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Websites Worth Remembering:

Dictionaries for Adults in Literacy Programs :
<http://www.nclrc.state.nc.us/NCLRC/home/nisulit1.htm>

First People's Homepage on SchoolNet :
<http://schoolnet2.carleton.ca/english/ext/aboriginal/>

NativeWeb Homepage :
<http://www.nativeweb.org/>

Yukon Native Language Centre :
<http://ayamdigut.yukoncollege.yk.ca/programs/ynlc.htm>

Aboriginal Literacy Foundation :
<http://www.nald.ca/alf.htm>

YMCA Words for Women :
<http://www.nald.ca/ywfw.htm>

National Literacy & Health Program - Canadian Public Health Association :
<http://www.nald.ca/nlhp.htm>

Landmark East School - Wolfville, Nova Scotia :
<http://www.valleyweb.com/community/landmark-east/index.html>

UNESCO Web :
<http://www.unesco.org/>

St. Charles Adult Education - Hamilton, Ontario :
<http://www.worldchat.com/public/stcharle/>

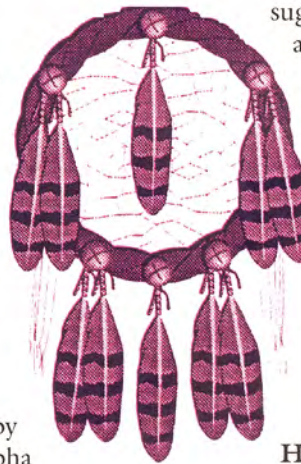
Access to Literacy and Language Training Materials for Native Learners

by Priscilla George

Alpha Ontario has been funded by the National Literacy Secretariat for the project **Access to Literacy and Language Training Materials**. Priscilla George will now be working on this project a day and a half a week. She has conducted a review of resource material needs amongst literacy practitioners working with Native learners. This review included participation in the **Native Literacy Planning Process (NLPP)** and the **Ningwakwe Strategic Planning and Visioning** through the **Ontario Native Literacy Coalition (ONLC)**. It also entailed an analysis of information requests by practitioners through Alpha Ontario during the period March 1996 - March 1997. As well, Priscilla made several program visits and facilitated/attended workshops sponsored by the ONLC to hear from learners and/or practitioners what their resource material needs are.

Based on this information, Priscilla ordered a large number of print and non-print resource materials. To assist literacy practitioners with a Native clientele in accessing those materials, Priscilla initiated a conference on AlphaCom, an electronic mail and conferencing

system for the literacy community in Ontario. The conference is entitled "NatLearn". The focus of the NatLearn conference is to provide a summary of the resource materials, along with approximate grade level of each, two one-hundred word samples from the resource, a listing of some of the issues covered, and a few suggestions for possible learning and follow-up activities.



Alpha Ontario will send hard copy of the summaries to various literacy networks and programs, and publishers of pertinent newsletters. Further, Priscilla is available to facilitate workshops on the use of these resource materials with Native learners.

How can you assist this project ?

You can e-mail Priscilla at : pgeorge@gwmail.mtrl.toronto.on.ca to ask to be put on the mailing list, or to provide information about resources you have found to be effective with Native learners. Or you can leave a message for Priscilla at Alpha Ontario at (416) 397-5900, or Toll-free at 1-800-363-0007, or by Fax at (416) 397-5915. It may be a few days before she can return your call, as she is at Alpha Ontario only intermittently because of other contract commitments.



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Networks, the newsletter of the National Adult Literacy Database Inc., provides the Canadian literacy community with current information on educational activities in adult literacy and basic adult education.

NALD keeps literacy practitioners, learners, administrators, policy makers and researchers informed on trends, recent publications, available resources, upcoming events and ongoing activities both nationally and in the regions.

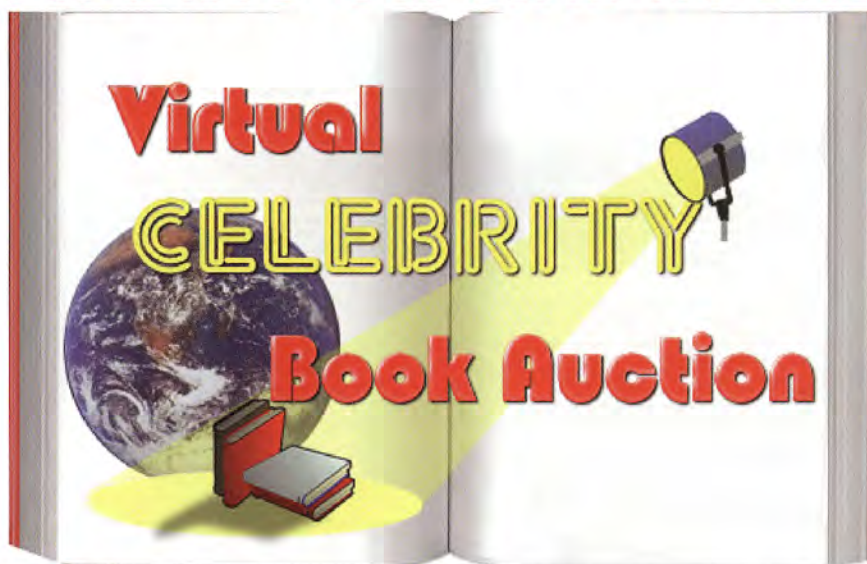
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GOING...GOING...GONE!!! BIDDING ON LINE IN THE



