



Literacy in Action

The Bulletin of Literacy Alberta

February/March Practitioner-Volunteer Edition

Mark Your Calendar!

March 15

Best Practices Seminar
Bow Valley College, Calgary AB
bgowan@literacyalberta.ca

March 17

Best Practices Seminar
Providence Renewal Centre,
Edmonton AB
bgowan@literacyalberta.ca

March 17 and 18

Alberta Association for Community
Living Annual Family Conference
Edmonton AB
www.aacl.org

March 22, 23, 24

Aboriginal Literacy – Sharing Our
Stories Education Conference
First Nations, Metis and Inuit
Grande Prairie AB
www.nrlc.net

March 30 and 31

Perspectives in Adult Literacies
Workshop
Calgary AB
cjackson@literacyalberta.ca

June 8, 9 and 10

Vitalize Conference “Unleashing
Opportunities”
Edmonton AB
www.vitalizeconference.ca

Announcements

Board News

Election packages have been mailed to all members in good standing. Mail your ballot by March 17, 2006 to make sure your vote will count! We will announce the results of the election the first week of April.

Developing a Framework for Research in Practice in Adult Literacy in Canada

You are invited to participate in the project *Developing a Framework for Research in Practice in Adult Literacy in Canada*. This is a national project with teams working in each province and territory to gather information on research in practice. There are several focus groups planned around the province.

The next ones you can attend are **Airdrie**: Mar 8: contact Shelley Goulet at rval@rockyview.ab.ca **Lethbridge**: Mar 13 time and place TBA

For more information or to participate in an interview please contact Rebecca Still at 780-968-7617 or rstill@literacyalberta.ca.

Communication with Members and Beyond

The literacy community is important to us. We communicate with people involved in literacy activities in so many ways—through our bulletins, web site, online literacy community SHARE, conferences, regional meetings, trade shows, professional development activities, Literacy Help Line service, and through our print materials including brochures, fact sheets, bookmarks and info kits.

Our literacy community is our “ear to the ground”. Call us, email us, log on to SHARE or attend one of our workshops and meetings. Borrow materials from our growing library. Let us know what is happening in your community, and how Literacy Alberta can better serve you. Literacy Alberta is the heart of literacy—you are its pulse!

SHARE Everything!

SHARE is our online community that helps you stay connected with people in the literacy field. If you want to share ideas, get info, or create discussions, then SHARE is for you! All members can have a SHARE account set up just for them. Call 1-866-410-5708 for details or go to <http://share.literacyalberta.ca>.



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Literacy Help Line of Alberta: 1-800-767-3231

Library News

Did you know you can access Literacy Alberta's library database on our web site? Just go to <http://www.literacyalberta.ca/resources/> and you can browse our catalogue of journals, newsletters, reports, audio-visual items and kits. The mandate of the LA library is to support the professional development needs of our members. For all your library questions, contact Laura at library@literacyalberta.ca.

Surfing Sites...

www.nald.ca/fulltext/mtaylor/closeup/cover.htm *The Learning Lives of Adults with Low Literacy Skills: A close-up look at 10 Canadians* is one of five reports from a two-year project regarding the learning practices of adults outside of formal literacy programs. Other reports in this study are available at www.nald.ca.



Did You Know....?

Community Outreach and Information

LA staff present information sessions that raise awareness of literacy in communities all around Alberta. In the next month, we will be at Peace River, Grimshaw, Red Deer and Wetaskiwin! These presentations often include a speech by one or more of our BLAST speakers. This service to the community is one of the many ways that we are working to move literacy forward in Alberta. For more information contact the Literacy Help Line at 1-800-767-3231.

Regional Roundup

Fort McMurray Region: The newest STAR in the Literacy Alberta galaxy is Jeanette Wanchuk of Write Break Literacy in Fort McMurray. Welcome, Jeanette! We look forward to hearing her ideas for student and tutor activities in that area. Contact Jeanette at 780-791-8943 for more info.

Lethbridge Region: The Lethbridge STAR conference "Try, Try, Triumph" was a huge success! Over 200 delegates registered. Thank you to Lethbridge STAR team for all your work planning the conference. Thanks also to Lethbridge Community College for your support of this event. Contact Monica Ekvall at m.ekvall@lethbridgecollege.ab.ca.

Red Deer Region: Red Deer STAR team is holding its second annual one-day conference Saturday, March 25, 2006 at Red Deer College Arts Centre. Members of the Literacy Alberta BLAST team will be presenting and participating. Contact Bonnie Ireland at 403-742-1391.

Edmonton Region: Edmonton STAR team members are working together on a plan for this year's activities. They have some great ideas so watch for upcoming news! Contact Rebecca Still at 780-968-7617 or rstill@literacyalberta.ca.

Calgary Region: Calgary STAR will host a one-day conference in Calgary on April 29, 2006. This event is a partnership between Literacy Alberta, Bow Valley College and the Calgary Public Library. Members of the Literacy Alberta BLAST team will be presenting and participating. Contact Berniece at bgowan@literacyalberta.ca.

Whitecourt Region: The STAR coordinator for this region is planning student and tutor activities for this region. Contact Teena Pankonin at 780-349-6333.

What is happening in your region? Let us know! Email us at office@literacyalberta.ca.