

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR LAUBACH LITERACY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

The President's Corner

Hello fellow literacy friends

First of all, for those of you who don't know me, I am originally from Labrador but am now living in Kippens. I have been involved in the field of literacy in some capacity, since 1991 and I am looking forward to serving the province as president of NLLLC for the next two years. On behalf of NLLLC I would like to extend thanks and appreciation to Monnie Moores our past president, and Bessie Merrigan who has spent many years volunteering for our organization. Also, thank you to all of our tutor volunteers across the province, who tirelessly work to better the lives of those around them. You are much appreciated and our organization would not exist without you.

In closing I would like to encourage all our students to continue learning, for learning is power.

Yours in Literacy,
Wanda



Happy Retirement Bessie!

One of our longest-serving volunteers has retired after contributing over 30 years of her life to helping people learn to read and write. As one of the province's leading advocates and dedicated volunteers for literacy, Bessie Merrigan has contributed greatly to the literacy movement locally, provincially and nationally. She has served on national and provincial Laubach organizations and has been involved with the Humber Literacy council since 1989. We extend a sincere thank-you to Bessie for her many years of service and wish her a happy retirement. She will be missed by many.



BESSIE
MERRIGAN

Thoughts

"Never discourage anyone ... who continually makes progress, no matter how slow"

-Plato-

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Annual General Meeting 2007

NLLLC sends a big thank you to the Board of Directors and staff of Literacy Newfoundland and Labrador (LNL) who provided us with an opportunity to hold our 2007 Annual General Meeting at the **Reading the Landscape: Excellence in Adult Literacy Practice Institute** on November 14th in St. John's.

With the 2007 AGM behind us, we want to remind councils that we do not have a host council for the 2008 AGM. We also have an opening on the provincial board for the position of Vice-President. If you are interested in serving on the board in this capacity or would like to have more information about hosting the 2008 AGM, please call the provincial office.



The 2007-2008 Board of Directors include: (from left to right) front: Melvin Parrott- Student Representative, Paula Power- Treasurer, back: Monnie Moores- Past-President, Wanda Parr-President, Maureen Kennedy- Provincial Training Officer, and Denise Russell-Secretary.

From the ED's desk...

Greetings,

Well, I've completed my first year as the Executive Director of this organization and I feel as if I am in an entirely different place than when I started. This past year has been a learning experience for me and I certainly appreciated the patience and understanding you all displayed as I adjusted to my job. The next few months should have a few less bumps to navigate.

This year, we are trying something new to raise funds to put off the Summer Reading for Fun Tutor Training and to help out Books for Babies. On April 26th, 2008 we will be holding the 1st Annual Dr. Winnifred Anne Downer Memorial Gala Fundraiser at the Pepsi Centre in Corner Brook. We have lined up a night of fun and entertainment with a silent auction, 4-course gourmet dinner and a theatre show which promises to make you laugh! Check out the News section on our website for more information. I sure hope to see you there!



Sincerely,
Margie Lewis
Executive
Director,
NLLLC

CALL FOR NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

We encourage you to tell us about what you are doing in your community relating to literacy. If you have anything to share, we would like to hear from you. Contributions should be sent to the Executive Director's attention by mail to the provincial address, faxed to (709) 634-2126 or by e-mail to laubach@nf.aibn.com.

Got a question? Ask us!

Send your questions by mail to the provincial address, call 1800-863-0373 or send an e-mail to laubach@nf.aibn.com.

ESL TUTOR TRAINER CERTIFICATION

Congratulations are extended to Bev Hulan and Muriel Chislett who received ESL Tutor Trainer Certification from Lillian Moores, English as a Second Language (ESL) trainer during the Regional Symposium for Tutors held in Stephenville.



Photo: (from left to right) Bev Hulan, Muriel Chislett and Lillian Moores

Thanks to our Volunteers!!

Newfoundland and Labrador Laubach Literacy Council Inc. is very fortunate to have a strong group of incredible ambassadors for literacy within our organization.

Our volunteers are the foundation upon which this organization is based and we are continually grateful for your enthusiasm, support and spirit. We want to take this opportunity to recognize and celebrate the tremendous efforts of all our volunteer council members and tutors.

Thank you for all your hard work!

2007 CANADA POST EDUCATOR-ENGLISH AWARD PRESENTED TO LILLIAN MOORES



NLLLC extends congratulations to Lillian Moores, of the Exploits Literacy Council, 2007 winner of the prestigious Canada Post Educator-English Award. The Educator Awards honour educators, tutors, and advocates who have demonstrated a commitment to adult literacy or adult ESL/FSL training. Lillian has been working in this capacity with NLLLC for the past 15 years and we are proud of her accomplishments as an advocate, tutor, and educator of both English and ESL tutors.

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Congratulations!

Doris Somerton

NLLLC Student of the Year

&

Linda Collier

Susie Day Volunteer

of the Year, 2007

Summer Reading for Fun

We are happily anticipating another run for the Summer Reading for Fun program this year. For the past 17 years, the Summer Reading for Fun program has been offered between June and September in communities across the province. Last year, with the help of our dedicated community steering committee volunteers, we helped more than 250 school-age children obtain or maintain literacy skills as a result of the one-to-one tutoring offered through the program. With the help of the Canada Summer Job program we also provided relevant and meaningful work experiences for 30 students in the province. We hope this year we are as successful as we have been in years past and we look forward to announcing funding approval.

Regional Training Symposiums

Thanks to the Adult Literacy Learning and Essential Skills Program, Newfoundland and Labrador Laubach Literacy Council (NLLLC) was able to offer four (4) Regional Training Symposiums for Tutors across the province and in Labrador. NLLLC extends many thanks to the following councils who hosted the trainings: Bay St. George Literacy Council, Stephenville; Bayshore Area Literacy Council, Carbonear; Eagle River Literacy Council, Cartwright and Exploits Area Literacy Council, Grand Falls-Windsor. We also express much appreciation to every participant and to the facilitators who provided the training!



Photo above: John Babb, Q.C.
Legal Issues session, Carbonear

Photos 1 & 2 below: (1.) Grand Falls and (2.) Bay St. George tutors receive English as a Second Language Certification from Lillian Moores, ESL Tutor Trainer



Photo below: Creating a Literacy Vision; Cartwright, Labrador