Would you like to visit a visual library full of books and manuscripts, each one personally inscribed and donated by a celebrity? Would you like a chance to bid on these books in an on-line auction? By late Fall 1997, you'll be able to do just that by visiting the **First Annual Virtual Celebrity Book Auction**, via NALD's home page. Partners in this unique venture are NALD, the **Canadian Congress of Learning Opportunities for Women (CCLOW)** and **Literacy Link Niagara**. Funds raised will benefit adult learners across Canada through educational bursaries and literacy programs. More than 1,200 letters requesting the donation of a favourite book were sent to celebrities from the arts, entertainment, and sports worlds, as well as authors, activists and politicians. "We asked them to think of a special book that has helped them, influenced them or inspired them - fiction, non-fiction, drama, mystery, poetry, romance, autobiography, perhaps a childrens' story they loved," explained Gay Douglas, Executive Director of Literacy Link Niagara, the organization managing the project.

"Our goal is to receive a total of 150 books for auction." Visitors will be able to search the library by celebrity or by classification (music, movies, etc.) With a click of a mouse, you can see the book's cover, read the personal

inscription and see the accompanying photograph. The bidding portion of the site will work like a silent auction. Visitors can browse the books and leave a secret bid in the guest book. The highest registered bid on each book will be automatically posted. For security purposes, no on-line financial transactions will take place. Bidders will be asked for identifying information only and winning bidders will be contacted after the auction is over to make arrangements for payment.

"This project is a partnership in the truest sense of the word," explains Ms. Douglas. "Each partner (in this project) has contributed diverse and vital resources to the project," explains Ms. Douglas. "CCLOW is providing the celebrity mailing list from their 1996 celebrity book auction. NALD is contributing the technical expertise to construct and maintain the Website. Our organization is coordinating the project." Visit NALD's homepage regularly for more information as it develops. For more information on the virtual celebrity auction, contact **Literacy Link Niagara**, Room 202, Niagara College, St. Catharines Campus, 59 Wellandvale Road, St. Catharines, ON L2R 6V6
Tel. (905) 641-2252 ext. 2222
Fax: (905) 682 2298
E-mail: literacy@mergetel.com

Recognition of Fanshawe College and Founding Members of NALD



On May 9th of this year, a small ceremony was held at Fanshawe College, in London, Ontario. Fanshawe was the original home of NALD, which was founded in 1989. During the recognition ceremony, NALD acknowledged Fanshawe College as well as the founding members and original NALD staff for their contributions

to the organization. Fanshawe was presented with a commemorative plaque in recognition of the College as the first home of NALD. In the photo that shows the plaque, are the original Board of Directors - from the left : Bill Day, Former President of Douglas College; Bert Curtis,

Former President of Centennial College; Linda Shohet, Executive Director of the Centre for Literacy of Quebec; Barry Moore, Former President of Fanshawe College. Absent when the picture was taken : Dale Landry, President of the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT).

Tips for Teachers - Using Newspapers in Class

Work on Current Events with newspapers - Compare the issues in different countries or in different provinces, and discuss how each place is working to solve the problems, why each place has certain problems, as well as similarities between the issues.

Also, try to train students in critical reading, since newspapers are not neutral materials. They have a definite point of view on what they offer and how they offer it. Some groups in society are clearly misrepresented, while others are overrepresented

COOL URLS :

Nova Scotia Provincial Literacy Coalition

<http://www.nald.ca/nsplc.htm>

Southwestern Ontario Adult Literacy Network

<http://www.nald.ca/soaln.htm>

Saint John Learning Exchange

<http://www.nald.ca/sjle.htm>

LITERACY AND PARENTING SKILLS (L.A.P.S.)

We've Done Our L.A.P.S. ... It's Time To Celebrate!

by Lauren MacKenzie and Elaine Cairns

"Come and check it out!"
"I like the social environment."
"Go and listen and learn."
"Be ready to share ideas."
"Classes were relaxing."

These words of recommendation from those who have attended sessions of a new program in Calgary, called Literacy and Parenting Skills (L.A.P.S.), summarize the essence of the program -- information, new skills, and support! Parents who wish to support children's literacy development, discuss relevant parenting topics, and look at their own literacy level, will love L.A.P.S.

L.A.P.S., two manuals designed to provide literacy and parenting skills to those who wish them, are now available to literacy and parenting coordinators throughout Alberta. Easy reading materials built around a potpourri of parenting topics have been adapted to strengthen the literacy skills of parents and to provide effective literacy strategies for modeling to children.

The fourteen topics provide a range from safety to discipline and building self-esteem in our children. The two manuals developed, one for English-as-a-first-language populations, and the other for English-as-a-second-language (E.S.L.) populations from diverse cultures, address issues of concern to the target group and are intended to be tailored to the needs of any given group. Throughout the development process, a period of three years, a great deal of attention has been given to the parenting interests and literacy requirements of those who might benefit from the program. Consideration has also



been given to the formats offered; the E.S.L. manual, for example, utilizes cross-cultural approaches and is culturally sensitive.

