



Literacy in Action

The Bulletin of Literacy Alberta

Did you know....

There is a special award called the Council of the Federation (COF) Literacy Award. This award celebrates people who are making a difference for literacy.

This year, the award will be given to a literacy practitioner. A literacy practitioner could be your literacy coordinator or adult literacy teacher. Do you know someone in your community who is deserving of this award?

There is a brochure in this envelope that tells you about this award. The deadline to nominate someone is May 14, 2007.

The award will be presented to a literacy practitioner at a special ceremony later this year.

Please consider nominating a literacy practitioner in your community!



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Announcements

We are pleased to announce our Board of Directors 2007-2008

- President: Elaine Cairns (acclaimed)
- Vice President: Ian Kennedy
- Student Director: Daniel Haines (acclaimed)
- Student Director: Paul Ruot-Galuak
- General Director: Jo-Ann Lewthwaite (acclaimed)
- General Director: Bonnie Ireland, appointed for a 1 year term
- Literacy Practitioner Director: Holly Handfield

Welcome to Jo-Ann, our newest board member. We look forward to working with you and getting to know you!

Thank you to Bev Norman for her contribution to the board over the past two years. We wish her all the best.

Daniel Haines Speaks to the Senate

Danny Haines, one of our student Board members, and Janet had the opportunity to speak (at separate times in February) to the Senate Committee on Social Issues, Science and Technology about the impact of the cuts to literacy.

Minister of Human Resources and Social Development Canada, Monte Solberg, authorized the release of transitional funding for literacy coalitions across the country at about the same time. This release of funds saved at least three organizations that would not have been able to stay open after March 31 without these funds.

Student voices make a big difference when working with government!

You can read Danny's story of his trip to Ottawa on the [Student 's Centre](http://www.literacyalberta.ca/students) page of the Literacy Alberta web site at: www.literacyalberta.ca/students.

BLAST

The BLAST team of speakers is available for speaking engagements in your community. The training was very successful this year and we have some funds left to cover travel, administration and honoraria.



We will be applying for funds next year to continue this project.

To book a speaker, please contact the office at 1-800-410-6584.

Hold the Press!!!

Literacy Alberta, Word on the Street, and the Calgary Public Library are working on a project to create a photo/essay book by adult learners.

Learners are helping to make this book. They will be taking photos and writing stories about their literacy journey.



When it is finished, the book will be called **Word on the Prairie**. This book will be released at a book and magazine fair called Word on the Street on Sunday, September 30, 2007 in Calgary.

Adult Learner and Tutor Conferences a Great Success!

Canadian Council on Learning (Adult Learning Knowledge Centre) provided funding for Literacy Alberta to support three adult learner and tutor conferences across the province this year.

Explore the World of Lifelong Learning, coordinated by Monica Ekvall and a group of Lethbridge Community College students, was held on February 7 at Lethbridge Community College. Over 200 people registered!

Learning Together Conference coordinated by Mary Norton and Students Voices for Students, was held on March 3 at The Learning Centre in Edmonton. Thirty-seven people attended this wonderful learning day!

The **Adult Learner and Tutor Conference** for the Calgary area was held on March 24. Over 70 learners and tutors learned new skills and shared ideas. Thank you to our conference partners: Bow Valley College, Calgary Public Library, Calgary John Howard Society and The Mustard Seed for the work you did in making this conference possible. **Starbucks Coffee Canada** provided coffee, baked goods and/or door prizes.

Thank you to the people in Lethbridge, Edmonton and Calgary who supported and also donated door prizes to these conferences.

