



Ottawa Community Coalition for Literacy

The Update

September 2013

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Dates to Remember

September 25, 2013

Special Members' Meeting – OCCL's
Transition to the Canada Not-for-Profit
Corporations Act
4:00 – 5:00 pm
John Howard Society, 550 Old St. Patrick Street

September 27, 2013

Essential Skills Day

October 2, 2013

Performance Management Workshop
Continuing Education Centre
440 Albert Street

October 9, 2013

LPCC Meeting
Heartwood House, 153 Chapel Street

October 18, 2013

Friends of Literacy Luncheon
Algonquin College, Restaurant International
1385 Woodroffe Avenue

October 23, 2013

ESKARGO Workshop (Embedded Skills,
Knowledge and Attitudes Resource Guide for Ontario)
RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive

- October 29, 2013 **Community Literacy of Ontario's
AGM and Conference**
(See Conferences, Workshops & Training for
more information)
- November 13, 2013 **LPCC Meeting**
Heartwood House
New location – 404 McArthur Avenue
- November 20, 2013 **Learning with Swagger Workshop**
Heartwood House
404 McArthur Avenue

OCCL is pleased to announce the launch of our new website. A big thank you to Gordon Stephen who worked with staff to create the design. We invite you to check it out at www.occl.ca.

In the News

People, Words & Change - The Power of Words Breakfast

OCCL staff had the privilege of attending the *Power of Words Breakfast* hosted by People, Words & Change (PWC) at the Tom Brown Arena on Friday, September 6. The venue was packed with 125 attendees including dignitaries such as Senator Don Meredith, Mayor Jim Watson, Minister of Labour, Yasir Naqvi and Councillor, Katherine Hobbs. The focus was rightly on PWC's adult learners. Several of them shared their stories and talked about how making the call to PWC changed their lives.

[Read more.](#)

Employment Rates by Education Level: Statistics Canada

In July Statistics Canada posted information from its National Household Survey. Read the [highlights](#) of this survey for an important portrait of Canada's labour force.

The survey found, not surprisingly, that the employment rate for those with university credentials was 81.3% compared to 54.7% for those who had no certificate, diploma or degree.

Employment Ontario

On July 29, the provincial government announced that a new initiative called the Youth Employment Fund (YEF) will be in place by September 23. The initiative will be delivered by Employment Service (ES) providers to create employment opportunities for 25,000 youth in Ontario with a key focus on at-risk youth. You can find more information about YEF on the [Ministry's website](#).

Canadian Literacy and Learning Network (CLLN)

Lindsay Kennedy, President and CEO of CLLN, has created a Huffington Post [blog](#) where she explores how literacy has evolved during the years she's been involved in the field and how many of the challenges still remain.

Ontario Non-Profit Network (ONN)

Fall is the time when many organizations begin planning their special events for the year. The ONN has posted timely information in [5 Top Tips for Non-Profits to Host Safe Events](#).

Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework (OALCF)

Attention LBS Practitioners!

Check out the *Task-Based Activities for LBS* [website](#) to discover the new activities added in English and French.



Ontario Adult
Literacy
Curriculum
Framework

New Series of E-bulletins

AlphaPlus is launching a series of *Digital Technologies E-Bulletins* dedicated to exploring, discussing and sharing their ongoing research and observations related to digital technologies and the Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework (OALCF).

The first issue, titled [OALCF Goal Paths and E-learning](#), focuses on competency requirements in each of the goal paths and takes a look at the ever-increasing reach of e-learning in workplaces and in education.

Ottawa Public Library (OPL)

The Ottawa Public library is offering a large number of programs for its patrons this fall, most of which are free. Find your local branch online and get a list of activities available for young and old. Start your search [here](#).

Ontario Library Association (OLA)

OLA is pleased to announce the winner of the 2013 Golden Oak Award. The honour goes to Joy Fielding for her novel *Home Invasion* available from Grass Roots Press. You'll find a [description](#) of the book on OLA's website.

You may also want to visit [Grass Roots Press](#) to see the new titles available this fall. They offer an abundance of resources suitable for adult learners.

Local Programs

Friends of Literacy Luncheon

Mark your calendars! The Friends of Literacy Luncheon will take place on **Friday, October 18** at the Restaurant International at Algonquin College. For all the details, please check out the flyer attached with this newsletter. Please reserve your spot by **Wednesday, October 9**. You won't want to miss our keynote speaker, Kent MacDonald, President of Algonquin College!

Northern Lights Ottawa Employment Services Centre

On July 31, Northern Lights moved from Ogilvie Road. Their new address is:

1900 City Park Drive, Suite 100

Ottawa, Ontario K1J 1A3

Telephone: 613-688-1072

www.northernlightscanada.ca/ottawa

People, Words & Change (PWC)

Here is a link to the latest PWC [newsletter](#). Check out the wonderful pieces written by PWC learners. Happy reading!