Both manuals include: a facilitator guide, parenting sessions that incorporate activities, handouts and corresponding children's resources, and sample evaluation tools, certificates, and a general resource list. A third manual for Aboriginal populations is expected to be ready in the winter of 1998.

L.A.P.S., a program funded through the National Literacy Secretariat and the Language Training Department of Alberta Advanced Education, is a collaborative effort

involving many individuals and agencies designed under the leadership of Lauren MacKenzie and Elaine Cairns of Alberta Vocational College - B.E.A.D. (Basic Education Alternative Delivery) Department in Calgary.

**** Training Sessions on LAPS have been offered in Calgary in the Fall/Winter of 96/97, and they will be offered throughout Canada during the Fall/Winter 97/98 to those who wish to facilitate L.A.P.S. ****

For further information, please contact Lauren MacKenzie or Elaine Cairns, co-project managers and co-authors of the *Literacy and Parenting Skills Program*, Alberta Vocational College - Calgary, 332-6th Avenue SE, Calgary AB T2G 4S6, Tel. (403) 297-4778, Fax (403) 297-4081.

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YOUR LITERACY EVENTS CALENDAR

... with an international focus

OCTOBER 4 - 7, 1997

NAWEB '97: North America Web

Conference: "Shortening the Distance to Education" - Fredericton, NB

Org.: WWW Courseware Developers and the Dept. of Extension and Summer Session, UNB

This conference will focus on practical ways in which the Web is changing education. Topics include: Courseware Development for the WWW, Evaluating Web-based Education, Building Knowledge Bases on the Web.

Contact: Rik Hall, Continuing Education, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB E-mail: hall@unb.ca
WWW: <http://www.unb.ca/web/wwwdev/naweb97/naweb97.htm>

OCTOBER 29 - NOVEMBER 1, 1997

Literacy Volunteers of America Annual Conference - Charlotte, North Carolina

Org.: Literacy Volunteers of America Workshops to be offered at the 1997 LVA Literacy Summit include, among others: Student Leadership: Facilitating Groups and Dealing with Conflict; LVA 50/50 Management: Maintaining the Balance; Laubach Literacy Action ESL Tutor Training by Design; LVA Basic Literacy Tutor Training.

Contact: Doug Schneider, 635 James Street, Syracuse, NY 13203, Tel. (315) 445 8000.

NOVEMBER 9-12, 1997

AAACE'S 46th Annual Conference "A Pact for the New Millennium: Professionalism, Accountability, Collaboration and Technology" - Cincinnati, Ohio

Org.: AAACE

Contact: Judy Scherrer, Tel. (513) 887-5021, E-mail: HAAU_JS@SWOCA.OHIO.GOV
OR contact: AAACE Conference Office in Washington, DC, Tel: 202-429-5131, Fax: 202-223-4579.

NOVEMBER 12 - 15, 1997

48th Annual Conference of the International Dyslexia Association - Minneapolis, Minnesota
Org.: IDA

Contact: Cindy Wheeler-Scruggs, 8600 LaSalle Road, 382 Chester Bldg., Baltimore, MD 21286-2044, Tel. (410)296-0232, E-mail: info@interdys.org

NOVEMBER 18-22, 1997

UNESCO Conference on Higher Education in Latin America - Havana, Cuba

Org.: UNESCO's Regional Centre for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean

Contact: Mary-Louise Kearney - Chief, Unit for World Conference on Higher Education, UNESCO, 7, Place de Fontenoy, 75352 Paris, 07 SP France, Tel: 33 1 45 68 10 95 and 33 1 45 68 11 26, Fax: 33 1 45 68 56 26/27/28, E-mail: ml. Kearney@unesco.org

...with a national focus

SEPTEMBER 26 AND OCTOBER 3, 1997

Functional Context Education: Making Learning Relevant - The Centre for Literacy, Montreal (Sept. 26) and Alberta Vocational College, Calgary (Oct. 3)

Org.: The National Adult Literacy Database (NALD), The Centre for Literacy, Montreal and Alberta Vocational College, Calgary. A One-day Workshop with Dr. Tom Sticht, San Diego Consortium for Workforce Education and Lifelong Learning. Workshop divided into segments: The Power of Adult Literacy Education: Vision for a New Millennium; Functional Context Education in workplace and family literacy programs.

Contact: Catherine Bruce, Tel. (403)297-4932, Fax (403) 297-5007 E-mail: cbruce@avc.calgary.ab.ca

OCTOBER 6-8, 1997

Learning has no boundaries: Bringing PLAR into the workplace - Montreal, Quebec

Org.: Canadian Labour Force Development Board

Learning has no boundaries: Bringing Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) into the workplace, will be forward-looking, focussing on the emerging intersection of PLAR, the workplace, and education and training.

