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The President's Corner

NLLLC President
Monnie Moores



Greetings Everyone,

Summer is here and with it the promise of new beginnings. Everyone begins to feel renewed and rejuvenated. We acquire more motivation as students and tutors. This new energy will keep us on track with zest for another season.

On behalf of NLLLC Board and Staff I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Volunteers and students for a job well done. *Volunteers are not paid -- not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless. (Author Unknown)*

Looking forward to seeing everyone who will be attending NLLLC's Annual General Meeting in Corner Brook in November.

Have a safe, happy and fun - filled summer.

Take Care

Monnie Moores
President NLLLC
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2006 Annual General Meeting & Conference Update

This year the Humber Literacy Council of Corner Brook will host the NLLLC AGM & Conference at the Glynmill Inn, in Corner Brook from November 16 -18, 2006. This year's conference will involve a day of workshops followed by a banquet on Friday evening and conclude with the AGM and Round Table discussions on Saturday. The AGM and Conference provides an opportunity for local councils, staff, board members, volunteers and students to come together, mix and mingle. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend, so mark your calendars!

For more information call the Humber Literacy Council at (709) 634-4888 or e-mail humber_literacy@yahoo.ca

****A reminder to all councils - Please have your Annual Report submitted to the provincial office by Friday, September 29, 2006.**

NLLLC Tutor Training

NLLLC has received funding through the Department of Education 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.

NLLLC Board of Directors

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Board recruitment: Anyone interested in becoming a member of the provincial Board of Directors please contact 1-800-863-0373 for more information.



Literacy & Wellness Fair Bonne Bay Literacy Council



Evidence shows that literacy is strongly tied to good health and wellness. To celebrate the role literacy plays in the development of healthy families, a Family Literacy Fair took place at the Rocky Harbour Public Library on May 18, 2006.

More than 130 people, including students, teachers, parents, and members of the general public, attended the fair. The theme for the event was "Literacy and Wellness". The focus was on gaining greater knowledge, skills and behaviours that are important to healthy living. The many dimensions of wellness were explored, including nutrition, physical activity, personal safety, stress, mental health, environmental health, and access to health information.

The Family Literacy Fair was designed for students in Kindergarten to Grade 6. Families and members of the general public were invited to attend as well. There were opportunities to win prizes and to enjoy some good nutritious snacks such as fruit and vegetables, cheese and crackers.

Special guest, Fred Sheppard, an Interpreter with Parks Canada, entertained with books, puppets and more! As well, people visited a number of display booths and participated in a literacy and wellness trivia game as they visited each booth. Participants collected a range of informative brochures and a variety of promotional items including reflective armbands, stickers, pencils, tattoos, and pens.

Students in Grades 2, 3 and 6 also participated in a poster contest. First, second, and third prizes were awarded for best posters in each grade category. The student illustrations highlighted the connection between literacy and wellness. A job well done! Thank you to all students who participated in the poster contest.

The Bonne Bay Literacy Council, in partnership with Gros Morne Academy and the Rocky Harbour Library Board, hosted the Fair. Community partners, including: Western Health, Newfoundland and Labrador Laubach Literacy Council, Western School District, Treehouse Family Resource Centre, and Community Mental Health Initiative, participated in the event. The Family Literacy Fair was made possible with sponsorship from the Western Regional Wellness Coalition, Community Grants Program.

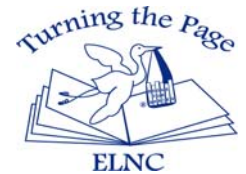
**For more information, contact the Bonne Bay
Literacy Council at (709) 458-3377.**



Summer Reading for Fun



Once again Summer Reading for Fun (SRF) has started up in many areas of the province. This program provides hundreds of school aged children with a little extra help during the summer months in the areas of reading, writing and comprehension, bridging the gap between June and September. SRF has been made possible through support from NLLLC, Service Canada, through their Summer Career Placement program, and the Cygnus Foundation. NLLLC was very fortunate again this year to have received funding from the Cygnus Foundation to provide summer student tutors with 30 hours of training prior to the start of their programs. Training took place in Corner Brook at the Sir Wilfred Grenfell College from June 26-29, 2006. A total of 21 student tutors attended from 10 sites across the province. NLLLC would like to thank everyone who supported the program and provided training for the 2006 year.



A page-turner for the Books for Babies program

“It’s always a good sign when you want to turn the page and continue.”

