



# Literacy in Action

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## Mark Your Calendar!

### January 18, 2005

Deadline for nominations for  
Literacy Alberta Election  
1-800-410-6584

### January 26 and 27, 2005

Community Development  
Conference, Calgary  
[http://www.learning-  
resource.com/events.php](http://www.learning-resource.com/events.php)

### February 2, 3 and 4, 2005

Food for Thought Family  
Literacy Training Workshop,  
Edmonton  
[deborah.landry@gov.ab.ca](mailto:deborah.landry@gov.ab.ca)

### April 11 to 13, 2005

Community Learning Network  
Conference "Growing Great  
Councils", Calgary  
403-948-3815

### May 13 and 14, 2005

WP Puppet Theatre  
Conference "Puppets  
Promote Literacy", Calgary  
[wppuppets@telus.net](mailto:wppuppets@telus.net)

## Announcements

### Literacy Alberta has a new Executive Director!

The Literacy Alberta Board of Directors is very pleased to announce that Janet Lane will be our new Executive Director, beginning January 3, 2005. Janet comes from a strong literacy background, as well as having excellent management skills. Welcome aboard!

### Literacy Alberta Board Election

Our 2005 election is coming soon! You can nominate yourself or another member for a board position. Nomination packages are already in the mail.

### Literacy Awards of Excellence

These special Awards are given every year to people and groups in Alberta who have made a difference for literacy. The Awards were presented at the Provincial Literacy Conference banquet on Friday, November 5, 2004.

Congratulations to this year's winners:

Student Category: **Ana Mullen**, Calgary

Organization Category: **Rainbow Literacy Society**, Vulcan

Practitioner Category: **Kathy Sosnowski**, Beaumont

Volunteer Category: **Stuart MacPherson**, Lac La Biche

### Bursary News

This year, Literacy Alberta raised \$33,000 for student and tutor bursaries! These bursaries made it possible for students and tutors to attend the Provincial Literacy Conference in Calgary on November 4, 5 and 6. Students and tutors came from as far north as Fort McMurray and as far south as Lethbridge. This year, 60 students and 45 tutors came to the conference using bursary funds.

Next year, the conference will be in Edmonton November 3, 5 and 5, 2005. Hope to see you there!

### Welcome to our new Office Assistant!

Bernice Lee is our newest member of the Literacy Alberta team. Bernice began her job in October. Her duties include data entry, Help Line support, filing, typing and general office administration. Welcome, Bernice!





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New Information?

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You can contact us by ...



### Mail

If you have changes to your mailing information, just send us your mailing label along with the correct information to:

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Calgary, AB T2R 1B2



### Phone

1-800-410-6584 Toll-free  
Calgary and area call  
403-410-6990  
Call between the hours of  
8:00 am & 4:00 pm



### In Person

Come and visit our office in downtown Calgary -- we'd love to see you!



### Fax

403-410-9024



### Email

Send emails to:  
office@eLit.ca

Check out our website at  
www.literacy-alberta.ca

Send submissions to:  
office@eLit.ca

## New Resources in the L.A. Library

**Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation/** Parker J. Palmer, © 2000.

**Violence and Learning: Taking Action/** Mary Norton, Editor; published by Literacy Alberta, © 2004.

**Women's Journeys in Self Discovery: Literacy, Life Skills, and Learning/**Judy Murphy, Project Manager; published by The Learning Centre Literacy Association, © 2004.

Literacy Alberta was very happy to receive a donation of \$7500 this fall. The funding will go to adding to and improving the Library's Travelling Trunk Service. For more information about the Travelling Trunks, or to borrow from the Library, please contact us at [LA\\_Library@eLit.ca](mailto:LA_Library@eLit.ca).

## Surfing Sites...

- [www.pwd-online.ca](http://www.pwd-online.ca) access a full range of information on disability-related programs and services in Canada. Information through the site includes links to: health, travel, housing, employment, learning and education, and rights and legislation.
- [www.cea-ace.ca](http://www.cea-ace.ca) (Canadian Education Association) Discover the research, policies and practices that support literacy in Canada.



## Did You Know About...?

### BLAST is Back!

Student Speakers Bureau training is back! This project, called BLASTing On, will train a new group of adult literacy students to learn how to do professional speaking. This exciting project will start in January. Call Cindy Easton at 403-556-2827 for more information.

### Whitecourt Region News

Whitecourt STAR region is planning a one-day conference for Spring 2005. Call Teena Pankonin at 780-349-6333 or 780-674-7532 for information.

### Red Deer Region News

Red Deer STAR region will host a student and tutor conference on **April 9, 2005** at the Kerry Wood Nature Center in Red Deer. Registration will start in January. Call Bonnie Ireland at 403-742-2999 for information.

### Cangive Shopping Network

Literacy Alberta is one of the newest members of the Cangive Shopping Network, an online shopping network of more than 90 stores. Cangive is designed to raise funds for Canadian registered charities and educational organizations. Up to 15% of each purchase made through Cangive automatically supports a cause that the shopper selects. The service is completely free and easy to use. Check it out at [www.cangive.ca](http://www.cangive.ca) and support Literacy Alberta when you make your next online purchase!

### Family Literacy Day Materials Still Available!

Over 50 literacy groups have already ordered FLD items and we have lots left over! We have promotional items like post cards, brochures, stickers, tattoos and bookmarks. Items are free with a \$10 shipping charge. Call Myra at 1-800-410-6584 before January 14 to order.