Contact: PLAR 97 Secretariat, 5th Floor, 350 Albert Street, Ottawa, ON K1A 0S5, Tel. (613) 233-5179, Fax (613) 233-4766
WWW: <http://www.magi.com/~clfdb/>

October 16-18, 1997

LDAC's 11th National Conference

"Anchor on Success" - Saint John, New Brunswick

Org.: Learning Disabilities Association of Canada. Keynote Speakers include: Dr. G. Reid Lyon, Director of Programs for Learning Disabilities, US National Institutes of Health; Dr. Thomas Phelan - of '1-2-3 Magic' fame; Dr. Fraser Mustard - Founding President of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research; Barbara Coloroso - highly acclaimed author of 'Kids are Worth It!'; Denise Thériault - a well known and respected author with over 25 years in the field of education.

Contact: LDAC Conference Office, P.O. Box 611, MPO Saint John, NB E2L 4A5, Tel. (506) 642-4956. E-mail: ldactaac@fox.nstn.ca
WWW: <http://edu-ss10.educ.queensu.ca/~lda/ldac/ldancon.htm>

October 16 - 18, 1997

The Canadian Vocational Association 1997 Annual Conference: "Assessment in Vocational and Technical Education" - 4 regional sites: Pacific - Vancouver; Prairies - Regina, Central - Toronto, Atlantic - Truro

Org.: CVA Video Conferencing links to 4 regional sites

Contact: CVA National Office, P.O. Box 3435, Station D, Ottawa, ON K1P 6L4, Phone/Fax: (613) 722-7696, WWW: <http://www.cva.ca/Conference97.html>

OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 2, 1997

Canadian Lifelong Learning Lyceum 97 - Charlottetown, PEI

Org.: The Learning Link

Contact: The Learning Link, 400 First Edmonton Place, 10665 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, AB T5J 3S9, Tel. 1-800-596-5392, Fax (403) 421-7159. E-mail: tlink@connect.ab.ca
WWW: <http://www.connect.ab.ca/~tlink/>

COOL URL :

Check the new updated version of the National Literacy Secretariat Website hosted by NALD
<http://www.nald.ca/nls.htm>

NOVEMBER 5 - 8, 1997

The Creative Facilitator Workshop - Toronto, Ontario

Org. : Inclusion Press International

A four day hands-on course to practice Circles, MAPS, PATH, Solution Circles, Graphic Recording and Process Facilitation.

Contact : Inclusion Press International, 24 Thome Crescent, Toronto, ON M6H 2S5,
Tel. (416) 658-5363,
Fax (416) 658-5067,
E-mail : 74640.11242@compuserve.com
WWW : <http://inclusion.com/>

NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 2, 1997

Moving Forward: A Forum on Workplace Education - Toronto, Ontario

Org. : ABC Canada

This is the first national conference on workplace education in Canada. It will include workshops, discussion forums, panels and speeches on all of the key issues and challenges in the workplace arena today.

Contact : ABC Canada, 1450 Don Mills Road, Don Mills, ON M3B 2X7,
Tel. (416) 442-2292,
Fax (416) 442-2293,
E-mail: abccanada@southam.ca
WWW : <http://www.abc-canada.org/forum.html>

... with a provincial focus

OCTOBER 20, 1997

1997 Southwestern Ontario Adult Literacy Network (SOALN) Regional Literacy Conference - Brantford, Ontario

Org. : SOALN

Keynote speaker is Dan Haley, who was a learner for many years, and worked as a tutor as he went through Academic Upgrading and then a two-year college program. Dan is an active member of the Learners' Council of the Ontario Literacy Coalition.

Contact : SOALN, 475 Caradoc Street, Strathroy ON N7G 2R1,
Tel. (519) 246-1577 or
Toll-free at 1-800- 561-6898,
Fax (519) 246-1414,
E-mail : soaln@ican.net



OCTOBER 23-25, 1997

Provincial Adult Literacy Conference - Edmonton, Alberta.

Org. : Alberta Association for Adult Literacy (AAAL) and Literacy Coordinators of Alberta (LCA) - Workshops and presentations will be offered on a wide range of topics such as : Literacy and Technology; Linking Literacy to Personal and Social Goals; Networking and Building Relationships.

Contact : Margaret Eastwood, Conference Registrar, 3827-51 Street, Edmonton, AB T6L 2J3,
Fax (403) 466-8059.

NOVEMBER 6, 1997

Word Whiz (A Celebrity Spelling Bee) - Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Org. : Saskatchewan Literacy Foundation

Contact : Shirley Silburt, Saskatchewan Literacy Foundation,
Tel. (306) 653-7378,
E-mail: silburt.skfoundation@nald.ca

NOVEMBER 13-15, 1997

Provincial Literacy Coalition Conference - Scarborough, Ontario

Org. : Ontario Literacy Coalition

The OLC will host a provincial conference for more than 200 literacy practitioners, learners and volunteers. Up to 30 different workshops and presentations will be offered on a wide range of topics including : Developments in reading theory and andragogy; Implications and applications of IALS and related research.

Contact : OLC, 365 Bloor Street East - Suite 1003, Toronto, ON M4W 3L4,
Tel: (416) 963-5787,
Fax: (416) 963-8102.

