



Literacy in Action

The Bulletin of Literacy Alberta

Mark Your Calendar!

September 2005 Student Edition

September 8, 2005

International Literacy Day

September 8 to 14, 2005

International Adult Learners' Week

October 14, 2005

Deadline for Literacy Awards of Excellence nomination

October 18, 2005

Deadline to apply for a bursary for the conference

November 3, 4 and 5, 2005

Provincial Literacy Conference, Edmonton AB

November 3, 2005

Annual General Meeting (AGM) for Literacy Alberta, Edmonton AB

January 27, 2006

Family Literacy Day



Literacy
Alberta

Announcements

Council of the Federation Literacy Award

This new award recognizes outstanding achievement and excellence in literacy. Leonard Duby of Calgary is the winner for Alberta. Leonard is a student with the Calgary Public Library. He has been involved in literacy activities for 12 years. Mr. Dave Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education, will present the award to Leonard on September 8. Congratulations, Len!

2005 Canada Post Literacy Awards

Congratulations to the winners of the 2005 Canada Post Literacy Awards for Alberta:

- Centre for Family Literacy, Edmonton (Community Leadership)
- Beverly MacKinnon, Edmonton (Individual Achievement)

The celebration will be at Lethbridge Community College on September 12.

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 will be presented at the Provincial Literacy Conference banquet on Friday, November 4, 2005.

You can nominate someone for this award. It could be someone who has helped you with your literacy, or one of your friends who has worked hard to get better literacy skills. The deadline to nominate someone is October 14, 2005. If you have questions, call Myra at 403-410-6990.

Bursary and Conference News

The Provincial Literacy Conference will be on November 3, 4 and 5, at the Delta Edmonton South Hotel. You can apply for a bursary to come to the conference. The bursary pays for your conference registration, and depending on where you live, may pay for your hotel and travel costs. There is a bursary form in the conference brochure. As soon as you get your brochure in the mail, fill it out the bursary form and conference registration right away. Bursaries will be given on a first come, first served basis. If you have questions, call Candice at 1-866-416-8210.

Surfing Sites...

- <http://www.nwt.literacy.ca/northernedge/NEissue5/index.html>: This is a really cool online newspaper for students. You can hear the words as you learn about managing money, nutrition, and healthy pregnancy.
- <http://www.literacy.ca/lan/lan.htm>: This site is for adult literacy learners and those who support them. It is part of the Movement for Canadian Literacy (MCL) website.



Did You Know About...?

"Get-Away for Literacy" Raffle

We are selling raffle tickets to raise money for student bursaries. All the prizes are fun weekend getaways. The draw will be made at the Provincial Literacy Conference at 12:00 noon on November 5. We will call the winners. Call Cindy at 1-800-767-3231 if you can help sell tickets or want to buy tickets.

Denim Shirts for Sale

We are selling denim shirts with the Literacy Alberta logo on them. Sizes are small, medium, large, x-large, xx-large, and xxx-large. Shirts are \$40. Mailing costs are extra. If you are coming to the conference, you can buy one there. Call Myra at 403-410-6990 to order.

Thank You!

Thank you to all the volunteers who worked at our 7th Fund Raiser Casino. We raised \$78,920.34 for the Literacy Help Line. We couldn't have done it without our volunteers!

2005—Alberta's 100th Anniversary Year

Literacy Alberta is celebrating Alberta's 100th birthday. We are making a list of our favourite "100 Greatest Books". If you have a favourite book that you would like included in this list, tell us the title, name of the writer, and year the book was published. We will share the list at the Provincial Literacy Conference in November. Thanks for your help!

Welcome to Share!

Literacy Alberta has a new online conferencing service called "Share" at www.share.literacyalberta.ca. Starting September 1, 2005, Literacy Alberta members will be able to use this service to share experiences, share ideas, share resources, share anything!

If you have questions about Share, call Yvonne Stewart, at 1-866-410-5708 or email her at: ystewart@literacyalberta.ca.