

Northern Network News

The Northern Networks (LNN, LNW & MNN) are working together to consolidate and share information to help ensure that all of our service providers are kept informed.

Information will be compiled into a friendly e-news format and shared bi-weekly/monthly (depending on the topic and timelines) with you all. This way we can also update service providers about recent discussions on the www.northernliteracy.ca forums.

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Training Opportunities

Please check the events section on the website for an up-to-date listing and more details.

<http://www.northernliteracy.ca/index.php/service-providers/latest-events>

Labour Market Planning Meetings in the Northeastern Region September 2014

Between now and 2031, the last wave of the baby boomer generation is expected to exit the labour market. Depending on the area that could mean that thousands of people may potentially leave the labour market during that period. Will there be enough skilled workers to meet the future labour market demand? Since many industries are already finding it difficult to recruit workers, we could anticipate an increasing demand for many occupations.

In September, the Far Northeast Training Board hosted labour market planning meetings in the northeast to discuss the labour market challenges in the area and to share thoughts on how we could begin to meet the current and future labour force needs. If you would like more information on the results of those meetings please contact Julie Joncas of the FNETB by phone at 800-530-9176 or by email julie_joncas@ntl.sympatico.ca.

CLO: For the Love of Literacy AGM & Conference October 21 & 22 2014

Community Literacy of Ontario is inviting you to their “For the Love of Literacy” 20th Anniversary AGM and Conference; to be held at Ryerson University’s Oakham House (located in downtown Toronto). The event will include great workshops, networking opportunities, fun activities and a celebratory dinner on October 21st.

For more information, please check out their website <http://www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/>

Literacy Northwest: P.D. Session October 2014

October 16th & 17th 2014

LNW held their fall P.D. session on October 16th & 17th. Workshops included an EOIS-CaMS presentation, PIAAC– What Do PIAAC Survey Results Tell us About Ontario?, Common Assessment for the OALCF Goal Path Reading Rubric and Follow-Up, and a Regional LSP Meeting. Guest speakers included Robyn Cook-Ritchie, John MacLaughlin & Sandip Basi (from Essential Skills Ontario) and the Dryden Literacy Association.

For information, please contact Melissa at admin@literacynorthwest.on.ca.

Mid-North Network: P.D. Session October 2014

October 29th & 30th 2014

The Mid– North Network will be hosting a P.D. session on October 29th & 30th. Workshops include PIAAC– What Do PIAAC Survey Results Tell us About Ontario?, Social Media Marketing, Data MIA & CaMS 4.0, OALCF Goal Paths– Common Assessment and MNN’s AGM. Guest speakers include John MacLaughlin, Vicki Trottier, Joanne Kaattari, Robyn Cook-Ritchie and Wendy Olson.

The deadline to register was September 26th but if you have any questions please contact Amanda at midnorthnetwork@outlook.com.

Literacy Network Northeast: P.D. Session October 2014

October 30th & 31st 2014

LNN will be hosting a P.D. session on October 30th & 31st. Workshops include Digital Skills in Action, which will be featuring Google Drive, Prezi, and Apps and Tablets; and Common Assessment for the OALCF Goal Paths. Guest speakers will include Monika Jankowska-Pacyna from AlphaPlus and Wendy Olson from Dryden Literacy Association/ Literacy Northwest.

The deadline to register is Monday October 20th. Please complete the online registration form at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/W7FTTYH>

For more details please visit: www.northernliteracy.ca

CESBA Fall Conference: Making Sense of Learner Outcomes

December 3 to 5, 2014

CESBA is pleased to announce their featured speakers for their fall conference entitled, Making Sense of Learner Outcomes. Ontario’s Minister of Education, Liz Sandals, will open the event on Thursday morning. The keynote speaker will be John-Paul Hatala.

For more information about the conference please contact: Ann Salmon, CESBA Administrator at 416-597-1904 ext 3 or by email asalmon@cesba.com.

<http://www.cesba.com/>

Information Updates

CLO: New Online Service Delivery Training Modules

Community Literacy of Ontario's Literacy Basics announces the addition of 5 new self-study online service delivery training modules on their website. These modules include:

- Information and Referral
- Assessment
- Learner Plan Development
- Training
- Follow Up

Explore the five key Literacy and Basic Skills service delivery functions and discover how they connect to the OALCF. New insights about each delivery function, funder requirements, questions and activities for further reflection and plenty of tools and resources are now found on the website.

Please visit Community Literacy of Ontario Literacy Basics' website to find out more: <http://literacybasics.ca>.

