



# Literacy in Action

The Bulletin of Literacy Alberta

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## Mark Your Calendar!

### January 27, 2006

Family Literacy Day  
[www.abc-canada.org/flid](http://www.abc-canada.org/flid)

### February 8, 2006

One-Day Conference,  
Lethbridge Community  
College  
For info call Monica at  
403-382-6979.

### March 25, 2006

One-Day Conference,  
Red Deer College Arts Centre  
For info call Bonnie at  
403-742-2999.

## Did You Know....?

January 8 to 14, 2006 is  
*Universal Letter Writing Week*

January 19, 2006 is  
*International Sing-Out Day*

February 13, 2006 is  
*Read to Your Child Day*



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## Announcements

### Congratulations to Trish Hill!

Trish Hill was awarded the *Cindy Crichton Bursary* on November 2 at the Provincial Literacy Conference. This is a special bursary for students who volunteer for Literacy Alberta. Trish has helped Literacy Alberta in many ways. She helped plan a one-day conference at Lethbridge Community College. She has also been a member of the STAR team.

The *Cindy Crichton Bursary* provides conference registration, hotel room, and some spending money. Literacy Alberta staff nominate students and one winner is chosen each year. The next *Cindy Crichton Bursary* will be given at the 2006 conference in Calgary. Thank you to the students who volunteer for Literacy Alberta!

### Congratulations to Awards of Excellence Winners!

These awards were presented on Friday, November 5, 2005 to the following outstanding people:

- Organization: Mustard Seed Street Ministry **Storefront 101 Project**, Calgary
- Practitioner: **Audrey Gardner**, Calgary
- Volunteer: **Melody Wakefield**, Wainwright
- Student: **Trish Hill**, Magrath

For stories on the winners, go to [www.literacyalberta.ca/events.htm](http://www.literacyalberta.ca/events.htm).

### Bursary and Conference News

We gave bursaries to 54 students this year so that they could come to the conference. Did you come to the conference on a bursary? If so, please send a short letter to Literacy Alberta telling us what the bursary meant to you. Thank you!

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### From the Board Table

#### Board Structure

We may be making changes to the way the Board of Directors is structured. As well, the board is looking at ways to ensure that it hears the student voice. If you have questions or would like to contribute to this process, contact Elaine Cairns, President, at [ecairns@literacyalberta.ca](mailto:ecairns@literacyalberta.ca).

#### Nomination Packages Are in the Mail

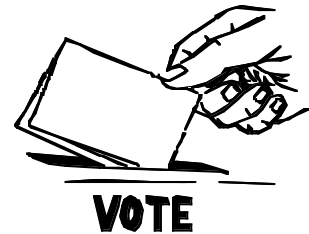
Literacy Alberta will elect new board members in March. Nomination packages were mailed in November.

Positions available are:

- Vice President
- Director: Student
- Director: Literacy Practitioner

You must be a member in good standing to run in the election.

Deadline for nomination is January 16, 2006. We will mail an election package to you in February. All members who have paid their membership this year will have a vote in the election. The new board will be announced April 1. If you have questions about the election process, contact the Literacy Alberta office.



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### Regional Roundup

**Edmonton STAR** team will host a student/tutor conference in October 2006. For more info about Edmonton STAR contact Rebecca Still at 780-968-7617 or [rstill@literacyalberta.ca](mailto:rstill@literacyalberta.ca).

**Calgary STAR** team will host a one-day conference in the coming year. For more info about Calgary STAR contact Berniece Gowan at 403-410-6991 or [bgowan@literacyalberta.ca](mailto:bgowan@literacyalberta.ca).

**Lethbridge STAR** team will host a one-day conference on February 8 at Lethbridge Community College for students, tutors, and practitioners.

For more info about Lethbridge STAR contact Monika Ekvall at 403-382-6979 or [m.ekvall@lethbridgecollege.ab.ca](mailto:m.ekvall@lethbridgecollege.ab.ca).

**Red Deer STAR** will host a one-day conference on Saturday, March 25 at the Red Deer College Arts Centre. The conference is for students, tutors, and practitioners. Registration fee is \$10.00 and includes lunch.

For more info about Red Deer STAR contact Bonnie Ireland at 403-742-2999 or [bireland@literacyalberta.ca](mailto:bireland@literacyalberta.ca).

**Whitecourt STAR** will host a one-day conference in Spring 2006. For more information about Whitecourt STAR contact Teena Pankonin at 780-349-6333 or [tpankonin@hotmail.com](mailto:tpankonin@hotmail.com).

**Do you have news to share with other students?**

If so, email: [office@literacyalberta.ca](mailto:office@literacyalberta.ca).