



Ottawa Community Coalition for Literacy

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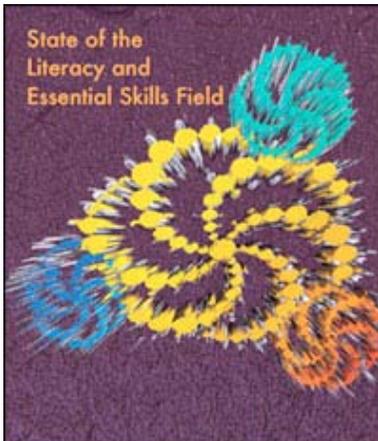


Dates to Remember

September 11, 2013	Board & LPCC Meetings
September (date to be announced)	Special Members' Meeting – OCCL's Transition to the new Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act
October 2, 2013	Performance Management Workshop Location TBA
October 9, 2013	LPCC Meeting
October 18, 2013-05-29	Friends of Literacy Luncheon Algonquin College, Restaurant International
October 23, 2013	Workshop - ESKARGO (Embedded Skills, Knowledge and Attitudes Resource Guide for Ontario) RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive
October 29, 2013	Community Literacy Ontario AGM & Conference Kempfenfelt Conference Centre Barrie, Ontario

In the News

Taking Stock: A Look at Canada's Literacy and Essential Skills Field



A report from the Canadian Learning and Literacy Network on the literacy and essential skills field in Canada is featured this month by NALD (National Adult Literacy Database). The report by Chris Harwood was released late in 2012. It presents a detailed picture of the sector. You can download it [here](#).

Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework (OALCF)

Task-Based Activities

Task-Based Activities for LBS is a new [website](#) designed in partnership by Quill Learning Network, AlphaPlus, Learning Networks of Ontario and Employment Ontario.

The information is organized by stream and provides LBS instructors with ready-to-use, task-based activities aligned to the OALCF. Instructors can browse the activities by **Goal Path** and **Level**.

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Moving Forward: Curricula and Resources for Learners on the Independence Path

Moving Forward, a new resource from Community Literacy of Ontario (CLO), is a competency-based learning curriculum that can be used with learners on the independence goal path. The document includes a list of additional resources with competencies/task groups aligned to the OALCF. *Moving Forward* can be ordered as a hard copy resource for \$30 and is available as a [free download](#) from the CLO website.

Unique Curriculum for Young Single Males

Literacy Link South Central (LLSC) recently completed a nine-month project called *Targeted Literacy: Programming and Outreach for Young Single Males on Ontario Works (OW)*. The curriculum was developed to increase the engagement of single males (18-29 years old), on OW, in literacy programming. The four modules have been specifically designed to meet the needs and expectations of this target group. This resource is available to [download](#) from the LLSC website.

Ottawa Public Library (OPL)

For Kids

The [TD Summer Reading Club](#) is an inclusive, bilingual program that strives to engage children in the joy of reading during the summer months. With the participation of public libraries across Canada, the club aims to:

- connect families with books and libraries
- build children's confidence in and excitement about reading
- help children retain reading skills over the summer
- champion Canadian writers and illustrators
- deliver fun, accessible library activities
- inspire a sense of adventure and wonder, nurture children's imaginations and celebrate their accomplishments

Children who register for the TD Summer Reading Club at their local library branch, receive a free promotional reading kit and are encouraged to earn nine collectible stickers by reading books over the summer. They are also invited to participate in programs organized at their local library and share their love of reading with children across the country through the club website.

Short Story Recommendations

If you who are pressed for time, or prefer to read a complete story in one sitting, check out the short story recommendations on the OPL staff blog, [Light Bites](#).

Local Programs

Fun for the Family at ALSO!

ALSO's upcoming fundraiser, a **Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament**, will take place on **Saturday, June 15** at the Arrow and Loon Pub, 99 Fifth Avenue (corner of Bank and Fifth) at 2:30 p.m.. Tickets are \$10 each. To purchase or reserve tickets call Kim at 613-233-8660 or email her at kim@also-ottawa.org. Come out and support ALSO's family literacy program!

Resources for LBS Coordinators and Practitioners

Literacy Link Eastern Ontario (LLEO)

Aligning LLEO's Assessment Tools with the OALCF and *Aligning LLEO's Occupational Curricula with the OALCF* are new resources developed by LLEO. The resources are comprised of charts indicating the Competencies and Levels required to successfully complete the tasks/learning activities. For more information and to view the alignment charts please go to <http://www.lleo.ca/> and select the **What's New** link.

ACE Distance Delivery

[SmarterMeasure](#) is an assessment available on the Ace Distance Delivery site that measures learner readiness. SmarterMeasure is an indicator of the degree to which distance learning and/or learning in a technology rich environment will be a good fit for a learner. It will help them prepare to be successful as a student. Upon completion of SmarterMeasure learners will receive a score report which will not only help them understand their strengths and opportunities for improvement, but will also provide resources to help them succeed.

