC AGM at the Battery Hotel, from October 21-22, 2005. NLLLC would like to send out a big thank you to the host council for a wonderful job. This year's conference involved a day of workshops followed by a banquet and then concluded with the AGM. The conference was well enjoyed by all who attended, and it was a great opportunity for staff, board, volunteers, and students to get together, mix and mingle. A reminder that next year's AGM will be hosted by the Humber Literacy Council in Corner Brook October 19-21 of 2006. Mark your calendars, so you do not miss it!

Thank you to the following sponsors of conference 2005:

- Canada Post Corporation
- Collage of the North Atlantic
- Newfoundland Hydro
- North Atlantic Petroleum
- Scotiabank
- The Telegram

This year the Conference hosted the 2005 Canada Post Literacy awards. Congratulations to **Bessie Merrigan** for winning the Educator award, as well as to the **Port Hope Simpson Learning Centre** for winning the community leadership award

NLLLC would also like to congratulate **Leona Blackmore** of Grand Falls - Windsor for receiving NLLLC'S Student of the Year Award, as well as **Monnie Moores** for receiving NLLLC'S Suzie Day Volunteer of the Year Award.



Bessie Merrigan
Educator Award

Nick Carew
Canada Post Representative

Marilyn Parr-Penney & Denise Russell
Community Leadership Award



Family Literacy Day

Friday-January 27th, 2006

Family Literacy Stakeholders, it's that time of year again when even though Christmas is at the top of everyone's lists; it is time to start thinking about **January 27th- Family Literacy Day**. Once again thanks to the ABC Canada Literacy Foundation and Family Literacy Day corporate sponsor, Honda Canada Inc., the Literacy Network Adhoc Group (LNAG) can provide councils with free Family Literacy Day promo items.

Sample photos of the various items available, along with additional information about Family Literacy Day, can be found at ABC Canada's website (www.abc-canada.org). Also check out ABC Canada's "**Munsch at Home**" Contest where one lucky Canadian family will win a visit from well-known children's author, Robert Munsch.

To request your Family Literacy Day items contact the LNAG office by calling 1-800-563-1111 (toll-free) or 738-7323 (St. John's area) or emailing info@literacynl.com. Supplies are limited so send your request in early!

Literacy Family Day Free Promo Material Available through LNAG:

- Event Guides
- Posters
- Tip Sheets
- Tattoos
- Bookmarks
- Stickers
- Pencils
- Notepads
- T-Shirts
- Toques
- Certificates of Appreciation

BOOKS FOR BABIES[®] EARLY LITERACY NETWORKING CONFERENCE (ELNC) MAY 2006

UPDATE (TINA STEWART, PROVINCIAL COORDINATOR)

The ELNC Planning Committee has been moving right along with plans for the provincial conference for early literacy volunteers, practitioners, day-care and home-care professionals and families. From Wednesday, May 3rd, 2006 to Friday, May 5th, the campus of Sir Wilfred Grenfell College in Corner Brook will be busy with the event. Some of the tentative session topics are:

- Neurological Development in Children
- Language and Literacy Links: Music, Folklore and More
- Oral Story-Telling
- Funding Partners: Find, Approach, Develop and Thank
- "Literacy Rocks" – Art and Literacy
- Public Profile: Promote your Programs
- Mother Goose Program
- Story-Telling Fun: Finger Puppets, Flannel Boards, etc.
- The Importance of Reading to Children's Development
- Speech & Language Awareness in Children's Development
- Volunteers: Find, keep, Enjoy and Reward Them
- Literacy Resources: What's Out There?
- "Literacy Cooks" – Food and Literacy
- Care for Self/ Personal Wellness

If anyone would like more information, please contact Tina Stewart or Natalie Hynes at (709)634-4888, by email at babybooks@ed.cna.nl.ca or by fax at (709) 634-2126, Attn: Books for Babies.



A LOVE OF READING ONCE BEGUN NEVER ENDS



Building a Provincial Literacy Network... From the bottom UP!

In 2006, a new provincial, grassroots literacy network will officially be born! And everyone is having his or her say about what this network should look like and the work it should do.

The Literacy Network Adhoc Group (LNAG) has been working to provide a range of opportunities for interested people to give their feedback about this new network. People have been making their voice heard in a variety of ways: teleconferences, face-to-face dialogues and listserv discussions. And all of this input accumulated into a provincial working conference in December. Participants who attended that conference heard what people all over the province had to say and made some decisions about what this new network will look like and what work it will do to begin to address the identified needs and wants.