NOVEMBER 14-16, 1997

"Unearthing Our Future: Uniting People, Communities and Resources" - St. John's, Newfoundland

Org. : Newfoundland & Labrador Association For Adult Education (NLAAE) What is the role of adult education in the current reality? How can we more effectively use our skills and resources to more effectively facilitate a revitalization of Newfoundland and Labrador?

Contact : Roberta Yetman, President, NLAAE, Suite 174, 38 Pearson St., St. John's, NF A1A 3R1,
Tel. (709) 753-2205,
Fax (709) 738-8840,
E-mail: royetman@avint.net

NOV. 28-29, 1997

Literacy Forum : Investing in our Future - Victoria, B.C.

Org. : Project Literacy Victoria - The goals of the forum are to : help participants develop strategies for identifying potential learners and improving access to literacy programs; feature projects, research and innovations in the literacy field; emphasize to business, industry, unions and workers the benefits of a literate workforce, etc.

Contact : Project Literacy Victoria, 930 A Yates Street, Victoria BC V8V 4Z3,
Tel. (250) 381-3755,
Fax (250) 381-4911,
E-mail: wade@Camosun.BC.CA

NOVEMBER 28-30, 1997

Literacy Partners of Manitoba Annual General Meeting and 10-year reunion - Winnipeg, Manitoba

Org. : Literacy Partners of Manitoba
The theme will be "Charting Our Course", featuring a dozen workshops, a President's Panel, the creation of a time capsule, and a variety of speakers. The Lt. Governor's Medal Ceremony for Literacy is Nov. 28 at Government House.

Contact : Literacy Partners of Manitoba, Grain Exchange Building, Room 998-167, Lombard Avenue, Winnipeg MB R3B 0V3,
Tel. (204) 947-5777,
Fax (204) 944-9918,
E-mail : literacy@magic.mb.ca

DECEMBER 1-2, 1997

The Challenge of Meeting the Learning and Training Needs of Adult Workers Conference - Vancouver, BC

Org. : Centre for Curriculum, Transfer and Technology

Contact : Catrin Roach or Marguerite McCallion , Conference Planners,
Tel. (250) 413-4442,
Fax (250) 413-4403,
WWW : <http://www.ctt.bc.ca/>

Literacy Skills of Canadian Youth

(from the monograph by J. Douglas Willms. For the complete document, see the NLS website under **Monographs**: <http://www.nald.ca/nls/introduc.htm>)

A country's economic performance relies heavily on the ability of its labour market to adapt quickly to developments and changes in the global economy. Economic and social inequalities - along social class lines, between the sexes and among ethnic groups - are associated with the distribution of literacy skills. Human capital theories assume a direct relationship between literacy and economic success: in a competitive labour market, individuals' skills and capabilities affect their productivity, which in turn is closely related to their remuneration. Inequalities in literacy, therefore, contribute directly to inequalities in income and occupational status, in that those with low literacy skills have restricted access to certain labour markets.

Because literacy skills are central to a country's economic success and social cohesion, seven countries collaborated on the first International Adult Literacy Survey (IALS) in 1994 to determine the level and distribution of literacy among their adult population. The study was to "investigate and compare factors relevant to literacy in a variety of countries".

Literacy Skills of Canadian Youth examines in greater detail the distribution of literacy skills within this age group. A thorough analysis is significant for many reasons. Adults aged 16 to 25 can be described as "in transition" from completing their formal schooling to entering the labour market. Thus, the analyses examine the effects of formal schooling on literacy levels. The analyses also examine interprovincial differences in literacy levels and gradients, with substantial implications for educational policies.

Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Quebec were ranked the top four provinces with literacy skills for young people of average socioeconomic background. Newfoundland,

British Columbia and New Brunswick were at the bottom of this scale. 39% of the national variation in youth literacy scores is directly related to socioeconomic factors, including parental education as well as employment status.

The relationship between literacy and age is dramatic. The highest literacy scores were attained by adults ages (approximately) 20 to 40. After age 40, the scores decline sharply, and continue to decline through to age 90. The relationship with age is not only statistically significant, it is

also substantively large: the scores decline more than 3% of a standard deviation per year. Analyses within this report show that much of the decline is associated with the educational attainment of individuals of different ages, and not with aging per se. Nevertheless, the unadjusted age distribution of literacy scores is important in that literacy proficiency is a key indicator of human capital.

Moreover, the age distribution adjusted for adults' schooling experience provides evidence that literacy proficiency is resistant to the effects of aging until late in life.

The level of literacy of a society's youth, and disparities in literacy skills among youth with differing characteristics and family backgrounds, are two important societal indicators. They indicate how the previous generation's investments of material, social, and cultural resources have translated into skills and competencies in the present generation. An explicit goal of public education is to assure equal opportunity across successive generations; therefore, levels of literacy and inequalities mark the success of a society's educational system. But these indicators also measure the pool of economic and cultural capital for sustaining the labour market over the next two or three generations. Thus they stand as measures of past investments and as measures of future successes.



The Literacy Bookshelf

The Literacy Dictionary : The Vocabulary of Reading and Writing (1995)

Editors: Theodore L. Harris, Richard E. Hodges

Defines reading and literacy-related terms along with vocabulary from other areas that contribute to the study of reading. Definitions represent both technical and nontechnical perspectives on vocabulary used in the classroom and in the research arena.

