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NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR LAUBACH LITERACY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

The President's Corner



Monnie
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NLLLC
President

Hi Everyone

Well, summer has come and gone by so quickly. Fall is now upon us and we have to settle down to a routine that is usually busy for the majority of us.

I'd like to welcome our Executive Director, Melanie Callahan back to work. She has been off on maternity leave for the last year and is now the proud mom of a beautiful little girl. We also have to say thank you and farewell to Dawn Chaffey filled in for Melanie.

It is with great pleasure that we recognize and congratulate all our tutors and volunteers for all their hard work. Our Annual General Meeting and Conference is coming up in November. This is an opportunity to acknowledge the many contributions made by men and women who make up our Laubach Councils. These councils are of great benefit to our students whose lives are improved through involvement in Laubach literacy programs.

Keep up the good work. See you in Corner Brook in November at the "Building Our Strengths" AGM and Conference.

All the best, **Monnie**

Federal Government Cuts

As most of you know, on September 26, the federal government has essentially wiped out all funding for community-based literacy work in this province. This means that adult literacy grassroots program like NLLLC will receive no funding from the federal government to carry out its program in 2006-2007, and into the future.

In recent years, the National Literacy Secretariat (the past federal government agency) has made available about \$648,000 for local/provincial literacy projects in this province. NLLLC currently receives about half the money needed from the provincial Department of Education with the remainder coming from the Government of Canada. This money pays for, among other things, the Executive Director position, the purchase of adult literacy materials and supplies, the publication of this newsletter, the provincial office, Annual General Meeting financing, travel and some tutor training. The provincial government are still working to determine how, or if, it will be able to provide funding to NLLLC in the future.

The NLLLC board will meet to discuss the impact of this funding cut. The future is certainly unclear, but it is known that things will not continue as they have for the past 20 years.

Our support is needed in fighting this devastating blow. Write your MPs, MHAs and senators. Circulate petitions. Talk to the media. Together, let's raise our voices in opposition to this funding cut.

Summer Reading for Fun

Thanks to the efforts of a group of dedicated volunteers, nearly 200 students in this province received one-on-one tutoring during the summer as part of the Summer Reading for Fun program.

With funding from Service Development Canada, 19 students were hired in nine sites province-wide. All tutors were trained using funding from the Cygnus Foundation. Volunteers oversaw the programs; resources and space to host the program was donated by community groups.

Tutors were innovative and creative in delivering their programs and weekly group activities. Once again, parents raved about the program and most students showed progress over the summer months!



A participant at the Bonavista site fishes for words.

Annual General Meeting and Conference

Building On Our Strengths

The members of the Humber Literacy Council have been busy planning this year's AGM and Conference. Scheduled to take place from November 16-18, 2006 in Corner Brook, this year's event guarantees to offer learners and tutors alike opportunities to build on our strengths.

A social will take place Thursday night for while participants will be encouraged to take part in workshops throughout the day on Friday and to enjoy a banquet and dance Friday night. On Saturday, NLLLC will host the Annual General Meeting and roundtable discussions.

All councils are required to submit an annual report which will be compiled into a booklet presented at the conference. Please send your reports to Melanie by the end of October. Also, all councils are asked to make a financial donation to the AGM committee and to bring a prize donation.

At the AGM, the host council for the 2007 AGM and Conference will be chosen. Although organizing this conference will require a bit of time commitment on the part of the committee, remember that the NLLLC board and staff is here to bear some of the burden.

Councils are also asked to nominate exceptional volunteers for the Suzie Day Volunteer of the Year Award and noteworthy students for the Student of the Year Award. Nominations forms are available from Melanie. As part of the conference, the Resource Material Package will be launched at the roundtable.

There are a number of executive position open this year. Consider lending your expertise and talent to the board.



MEET THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Back (left to right): Paula Power, Diane Crocker, Front: Bonnie Schwartz, Michelle Wentzell, Bessie Merrigan, Maureen Kennedy

WE NEED YOU ON OUR BOARD...

The Newfoundland and Labrador Laubach Literacy Council will be holding elections for the following positions on the provincial executive.