Online GED Preparation

The LearningHUB, an e-Channel learning provider, offers GED preparation online. The GED Test consists of five subject areas – Math, Language Arts Reading, Science, Social Studies and Language Arts Writing. The LearningHUB can assign GED pretests as well as GED Practice Tests so learners can determine what areas they may need to work on. You'll find the course catalogue [here](#) and more information about the different study options at the links below. After you click on each one you'll need to scroll down the page to see the descriptions.

[Independent Study](#)

[Live Classes](#)

[Short Courses](#)

Guiding Circles

Guiding Circles is an interactive, flexible, holistic career development program designed to guide individuals toward career paths. The workbooks combine a traditional Aboriginal worldview with contemporary career development concepts to help students achieve career satisfaction, break down cultural barriers, and better understand Aboriginal workforce challenges.

Volume 1: Understanding Yourself and *Volume 2: Finding New Possibilities* are \$6 each and can be viewed and ordered from the [Aboriginal Human Resource Council](#) website.

NALD Online Library

Users of the [NALD library](#) can now make comments and provide feedback on resources posted on NALD. This feature is designed to assist users in their search for resources that are best suited to their purposes.

Introducing Modus

NALD has recently introduced a searchable and interactive online directory of essential skills assessment tools called [Modus](#). Users can build their own collection of online assessment tools as well as review, comment and give a star rating to assessment tools for workplace essential skills.

Research at Centre for Literacy

Uncharted Territory: Can Social Innovation Revitalize Literacy & Essential Skills Programs?

You'll find a [research brief](#) and a [webinar](#) on The Centre for Literacy's website. It highlights what is known about "Social Innovation", describes and analyzes the different forms of social innovation, and considers if and how it might apply in the context of literacy and essential skills in Canada. You can also access the [Powerpoint](#) deck used in the webinar.

Community Literacy of Ontario (CLO)

In March 2013, CLO produced a newsletter on *Privacy* issues. All programs funded by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) have to have a public privacy policy that complies with the Canadian Standards Association Code for the Protection of Personal Information or with the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA). The [March 2013 E-Communiqué](#) contains information on privacy matters that will be helpful to community-based organizations.

On March 19, 2013, Community Literacy of Ontario delivered a webinar on the important topic of reducing the risk to your organizational reputation. This was the fourth and final webinar from CLO'S *Reducing Risk/Protecting People* project. This one-hour webinar covered the following topics:

- How bad can it be?
- Why is your reputation so important?
- Building a strong reputation
- Social media and risk
- Strategies for reducing risk
- If the worst happens

You can access the recorded version of the webinar [here](#). We are also happy to share the link to their online [newsletter](#) www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/newslet/march_2013_our_voice_risk_reputation.pdf about risk to reputation.

Conferences, Workshops & Training

Laubach Literacy Ontario

Laubach Literacy Ontario (LLO) is holding their annual conference, **June 21-23**, in North Bay. LLO's "*Looking Ahead*" conference will bring together literacy learners, practitioners, administrators, coordinators and all who help weave the magic of literacy. The conference will also celebrate the North Bay Literacy Council's 35th anniversary and their ongoing dedication to the literacy cause! Information on registration, accommodation, workshops and special events is available through the [conference website](#).

Essential Skills Ontario - Webinars

You may be interested in [previously recorded webinars](#) offered by Essential Skills Ontario on the following topics:

- Introduction to E-Channel (*May 7, 2013*)
 - Supporting Apprenticeship Completions: Lessons for Literacy Service Providers (*April 11, 2013*)
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Employment Ontario

Recent postings in the *Literacy and Basic Skills* section on the Employment Ontario Partners' Gateway (EOPG):

April 17, 2013: [OALCF Revised Milestones](#)

April 25, 2013: [2012-2013 Research and Development Project \(LBS-R&D\) Audit and Accountability Requirements](#)

May 24, 2013: [Memo - Revised 2012-2013 Audit and Accountability Requirements 2012-2013 LBS Service Provider Audit and Accountability Requirements – REVISED May, 2013](#)
[2012-2013 LBS Service Delivery Statement of Revenue and Expenditure Report - Template](#)

May 29, 2013:
[2013-2014 LBS Service Delivery Organization Guidelines](#) (Revised May 28)
[2013-2014 LBS Support Organization Guidelines](#) (Revised May 28)

June 3, 2013: [Programme for International Assessment of Adult Competences \(PIAAC\) On-line Field Trial](#)



We wish you a safe and sassy summer!

Mary & Maureen

OCCL welcomes submissions that may be of interest to our members. If you have material to submit, please contact Maureen at abcline@occl.ca. You can also contact her if you would prefer to receive **The Update** by regular mail.

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