



Literacy in Action

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Spring 2006 Student Edition

Mark Your Calendar!

April 23 to 29, 2006

Volunteer Week across
Canada
www.volunteeralberta.ab.ca

April 29, 2006

Regional conference for
students and tutors
Calgary AB
Call Berniece for info:
403-410-6991

April 29, 2006

Regional conference for
students and tutors
Whitecourt AB
Call Teena for info:
780-349-6333

October 14, 2006

"Learning Together" regional
conference for students and
tutors, Edmonton AB
Call Rebecca for info:
780-968-7617

November 2, 3 and 4, 2006

Provincial Literacy
Conference, Calgary AB

Announcements

Literacy Alberta Board of Directors

In March, members elected new board members for the Literacy Alberta board. We are pleased to welcome:

- Ian Kennedy: Vice President, Calgary
- Paul Ruot Galuak: Director: Student, Calgary
- Holly Handfield: Director: Literacy Practitioner, Grande Prairie

Aimee Anhill has finished her term as Director: Student. Thank you Aimee, for your contribution to student voice on the board over the past two years. Welcome, Paul as new Student Director! If you would like to contact Paul and Daniel, our two Student Directors on the board, call the Literacy Alberta office.

Public Speaking is a BLAST

Great news! We are starting a new project to train adult literacy students as public speakers for literacy. We are looking for eight new students to be part of this exciting speakers team.

To apply, you should:

- live in rural Alberta
- be active in a local literacy program
- have a minimum Grade 7 to 8 reading and writing skill level
- be willing to sign a contract outlining responsibilities
- have approval from your program to take part

If your application is successful, you will attend your first training May 26, 27 and 28, 2006. There will be two other training sessions.

All expenses for training, travel and meals will be paid. There will be no cost to you or your literacy program if you take part.

For more information and to apply, see the letter with this bulletin. Contact Cindy Easton at 403-410-6992 if you have questions.



Literacy
Alberta

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

More BLAST News

The BLAST Student Speakers Team has been invited to the Alberta Legislature! The team will be introduced "in the house" by the Honourable David Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education, on April 26, 2006. Way to go team!

Adult Learner and Volunteer Tutor Bursary

Literacy Alberta will offer bursaries to students and tutors to attend the Provincial Literacy Conference (PLC) in November. The application form will be inside the PLC brochure. The brochure will be mailed to members in the summer. Watch for it in your mailbox in August!



Changes at the Literacy Help Line

The Help Line has a new voice on the line! Laura Godfrey now answers calls on the Help Line. You can call Laura toll free at 1-800-767-3231 if you have questions about literacy or about your membership.

Cindy Easton will be out in the community more often, doing presentations about literacy and traveling with the BLAST team members. You can call Cindy at her new number 403-410-6992 if you have questions about BLAST.

Regional Roundup

Fort McMurray Region: Would you like to get involved in Fort McMurray STAR? If so, contact Jeanette Wanchuk at 780-791-8943.

Lethbridge Region: The STAR conference for students and tutors was February 8. Over 200 people came! Thanks to Monica Ekvall and the STAR team for their hard work. To get involved, contact Monica Ekvall at 403-320-3200.

Red Deer Region: The STAR conference for students and tutors was March 25. About 50 people attended. Thanks to Starbucks for donating the coffee and yummy treats! To get involved in Red Deer STAR, contact Bonnie Ireland at 403-742-2999.

Edmonton Region: Edmonton STAR team is offering a traveling workshop called "Design Your Own Binder Cover." This workshop is for students and tutors. Contact Rebecca Still for info at 780-968-7617.

Calgary Region: Would you like to get involved with Calgary STAR? If so, contact Tara Rogerson-Musk or Berniece Gowan at 403-410-6991.

Whitecourt Region: Would you like to get involved with Whitecourt STAR? If so, contact Teena Pankonin at 780-349-6333.

What is happening in your region?
Let us know: office@literacyalberta.ca
or call 1-800-410-6584.