LNAG Background... As many are aware, the 'Literacy Network Ad Hoc Group' (LNAG) is a group of interested individuals from around the province who have varied experiences and connections to the literacy field. LNAG's purpose was to help the literacy community explore how a strong and supportive literacy network could be built for Newfoundland and Labrador.

This exploratory work was the reason for LNAG originally coming together. The Literacy Development Council, however, closed in December 2004 and LNAG temporarily took over some of their roles as well. 2005 has indeed been a busy year for LNAG.

Networking and Dialogue... Throughout the year, LNAG's aim was to provide a variety of ways for people to participate in this exploratory work. Here are the many ways that people have shared or continue to share their ideas:

Provincial Literacy Listserv – The listserv has provided a place for ongoing dialogue about literacy issues, literacy news and other tidbits of information that are useful to community-based literacy organizations and interested individuals. It has also been a place to give input about a new network. If you are not on the provincial literacy listserv, to be added simply email your name, organization and community to info@literacynl.com.

Provincial Teleconferences - Recently LNAG, in collaboration with various community partners, hosted a series of 90-minute provincial teleconferences on a variety of literacy-related topics. These have been valuable sharing and learning events. They have also provided great opportunity for participants to discuss what role(s) a new network could play in supporting organizations to address some of the issues discussed.

Community Dialogues - While it was impossible to do these everywhere, LNAG sponsored five face-to-face community dialogues around the province. LNAG worked with community partners to host these focused, in-depth discussions with groups of individuals interested in literacy. They discussed local assets and issues, and the role they would like to see a provincial literacy network play in relation to these.

Provincial Working Conference - From December 1-3, LNAG brought together people from all parts of the province to review all the input they received throughout the year. The conference was truly a "working conference" where decisions were made about the most appropriate form and functions for the new provincial literacy network.

There is still time to add you input... You can join our listserv, or if you prefer a more 'private' way of sharing your thoughts, you can certainly contact our office (see below). We even have message manager so if you like, you can call after office hours and confidentially record your input. Your thoughts are important so seize the moment! **Contact the LNAG office at: 1-800-563-1111 or 738-73230 fax: 738-7353 or Email: info@literacynl.ca or Mail:P.O. Box 8174, Stn A, St. John's, NL, A1B 3M9**

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Welcome! New NLLLC Board Member Denise Russell from the Labrador White Bear Literacy Council. Denise joins our Board as Secretary.



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National News Items

- The \$1 registration fee for new Laubach tutors will no longer be collected, effective Nov. 19, 2005.
- As part of its efforts to refocus on its main mission, LLC will no longer provide funding to Peer Youth Tutor (PYT) clubs.
- Support for English as a Second Language training (ESL) was recognized as a priority and the National Office will work to identify funding sources to make this a reality.

LLC Endorses Volunteer Code

When LLC's Board of Directors met on Nov. 19 in Ottawa, it decided to endorse the values and principles of the Canadian Code of Volunteers. LLC will be encouraging provincial Laubach bodies and local Councils to adopt those principles.

As part of its endorsement of the Code, LLC's name will appear on Volunteer Canada's website as a supporter of the principles.

Details about the Code will be posted on LLC's national website: www.laubach.ca. Click on *What's New* for complete information

NLLLC Tutor Training

NLLLC has received funding through the Department of Education in order to help councils provide tutor training throughout the province. Any council in need of financial assistance to provide tutor training please contact NLLLC Provincial Office at 1-800-863-0373, or e-mail laubach@nf.aibn.com. Funding is limited so get your requests in early.



Information Resource Material Package (IRMP)

Dawn Chaffey

Executive Director, Newfoundland and Labrador Laubach Literacy Council

This year, with funding from the National Literacy Secretariat, a big project for NLLLC will be to develop an Information Resource Material Package. This Package will: promote NLLLC's free literacy services; increase public awareness of NLLLC; increase awareness of literacy issues faced in our province; provide students, tutors, and volunteers, as well as the general public, with a snapshot of NLLLC and its councils; and provide better communication within NLLLC and its local councils. The Package will be distributed in a binder which can be updated annually and can be specifically tailored to individual needs. To make it more accessible to the non-reader students; the Student Packages will be available through print as well as voice- over on compact disk.

If you would like to comment on this project or simply would like further information please call Dawn at 1-800-863-0373, or email laubach@nf.aibn.com. The Information Resource Material Package is for you, so please let NLLLC know what you would like to see included.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, and joyous New Year.

Sincerely,

Dawn



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