Cost : \$35.00

Contact : International Reading Association, Public Information Office, 800 Barksdale Road, PO Box 8139, Newark, DE 19714-8139 USA, Tel. (302) 731-1600, Fax 302-731-1057, E-mail: pubinfo@reading.org WWW : <http://www.ira.org>

ABE Fundamental Level Science

by Evelyn Battell and Kate Nonesuch

Emphasizes a different method of scientific exploration. Reading levels and math concepts appropriate to ABE, and developed for students working in groups with instructor help. An instructor's guide containing a general introduction, information on teaching each of the modules, additional resources and review.

Contact : Marketing Department of the Open Learning Agency, 4355 Mathissi Place, Burnaby, BC V5G 4S8, Tel. (604) 431-3210 or 1-800-663-1653.

Gateway to Canada

by Virginia Sauvé and Monique Sauvé

A teacher resource for literacy and fundamental level students. Up-to-date information and interesting approaches for a study of Canada.

Contact : Oxford University Press Canada, 70 Wynford Drive, Don Mills, ON M3C 1J9, Tel. 1-800-387-8020, Fax: 1-800-665-1771.

Program-Based Literacy Materials Catalogue, 3rd ed. (1997)

Ontario Regional Literacy Desktop Publishers

A collection of learner-written and program generated materials from Ontario's literacy programs. A valuable resource in your search for appropriate adult learning materials. Provides a short description of each book and detailed ordering instructions, a sample page of the publication also included with each listing.

Cost : \$10.00

Contact : Thunder Bay Literacy Group, 5-226 Camelot Street, Thunder Bay, ON P7A 4B1, Tel. (807) 345-0662, Fax (807) 344-0562, E-mail: nldtp@mail.baynet.net

Connecting in English : Curriculum Guidelines for Non-credit Adult ESL (1997)

by the North York Board of Education of Ontario

Contains five thematic, competency-based units: Social Interaction; Employment : Getting a Job; On the Job Health and Safety; Shopping and Consumerism; Getting to Know the Community. Each unit includes : 4 levels, pre-basic to advanced; guidelines for language development in the areas of vocabulary, grammar and usage, reading and writing, and more.

Cost : \$75.00 for a set of 5 units

Contact : North York Board of Education, 15 Mallow Rd., North York, ON M3B 1G2 ; Tel. (416) 395-6571, Fax (416) 395-6579.

Good Morning Canada ! Literacy Through Listening (1996)

Continuing Education Centre, Ottawa Board of Education

A binder with cassette that was developed to show how the media and educators may cooperate to develop literacy skills through the use of authentic listening extracts. Three written sections and an audio tape : student workbook, with exercises involving oral production, grammatical structures, reading and a final writing task; a teacher's manual and the media contribution.

Cost : \$20.00

Contact : Continuing Education Centre, Ottawa Board of Education, 515 Cambridge St. S., Ottawa, ON K1S 4H9, Tel. (613) 239-2656, Fax (613) 239-2429.

Train the Trainer : Literacy & Learning Disabilities

by Lisa L. Décosse, Sudbury Community Literacy

A training package developed as a resource for literacy personnel who will be training literacy practitioners working with adults who have learning disabilities. Intended to be used by teachers and trainers who have already gone through the training themselves.

Cost : \$35 plus shipping & handling

Contact : Sudbury Community Literacy, 124 Cedar Street, 3rd floor, Sudbury ON P3E 1B4, Tel. (705) 671-1499, Fax (705) 671-2635.

STAPLE (Supplemental Training for Practitioners in Literacy Education) (1996)

Association of Literacy Coordinators of Alberta

A CD ROM training program for adult literacy practitioners, giving literacy workers a foundation with which to develop tutor training or enrich their own professional development. Among the Module topics : Introduction to Assessment; Teaching Reading; Let's Talk About Literacy; Building a Foundation for Numeracy and Literacy.

Contact : Flo Brokop, Literacy Services of Canada Ltd., #404 10810 - 86 Avenue, Edmonton, AB T6E 2N2, Tel. (403) 413-6491, Fax (403) 413-6582, E-mail: brokop@telusplanet.net

Workplace Education : The Changing Landscape (1997)

by Maurice Taylor, ed.

A compilation of information on the current knowledge and practical experience about the major issues confronting the field of workplace training. Contents include : Optimizing Partnerships and New Linkages; Enhancing the Practice of Basic Skills Training; Reflections on Workplace Education and Learning.

Cost : \$35.00 plus shipping and applicable taxes

Contact : Culture Concepts Publishers, 69 Ashmount Crescent, Toronto, ON M9R 1C9, Tel.(416) 245-8119, Fax (416) 245-3383, WWW : <http://www3.sympatico.ca/cultureconcepts>

The Frontier College Tutor's Handbook : A guide to student-centred individualized learning (1997)

Frontier College Press

A revised handbook based on actual programs delivered by Frontier College for : street youth, prison inmates, people with disabilities, English as a Second Language Learners. Full of practical suggestions for tutoring adults.