That was the reaction from more than 100 delegates who attended the Books for Babies® Early Literacy Networking Conference (ELNC) in Corner Brook from May 3rd to May 5th. Aptly titled, *Turning the Page*, the event marked a significant start to a new chapter in this province’s original early literacy program.

“We expected 80 delegates and we had 115 attend,” said Tina Stewart, the conference coordinator. Feedback has been very positive with a 76% return on evaluation forms. Delegates gave a 97%-100% Good to Excellent rating for both the session topics and presenters. Stewart added, “I am very pleased with both the rate of return and the rating of our conference content. As a first event, it is good to know that people who had spent long hours traveling to attend, were pleased with what we offered.”

The Government of Canada through National Literacy Secretariat was the primary supporter for the conference with assistance contributed from the Provincial Department of Education. Donations of items from community businesses and organizations, and support from the media and conference volunteers contributed to a successful event.

A Resource Manual and photos from the Early Literacy Networking Conference can be viewed on the Books for Babies® website at www.nald.ca/booksforbabies .

On a more general note, our network grew again this year. We now have 54 organizations involved with our program, an increase from 39 in June 2005. These 54 sites have the potential to be 65 distribution points for families to receive our materials when satellite centres are included. Province-wide from August 2005 to June 2006, partners sites provided families with:

- 1471 Tote bag kits for newborns,
- 330 Year One birthday year follow-up books and Year One newsletters,
- 293 Year Two birthday year follow-up books and Year Two newsletters,
- 234 Year Three birthday year follow-up books and Year Three newsletters, and
- 165 Year Four birthday year follow-up books and Year Four newsletters.

The existence and success of the Books for Babies® program is not possible without the commitment and effort of **approximately 450 volunteers** throughout the province. For additional information about the Books for Babies program, contact the provincial office at (709) 634-4888 or by email at babybooks@ed.cna.nl.ca.

As this year’s contract comes to a close at the provincial office, Natalie and Tina would like to say a huge thank you to everyone – our Books for Babies® community sites, program partners, supporters and volunteers – and to wish everyone a very pleasant Summer.

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Update from Literacy Newfoundland & Labrador



It's been an action-packed few months at Literacy NL!



- **New Board of Directors:** As most of you know, the new Board of Directors for Literacy NL was elected early this year and announced in March. Here are the regional representatives on the board:

Labrador

Antoinette Rich – Natuashish
Benita Penny – Port Hope Simpson
Derrick Sheppard – Churchill Falls
Helen Aster – Sheshatshiu
Maxine Budgell – Happy Valley-Goose Bay

Central

Jackie Collins – Dover
Lillian Moores – Grand Falls-Windsor

Western

Chrystal Smith - Stephenville
Natalie Hynes – Corner Brook
Pamela Bennett - Stephenville

Eastern

Brenda Reid - Clarenville
Ed Brown – St. John's
Helen Woodrow – St. John's
Richard Miller - Clarenville



Literacy NL Board of Directors

- **Workplan for 2006/07:** The board set aside June 3 & 4, 2006, to plan out priorities, activities and timelines for the upcoming year. These were drawn primarily from the extensive consultations that took place with the literacy community last year through LNAG (Literacy Network Adhoc Group). The main priority areas are:
 - Facilitating information sharing and networking among community-based groups
 - Enhancing public awareness around literacy and literacy resources in communities
 - Training and capacity building for community-based groups
 - Helping to build effective partnerships and policy in all sectors
 - Research and resource development
 - Organizational development for Literacy NL
- **IALSS (International Adult Literacy and Life Skills Survey) Presentation:** Literacy NL organized a provincial teleconference and in-person presentation by Dr. Satya Brink from Human Resources Skills Development Canada to overview the IALSS data specific to this province. The media gave attention to the fact that the survey showed over 50% of the Newfoundland and Labrador population aged 16-65 fall below Level 3. This is defined as the level required to function well in today's modern society and knowledge-based economy. Kim Gillard, Literacy NL's Executive Director, was kept busy discussing the data with the media and is continuing to work with Dr. Brink to develop some fact sheets, brochures and shorter presentations that we can share throughout the province.
- **International Literacy Day (ILD) – September 8 ! :** In September, Literacy NL will be launching its 'one-stop-shop' website and toll-free learn line. Both will provide the public access to information about literacy programs, supports and services offered throughout the province. ILD is about raising awareness. Literacy NL will be promoting this day provincially and really hopes that local groups will help mark the day in their own communities. If you are planning any kind of event, let us know so we can feature it on our new website. Email info@literacynl.com or call toll-free 1-800-563-1111 to provide us details or to make sure your organization or program is in our database.

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