CLO: Social Media Marketing Project

Community Literacy of Ontario announces the launch of their social media marketing modules. These online modules will provide a step-by-step overview of how to use these technologies, give you access to practical marketing tools and strategies, and examples of how other organizations have successfully used each technology for marketing. Topics covered include: Marketing 101, Blogs, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Pinterest, Twitter, and Video. These modules can be accessed at:

<http://www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/social-media-marketing/>

Canadian Literacy and Learning Network Ceasing Operations

The board of directors of Canadian Literacy and Learning Network (CLLN) is announcing the immediate closure of the Ottawa office, as it moves to wind down all operations of CLLN by March 31, 2015. While the board continues to believe in the importance of the organization's work as a leader for Canada's Literacy and Essential Skills communities - it also recognizes that the federal funding priorities, that previously supported and made this work possible, have changed. CLLN will continue work underway with current partners, but these will be the organization's final projects.

QUILL & SMLN: Transitions and Literacy Service Planning with Supplemental Transitions Report 2014

Simcoe/Muskoka Literacy Network and QUILL worked on projects last year that dealt with transitioning LBS clients to Employment Services. SMLN looked at the service coordination activities dealing with transition and QUILL researched the skills needed and created 20 task-based activities for the Task-Based Activities Portal. In doing this project, the evaluator recognized that there were many projects about transitions and met with the networks in the west to discuss this aspect of their work, as transition has different meanings to different people.

To that extent a report was created on the transition aspect of the SMLN and QUILL projects and included a mini report on other transition projects from central and western regions. Topics included in this report include project overviews, what does it take to develop tasks related to transitions and literacy service planning, project activities to connect transition to literacy service planning, and evaluation tools.

The report can be viewed on the LNO website:

<http://www.learningnetworks.ca/SMLN-TransitionsProject.php>

AlphaPlus: E-Learning on the Goal Paths

This e-bulletin is focused on activities that instructors and Learners can use to find information about each of the goal paths, and to work on digital skills and building computer self-efficiency. In order to find the activities and resources quickly, AlphaPlus has used a Live Binder—essentially a “three-ring binder on the web” that functions as a web-based repository of live links, and is a very good way to keep links organized by topic or theme.

For more information or to download this resource please visit:

<http://www.alphaplus.ca/en/web-tools/online-publications-a-reportsgroup1/e-learning-on-the-goal-paths-2014.html>

Information Updates

Laubach Literacy Ontario: Conference 2014 a Huge Success

Laubach Literacy Ontario's annual conference was held on June 13th and 14th, 2014 at Lakeside University in Orillia, Ontario. There were approximately 130 participants, who provided extremely positive feedback. Workshops were offered on a variety of subjects, ensuring that there was something of interest for all, coordinators & practitioners, LBS & ES practitioners, administrators and adult learners.

For more information about the conference please visit:

<http://www.laubach-on.ca/getinvolved/facts/news/conference-2014-a-huge-success>

CLO: September 2014 E-Communiqué Available

Community Literacy of Ontario's September 2014 Members E-Communiqué is now available. Topics covered in this e-communiqué are:

- Love Letters to Literacy and a Draw for a Galaxy Tablet!
- CLO's 20th Anniversary Conference "For the Love of Literacy"
- We're on LinkedIn!
- CLO's Revised (and Free!) Board Governance Guide
- Looking for a New Website Host?
- Literacy Link Niagara's "Small Business Savvy"
- Employment Ontario News and Information

To view the e-communiqué please visit: <http://www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/wp/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/September-2014-CLO-E-Communique.pdf>

Essential Skills Ontario Releases New Report

Later this year, the Government of Ontario will be redesigning the way in which a portion of training and employment services are delivered in the province. These changes are reflective of the government's current direction to respond to better equipping Ontario's workforce with the skills required for the jobs of today, as well as future opportunities, a concern for employees, the business community and government alike. Therefore, through an initiative led by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and Essential Skills Ontario, a new report entitled Moving Forward Together: An Employer Perspective on the Design of Skills Training in Ontario reflects the discussions with, and the perspective of over 100 employers from different sectors and regions across the province. For more information please contact Amber Haas at 416-963-5787 Ext 29 or by email at amber@essentialskillsontario.ca.

2014-2015 Service Delivery Network Development Fund Projects

MTCU has released a full summary of all the 2014-2015 Service Delivery Network Development Fund Projects, including the organization behind the project, the project title and a description of each project.

To see full details of all the upcoming projects please visit:

http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/publications/sdndf_summary_2014-15_projects.pdf

Essential Skills Ontario: PIAAC Bulletins

Essential Skills Ontario has released four of its 2014 Essential Skills Bulletins on PIAAC. The first bulletin, An Overview of PIAAC, gives an overview of the PIAAC results, some of the key findings, as well as how Canada and Ontario has fared in comparison to the OECD countries. The second bulletin, Do Education and Training Amount to Skill Gains, examines the relationship between education and training on skills levels, as well as the findings in Ontario and Canada. The third bulletin, Do Skills Actually Matter When it Comes to Employment and Earnings, examines the relationship between education and training on skill levels. The fourth bulletin, Young Adults in PIAAC: What Will the Future Skills Distribution Look Like?, examines how young adults in Canada performed in literacy and numeracy in the PIAAC survey compared to other countries, and what the potential implications of these results are for their current and future education and labour force attachment.