Cost : \$15.95 + shipping and applicable taxes

Contact : Culture Concepts Publishers, 69 Ashmount Crescent, Toronto, ON M9R 1C9,
Tel.(416) 245-8119,
Fax (416) 245-3383.

Literacy in Action : Information, Guidance and Support Handbook (1997)

by Clyde Johnson and Reg Hamilton

A booklet to assist individuals and groups in setting down the groundwork to begin a community-based literacy association. Also provides information to anyone interested in volunteering with an individual learner or any other aspect of literacy service. Contents include : Getting Started, How to Prepare a Proposal, Literacy Groups, General Contacts.

Contact : Don McDonald, Literacy Development Council of Newfoundland and Labrador, Provincial Building, 3 Cromer Street, Grand Falls-Windsor, NF A2E 1W9,
Tel. (709) 489-7723,
Fax (709) 489-7421.

Lifelong Learning on the Information Highway Series (1997)

Knowledge Connection Corporation

An integrated series of books and multi-mode learning materials that demonstrates the successful use of compressed video, computer and audio/audiographic conferencing technologies as learning tools. Designed for a broad audience of instructors who are beginning to explore the application of learning technologies.

Contact : Scott Duncan, Knowledge Connection Corporation, 80 Gould Street, Suite V-222, Toronto ON M5B 2K3,
Tel. (416) 979-2930,
Fax (416) 979-3080,
E-mail: knowledge@kcc.ca
WWW: <http://www.kcc.ca>

Making Connections - Reading/Math Strategies (1997)

Cypress Hills Regional College

A workbook that was developed to promote the self-directed use of learning strategies. Focuses on Modelling, a method of teaching learning strategies. Assists learners, tutors and instructors in working through the process of using reading/math strategies, becoming comfortable with their use, and transferring the learning method to the workplace or their studies. **Cost :** \$20

Contact : Cypress Hills Regional College, 129 - 2 Avenue NE, Swift Current, SK S9H 2C6, Tel. (306) 773-1531,
Fax (306) 773-2384.

Portfolios in Practice (1996)

by Andrea Leis

Manual intended for experienced literacy practitioners who would like to learn more about portfolio development. Areas examined : a description of portfolios, the reasons learners use them, how to create them, and factors affecting their use. Manual NOT meant as an introductory course.

Contact : Andrea Leis, Stratford Campus, Conestoga College, 130 Youngs Street, Stratford, ON N5A 1J7,
Tel. (519) 271-5700,
Fax (519) 272-0953.

A Chance to Read - Video (1996)

A 27-minute video produced by the Laubach Literacy Council in Thompson, Manitoba. Emphasizes the Each One Teach One motto, featuring three former students who tell moving stories - each one very different - of their struggle and success to attain literacy. Purpose of the video : for training tutors and promoting public awareness of the literacy program, both locally and in other communities.

Cost : \$25

Contact : Lark Gamey at Thompson Reading Aides Corporation, Box 381, Thompson, MB R8N 1N1,
Tel. (204) 677-6060 or
(204) 778-7985 (messages),
E-mail : gamey@brandonu.ca

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<http://www.nald.ca/wecs.htm>

Filling the Gap : Learning and Language in Non-Formal Educational Settings (1995)

by Gillies Malnarich et al.

Report examining the learning which takes place outside the formal education system - in abandoned classrooms, church basements, union halls and women's shelters in British Columbia. Result of a project by a group of adult educators from Douglas College and Okanagan University College, showing how non-formal education provides a vital service in B.C., helping people deal with issues such as addiction, parenting and poverty, through educational activities like lectures, workshops, theatre, music or dance.

Contact : Literacy BC, 622-510 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 1L8,
Tel. (604) 684-0624, or
1-800-663-1293 (in BC),
Fax (604) 684 8520.



Learner's Corner

Resources for Learners

New Words, New Worlds - Stories and Poems by and for New Readers (1996)

edited by Elma Gerwin

A four-volume set of books, with 15 stories and poems written by students of Winnipeg Volunteer Reading Aides. Illustrations comprise at least half of each page. As well as enhancing the stories, they can be used to enable the reader to predict narrative events, and to provide contextual clues to word recognition and meaning, etc.

Cost : \$14 for the set of four books

Contact : Winnipeg Volunteer Reading Aides, 230-500 Portage Ave., Winnipeg, MB R3C 3X1, Tel. (204) 786-1212.

Literacy Development Booklets (1997)

Ability Employment Corporation

Two booklets for literacy development - one written by Paul Strong, and the other written by Charlene Butt. The booklets are plain language, level one readers. Both Paul and Charlene are individuals with developmental disabilities, who with help, have written these books.

Contact : Ability Employment Corporation, P.O. Box 182, Shoal Harbour, NF A0C 2L0, Tel. (709) 466-1670, Fax (709) 466-1684.

Great Canadians

Written by literacy students, this book describes the life of some Alberta celebrities, including Senator Joyce Fairbairn, Grant MacEwan, and Cody Snyder. The publication is loaded with lots of great pictures as well.

Cost : \$7.00

Contact : Marketing Director, Alberta Association for Adult Literacy (AAAL) by fax at (403) 380-3450 or contact the AAAL office, Room 211 RMP, 332 - 6 Avenue S.E., Calgary, AB T2G 4S6, Tel. (403) 297-4994, Fax (403) 297-4849.