Resources for LBS Coordinators and Practitioners

The Learning Hub Readiness Checklist

In an effort to promote more learner success within the LearningHUB program, and to promote more appropriate referrals from the literacy field and community partners, the Learning Hub has created a [checklist](#) that will help identify when someone is ready for HUB programming, and what steps may need to be completed prior to registering for the LearningHUB.

MetroToronto Movement for Literacy (MTML) – Service Coordination Resource

MTML has recently launched www.OKLearn.ca an online toolkit aimed at helping teachers, assessors, referring agencies and adult learners/clients to more easily navigate adult learning programs and pathways in Toronto and York Region.

Proposal Writing

This [Guide to Program Planning and Proposal Writing](#) from [Saskatchewan Literacy Network \(SLN\)](#) is one of the resources for a workshop designed for anyone interested in writing a proposal for a literacy project.

The first section of the guide focuses on program planning and includes information about developing partnerships; formulating a vision; translating a vision into goals and objectives; and evaluating program results.

In the second section, the authors define a funding proposal; outline the steps for writing a proposal; explain how to evaluate the proposal prior to submission; and offer writing tips.

New! Deaf Literacy Initiative's Essential Skills Website

Check out Deaf Literacy Initiative's (DLI) new [Essential Skills for Work, Learning and Life website](#). This site introduces the Essential Skills in both ASL (American Sign Language) and English.

Conferences, Workshops & Training

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Performance Management Workshop – October 2

This half-day interactive session is aimed at Practitioners and Coordinators of Literacy and Basic Skills programs who want to improve their knowledge and understanding of the Performance Management Framework and its importance.

ESKARGO Workshop ((Embedded Skills, Knowledge and Attitudes Resource Guide for Ontario) – October 23

This training is intended to provide strategic and timely support to the field by creating a bridge from theory to practice in OALCF implementation. It is designed specifically for LBS Practitioners and Program Managers and all participants will receive electronic files of the ESKARGO and Implementation Strategy Resources (ISR).

Learning with Swagger Workshop – November 20

Are you a Literacy and Basic Skills instructor/manager or an Employment Services counsellor who needs:

- a soft skills assessment tool to assess a client's confidence to learn/progress
- strategies to help clients understand how increased confidence and self-esteem can enhance success in education and employment settings
- clear, concrete tools to track competencies related to working with others and managing learning

If you answered yes, plan to attend the Learning with Swagger Workshop and learn to use the assessment tool and strategy guide developed by Project Read Literacy Network.

For more details and registration information for any of these local workshops, contact Maureen at maureenmcgovern@occl.ca or at 613-233-3232. Maureen's office hours are Tuesday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Community Literacy of Ontario (CLO)

CLO is holding their 2013 **AGM and Training Day** on **Tuesday, October 29** at Kempenfelt Conference Centre in Barrie, Ontario. There will be two workshops offered: *Dreaming Big: Making Magic Happen in Your Community* and *Partnerships and the Power of Synergy*.

Centre for Literacy Fall Institute – October 27-29 – Montréal

Interpreting PIAAC Results: Understanding Competencies of the Future

The long-awaited results from the Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC) will be released by OECD and the 24 participating countries on October 8, 2013. You'll find more information on the institute and how to register [here](#).

Interpréter les resultants de PEICA: Comprendre les compétences de l'avenir

L'OCDE et les 24 pays participants diffuseront les resultants tant attend du Programme pour l'évaluation internationale des competencies des adultes (PEICA), le 8 octobre 2013. Vous trouverez plus d'information de l'institut et comment d'enregistrer [ici](#).

French as a Second Language

Le Carrefour is offering French as a Second Language classes. You'll find information for registration and fees on their [website](#).

Employment Ontario

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

- August 14:** [Memo: 2013-14 Support Organization Monitoring Guide](#)
[2013-14 Support Organization Guide for Monitoring Meetings](#)
[2013-14 Support Organization Self-Assessment Questionnaire](#)
 - August 12:** [Memo: LBS Program Business Priorities Survey](#)
 - August 8:** [2014 – 2015 Regional Network Literacy Service Planning](#)
 - August 7:** [Summer Communiqué for LBS Organizations](#)
 - August 1:** [Memo: LBS – Employment Ontario Partners' Gateway Refresh](#)
 - July 25:** [Memo: LBS Program Business Priorities Survey](#)
 - July 12:** [2014-2015 Literacy Services Planning Memo](#)
 - July 2:** [LBS Quarterly Status and Adjustment Report \(QSAR\) Memo – Q1](#)
[LBS Quarterly Status and Adjustment Report \(QSAR\) Template - Q1 \(Updated July 4, 2013\)](#)
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Writing for Adults with a Basic Education

In parting we thought you would enjoy an article that appeared in the Ottawa Citizen earlier this month about local author Alan Cumyn. He discusses his experience writing a novel suitable for emergent adult readers which he refers to as the **'excruciating' clarity of a Good Read.**

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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