To read the 2014 Essential Skills Bulletins please visit:

<http://www.essentialskillsontario.ca/resources/bulletins>

Essential Skills Ontario Announces New PIAAC Project

ESO is working on a new project funded by MTCU that will extract and analyze micro data from the PIAAC survey results at both the regional and community level in Ontario to help shed light on skills challenges on a regional basis, as well as highlight challenges faced by vulnerable and low-wage populations across various parts of the province.

Through an online interactive mapping application the PIAAC survey results will be broken down by regions in Ontario. It is hoped that this map will help users explore information related to skills development in Ontario and use the data to inform labour market, employment and education planning decisions.

For more information about this project please visit:

<http://www.essentialskillsontario.ca/research/analyzing-piaac>

ESO and Partners Announce Phase II of Ontario Career Ladders Initiative

Essential Skills Ontario, along with their partners Literacy Link South Central, the Literacy Network of Durham Region, and Literacy Northwest are pleased to announce that they are continuing their collaboration for Phase II of the Career Ladders initiative, Career Ladders: The Next Step in Three Communities. Career Ladders is an approach designed to enhance the skills of vulnerable adults and move them into better jobs, as well as support employers looking to upskill their workforce. The second phase will build on the work of the first, where the viability of career ladders in three communities in the Durham, Brant and Thunder Bay regions was assessed. Phase II of the initiative will design the necessary platforms so that the three communities can develop and build local industry-specific career ladders. Learnings from this work will provide other communities across Ontario with assistance in how they can organize, develop and launch their own career ladders. The hope is to provide policymakers, practitioners and service providers with a better understanding of how local employment and training assets can be organized in a way that simultaneously supports employers and low-wage and low-skilled workers. To learn more about career ladders please visit:

www.essentialskillsontario.ca/career-ladders

CLO: Numeracy Instruction and the Understand and Use Numbers Competency E-Communiqué

Community Literacy of Ontario is pleased to share their Numeracy Instruction and the Understand and Use Numbers Competency E-Communiqué. This new resource shares resources to help support numeracy instruction for learners requiring additional skills in the Understand and Use Numbers competency.

CLO hopes that this e-communiqué will inspire you to explore some new resources and try some new task-based learning activities. In addition, CLO will be releasing the Understand and Use Numbers Curriculum resource at the end of March 2015.

For more information please visit:

<http://www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/resources/e-communiques/>

Ontario Newsroom: Championing Adult Literacy

The Ontario government announced that Tim Nicholls Harrison, CEO of the Owen Sound and North Grey Union Public Literacy, is this year's recipient of Ontario's Council of the Federation Literacy Award.

Premier Kathleen Wynne is recognizing Mr. Nicholls Harrison for his compassion and commitment to helping adults get the literacy and basic skills they need to lead more independent lives, further their education and get good jobs.

For nearly 30 years, Mr. Nicholls Harrison has helped people work toward their employment and educational goals. Before being appointed CEO of the library four months ago, Mr. Nicholls Harrison managed the library's Adult Learning Centres: Grey-Bruce-Georgian, where he and his team of staff and volunteers helped adults strengthen their literacy skills and gain the confidence to pursue new opportunities.

Established in 2004, the COF Literacy Award acknowledges the importance of literacy as an essential building block in the development of a vibrant society and a prosperous economy.

Recognizing Ontario's community leaders and helping people realize their fullest potential is part of the government's plan to invest in people, build modern infrastructure, and support a dynamic and innovative business climate.

To find out more please visit: <http://news.ontario.ca/tcu/en/2014/09/ontarios-2014-council-of-the-federation-literacy-award-winner.html>

Essential Skills Ontario: 2013-14 Annual Report

Essential Skills Ontario has just released its 2013-14 Annual Report, their first fully digital report, which highlights their achievements, events and activities over the past year.

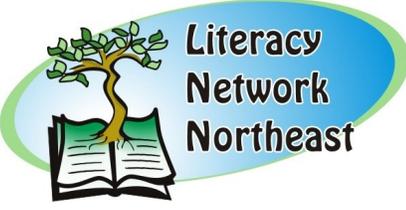
This year's report focuses on several initiatives including Career Ladders: Helping Communities Toward Integrated and Responsive Service Delivery; Elevate Canada: Raising the Grade for Food Processing; and Strengthening Rural Canada.

To read ESO's Annual Report please visit:

<https://esoannualreport2014.wordpress.com/page/2/>

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