



# Literacy in Action

The Bulletin of Literacy Alberta

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## Mark Your Calendar!

**September 8, 2005**

International Literacy Day

**September 12, 2005**

Canada Post Literacy Awards,  
Lethbridge AB

[Myra\\_Skerrett@eLit.ca](mailto:Myra_Skerrett@eLit.ca)

**October 3-5, 2005**

New Coordinator Training,  
St. Albert AB

[Candice\\_Jackson@eLit.ca](mailto:Candice_Jackson@eLit.ca)

**October 14, 2005**

Deadline for nominations for Literacy  
Alberta Awards of Excellence

[Myra\\_Skerrett@eLit.ca](mailto:Myra_Skerrett@eLit.ca)

**October 18, 2005**

Deadline to apply for student and  
tutor bursary to attend the Provincial  
Literacy Conference

Candice Jackson 1-866-416-8210

**November 3, 2005**

Literacy Alberta Annual General  
Meeting (AGM), Edmonton AB. This  
year the AGM will be on Thursday  
evening instead of Friday afternoon.

**November 3-5, 2005**

Provincial Literacy Conference  
"Literacy: Making Connections"

Edmonton AB [Margaret\\_Eastwood@eLit.ca](mailto:Margaret_Eastwood@eLit.ca)



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Alberta

## Announcements

### Board News

On June 2, 3 and 4, your Board met in Calgary for the first time since electing our new members. We are pleased to welcome Bonnie Ireland, Beverley Norman, and Daniel Haines to the Board this year. The Board took part in a Board Governance workshop, met with the staff of Literacy Alberta, set up new committees, reviewed the Strategic Plan for the organization, and worked on other Board business. The Board welcomes member feedback. Please contact the office with your questions and concerns.

### 2005 LCA Legacy Bursary

Congratulations to this year's recipients of the LCA Legacy Bursary: Susan Stewart, Alison Wynne, Phyllis Steeves, Bonnie Ireland and Carol Phillips. The LCA Legacy Bursary honours the work of Literacy Coordinators of Alberta and supports continuing professional development for literacy coordinators.

### Attention Coordinators: WE NEED YOUR INPUT!!!

We are developing a mini-curriculum to supplement the ESL Resource Package for Alberta Communities (ERPAC). It will consist of 1½-hour lessons on each of 10 topics. We want this to be tailored to the needs of Alberta rural communities.

If you or anyone in your ESL or literacy program is using the ERPAC in ESL instruction and would be willing to participate in this project, please contact Lorene Anderson and Dawn Seabrook de Vargas at the addresses below.

### A New ESL Service for Alberta Communities

Two ESL consultants are now available to assist communities in their work with ESL learners. We can help tutors and instructors with:

- professional development
- resources
- instruction
- program planning

For more information:

Lorene Anderson at 403-247-3308 or [lorene.anderson@shaw.ca](mailto:lorene.anderson@shaw.ca) or

Dawn Seabrook de Vargas at 780-479-2521 or [vargas@telusplanet.net](mailto:vargas@telusplanet.net)

New Address?

New Information?

Just want to talk to us?

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:

Literacy Alberta  
302, 1300 - 8 Street SW  
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

- **So, Where are the Males?;** a recent addition to the LAPS (Literacy and Parenting Skills) series, identifies strategies for attracting ESL males to literacy programs. To purchase, download the order form at [www.nald.ca/fesa](http://www.nald.ca/fesa). Cost is \$23.
- **Hand-me-down Delicious/**Joanne Good ©2005; cookbook that promotes literacy in the kitchen. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of this book will go to student bursaries and family literacy programs. To order, call 403-931-3134 or go to [www.handmedowndelicious.com](http://www.handmedowndelicious.com).

## Surfing Sites...

- [www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/nc-cn](http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/nc-cn) National Clearinghouse on Family Violence for information on violence in relationships of intimacy, dependency or trust.
- [www.thewclc.ca/edge](http://www.thewclc.ca/edge) an online resource for adult learners, produced by NWT Literacy Council. Topics include Health, Paying Your Utility Bill, Using the Internet and Street Safety.



## Did You Know...?

- Literacy Alberta has provided professional development training through New Coordinator Training and Best Practices Seminars to 80 people in the past year.
- Over 200 students and tutors attended four one-day conferences sponsored by Literacy Alberta in the past year.
- The Literacy Help Line database has information on 194 organizations offering 567 different literacy programs in Alberta.

## Regional News

Literacy Alberta is looking for STARs (Student Tutor Activities Resource) in the following regions: Edmonton, Grande Prairie, Lloydminster and Fort McMurray. STAR is part of Literacy Alberta's regional system and is designed to provide professional development opportunities (PD) for students and tutors. Please consider becoming the STAR for your region! Call Berniece Gowan for more information at 403-410-6991.

## Development and Partnerships

Thank you to the following groups for your support:

- Alberta Venture Magazine
- Calgary Stampeders
- Red Carpet Coffee Services
- Red Arrow Motorcoach
- Red Deer Lodge
- Sawridge Hotel, Jasper

**Casino Volunteers** came out in full force to support the Literacy Help Line on May 31 and June 1. Thank you! Our volunteers make a difference!

## What is happening in your community?

Do you have some project news you would like to share? Are you looking for researchers or focus group members? We can post this for you in this bulletin. Remember, this is **your** bulletin! Send your info to [office@elit.ca](mailto:office@elit.ca).

*Be like a postage stamp. Stick to one thing until you get there.*

~ Josh Billings