PRESIDENT

The duties include:

- Administer and coordinate the objectives of NLLLC
- Communicate with board, paid staff and councils
- Call and preside all meetings of NLLLC
- Represent NLLLC at provincial and national meetings

PROVINCIAL TRAINING OFFICER

The duties include:

- Keep in contact with all Tutor Trainers and Apprentice Tutor Trainers
- Attend National Training meetings
- Ensure all national training standards are implemented
- Aid in the formation of new councils and the distribution of needed training material or information

TREASURER

The duties include:

- Keep accurate and up-to-date financial records
- Prepare required reports, forms, etc.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

The duties include:

- Represent the needs and views of students
- Attend provincial and national meetings on behalf of the students



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Newfoundland and Labrador Laubach Literacy Council Annual General Meeting and Conference

Building On Our Strengths

Hosted by the Humber Literacy Council, Corner Brook, NL

****DEADLINE TO REGISTER: October 31, 2006 ****

Social: Thursday, Nov. 16 at 7:00 p.m. (location to be announced)
Workshops: Friday, Nov. 17 at the Glynmill Inn
Banquet and Dance: Friday, Nov. 17 at the Glynmill Inn
AGM & Roundtable Discussion: Saturday, Nov. 18 at the Glynmill Inn

Each person planning to attend must complete a Registration Form

For further information, contact: humberliteracycouncil@yahoo.com or laubach@nf.aibn.com

Phone: Melanie at 1-800-863-0373, Humber Literacy Council at 634-4888 or Bessie at 637-8535

Send completed registration form and cheques to

Bessie Merrigan

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Box 822, 141 O'Connell Drive Corner Brook, NL A2H 6H6

FEES

Details on hotel and meal costs on following page

\$25 Laubach members and volunteers

\$35 Non-Laubach Individuals and Organizations

\$30 Banquet (all welcome)

No registration fee for students

WORKSHOPS

Please select which workshops you would like to take part in:

FOR TUTORS

- **Basic Bookkeeping** 8:45 a.m.- noon
Offers tips to keeping basic finances and commitments to Revenue Canada
- **Public Relations** 8:45 a.m. - noon
Helps you to promote your program, and to deal with the media
- **Challenger & Voyager** 1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Offers an overview of Challenger and Voyager series
- **Learning Styles** 1:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.
Teaches you to identify and work with your students' learning styles

FOR STUDENTS

- **Learning Styles** 8:45 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.
Help you learn how to learn
- **Literacy Cooks** 11:00 a.m.- 1:15 p.m.
Have fun learning about healthy eating, reading labels and smart shopping. Eat what you cook!
- **Student Caucus** 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.
Your chance to talk about issues important to you as a student

PLEASE PRINT:

Name _____ Address _____
Phone Number (H) _____ (W) _____ E-mail _____
Council Name and Location _____

Are you attending the conference as a (please select one)

- Council Representative
- Tutor
- Student
- Provincial Member
- Other (Non-Laubach council)

MEALS

The purchase of meals is optional. You may choose to eat at one of Corner Brook's restaurants.

Friday:

- Breakfast (\$10)
- Lunch (\$15)
- Banquet (\$30)

Saturday:

- Breakfast (\$10)
- Lunch (\$15)

** Student lunch will be provided Friday as part of workshop. Don't send money for student lunch Friday.*

List any dietary concerns : _____

HOTEL

The AGM Committee will make reservations for you at the Glynmill Inn. If you wish to stay at another hotel/motel, you must make your own reservation.

Roommate Preference _____

When do you plan to register for the conference? _____

When do you plan to check into the hotel? _____ Check out? _____

Do you plan to attend Friday's banquet? _____

FINANCES

Cheque or money order must be enclosed.

**Along with your registration form, please attach a list of members covered by your cheque/ money order.*

PAYMENT IS REQUIRED BY OCTOBER 30, 2006 TO HOLD YOUR ROOM, MEALS, ETC.

- Registration Fee \$25 Laubach members, \$35 non-Laubach members \$0 for students \$ _____
- Hotel Room \$108.30 (tax included) per night, per room \$ _____
- Meals (\$50 for all meals tutors/volunteers, \$35 for all meals students \$30 for banquet) \$ _____
- Council fee (\$50 per council) \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

All councils are asked to bring prizes.