Pine Candle Adult New Readers' Series

This series of high interest content books includes six titles: Souped Up; Hockey - Canada's National Game; Alberta Highlights; Night Skies; Rodeo West; Helpful Home Hints.

Cost : \$35 for a set of 6 books

Contact : Alberta Association for Adult Literacy (AAAL), Room 211 RMP, 332 - 6 Avenue S.E., Calgary, AB T2G 4S6, Tel. (403) 297-4994, Fax (403) 297-4849.

New Easy-to-Read Adult Novels

by Don Sawyer and Kate Ferris

New novels for adults who are improving their reading skills : ABE books that use simple language, yet explore adult themes. The settings range from adventures in Africa, the Queen Charlotte Islands, and New York City to the British Columbia Rodeo Championships. The novels are: Crocodiles and Rivers; Frozen Tears; The Scowling Frog; The Buckle; Three Wise Men; The Mailbox.

Contact : Open Learning Agency, 4355 Mathissi Place, Burnaby, BC V5G 4S8, Tel. (604) 431-3210 or 1-800-431-1653, Fax (604) 431-3381, WWW : <http://www.ola.bc.ca>

The Canadian Association of Literacy Educators



*L*iteracy is a local, national and worldwide concern. While there is a considerable literacy activity occurring in different parts of Canada, there is not a national literacy body to bring together all literacy educators who address common literacy goals and challenges. The Canadian Association of Literacy Educators (CALE) has grown out of a need for literacy educators in Canada to become part of a national body focussing on literacy.

CALE is a national organization that facilitates communication and professional development among literacy educators in Canada, and supports the literacy experiences of all learners. The framework of this organization includes: a Listserv - CALE (Canada Interact) through which Canadian and Literacy educators can share and interact with each other on literacy issues in Canada; Plans and Problems Forum, intended for researchers (including graduate students) who wish feedback on any stage of their research; Peer Review, which will assist with peer feedback on manuscripts intended for publication in a referred journal; and Director's Direct, available only to the Directors of the Association.

Also presented through CALE is the *Canadian Journal of Literacy Educators* (CJLE). This is an on-line journal which will be issued 4 times a year. Contributions from all are appreciated! To request more information about this journal, please email JOURNAL@nald.ca. To make a contribution, please email your article to : submit.CJLE@nald.ca. For more information, check out the website at: <http://www.nald.ca/cale.htm> or contact Dr. Bill Fagan at Box 194 Faculty of Education, Memorial University, St. Johns, NF A1B 3X8, Fax: 709 895 2057 Email: wfagan@morgan.ucs.mun.ca

Learner's Story

This story was story written by John Rogers, from the Greater Toronto area. John has been taking part in the *Beat the Street* Program of Frontier College, for a little over a year. He was homeless for a number of years previous to that. John is very creative and thoughtful, and he is an extremely hard worker. He has published his memoirs, in a book entitled "My Life Under a Rock", and is presently working on a second book.

Tolerance

by John Rogers

Tolerance is something some people have or don't have. There are two kinds of people; they are achievers and quitters. Achievers have strong endurance and long tolerance. They can endure through hardships and can tolerate through pressure. Achievers can concentrate and focus on what they are doing in any environment.

Quitters have weak endurance and short tolerance. They can't endure through hardships and tolerate through pressure. Quitters can't concentrate and focus on what they are doing in any environment.

[This story was taken with permission, from *Mercury's Diary - Writings from Beat the Street*, p.5, a program of Frontier College.]

Library Quilt



And Among the Winners Were...

The battle for world literacy is, too often, a story of unsung heroes. That's one reason the NALD newsletter will bring to you, on a regular basis, a list of those individuals, programs and organizations honoured with international, national and provincial recognition for outstanding work in the global literacy initiative.

Provincial

Ontario

LITERACY RECOGNITION AWARDS, given by the Ottawa Literacy Foundation

1996 Recipients :

- Maria Makrakis, of the Ottawa Separate School Board
- Centre d'alphabétisation La Magie des lettres, in Ottawa, Ontario

Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan Adult Basic Education Association Inc.(SABEA) AWARD OF EXCELLENCE -

This award is presented annually to an individual who consistently demonstrated qualities of an outstanding Adult Basic Education educator.

-- 1997 Award was presented to **Sandy Anderson**, in March, at their annual conference in Lloydminster. Sandy has been teaching ABE for the past 12 years.

This lovely and unique quilt was handcrafted by Diane Ramsey, wife of Charles Ramsey, Executive Director of NALD. Diane succeeded in creating a very realistic portrayal of a library with this Library Quilt, which looks like a bookcase on the wall. The quilt has the acronyms of some of the major literacy organizations in Canada, stitched on some of the books. The quilt, a traditional New Brunswick handicraft, harmonizes very well with Scovil House, the home of NALD. Scovil House is a Queen Anne Revival style building that was built in 1910, and named after a school superintendent whose home it once was. Shown in the photo, is Diane with her masterpiece.

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<http://www2.wgbh.org/mbcweis/lrc/telecom/blobtext.html>