

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). 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>

LNO: Clear Writing Course Registration Now Open

The Clear Writing course for winter 2015 is now open for registration. The course runs from January 5th 2015 to March 29th 2015, for a fee of \$295.00. The deadline to register for the course is December 19, 2014.

This course is open to anyone who:

- Wants to improve their personal and work-related writing skills
- Can commit 3 to 5 hours per week to learn and complete weekly assignments
- May want to use the course completion certificate as a first step to becoming recognized as an LNO Clear Writing Editor, Facilitator or Consultant

To register for the online course or for more information please visit www.learningnetworks.ca and click on 'LNO Clear Writing' or contact Sara Gill at 905-527-2222 or by email edassist@abea.on.ca.

LLSC: Ontario Labour Market Partnership Project Webinar Opportunities

Literacy Link South Central is presenting an opportunity to access a series of webinars. These webinars are part of a partnership project between the seven Regional Literacy Networks in the Western Region. Seven different strategies were piloted through this project and each of the strategies, all part of the Coordinating to Bring Low-Skilled and Marginalized Clients Employment project, focused on how the Regional Literacy Networks could further coordinate local services to enhance employment outcomes for lower-skilled Ontarians. The strategies from this project have been captured in four webinars, which will be delivered during November and December 2014. These webinars will be recorded, so if you are unable to attend these training opportunities you can access the recorded version of each webinar. For any questions, including how to access the recorded version of these webinars, please email literacylink@bellnet.ca.

LLSC: Ontario Labour Market Partnership Project Webinar

Opportunities (Webinars 1-3 can be viewed by contacting literacylink@bellnet.ca.)

Webinar 4: Thursday, December 11th, 2014 - 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

The fourth webinar for the Ontario Labour Market Partnership Project Webinar Opportunities is entitled Mastering the Puzzle Pieces– Relationship Building II. This webinar will give an update on Tri-County Literacy Network’s work with stakeholders within Employment Ontario and with Ministry’s outside MTCU to host further Bridges Out of Poverty training in Windsor-Essex to help facilitate staff/community support of learner and client success. QUILL Learning Network will showcase the activities the project partners undertook to improve service coordination within their multi-service centres. Both projects underline the importance of relationship building between agencies and with learners/clients for the best outcomes for learners and clients.

To register for this webinar please use the following link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6687354327066188290>

CLO: Making the Magic Happen—Board Roles & Responsibilities Webinar

Tuesday, December 16, 2014 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Community Literacy of Ontario is inviting literacy agencies to participate in a free webinar that focuses on the roles and responsibilities of not-for-profit boards in Ontario. This webinar will be of particular interest to Executive Directors and Board Directors, as well as to anyone thinking of running for a board position.

Vicki Trottier and Joanne Kaattari will share how clarifying the roles and responsibilities of board and staff can lead to more effective governance and operations for all. And, they will share real-life examples of boards in action.

To register for this webinar please visit the following link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6709235708607741186>

Far Northeast Training Board Local Labour Market Outlook Conference– Save the Dates

Based on the success of the Local Labour Market Outlook Conference that was held in Timmins last May, and at the request of participating service providers the Far Northeast Training Board is pleased to announce that a second conference will be held on *October 7th & 8th 2015*. This will be a great opportunity for service providers across the Far Northeast Training Board region to share expertise and practices. You don’t want to miss it, so save the dates.

Information Updates

LLO Express – October 2014 is Now Available

Laubach Literacy Ontario has released the October edition of their LLO Express.

Topics included this edition include:

- Expressions E-Magazine
- 2015 Calendars Now Available
- Ningwakwe Learning Press
- LLO's Training Post
- New Culminating Tasks on Contact North Repository

To see the LLO Express please visit their website:

<http://www.laubach-on.ca/teach/news/LLOExpress>

AlphaPlus Releases its September/ October 2014 News

Some of the highlights from AlphaPlus's September/October 2014 news includes information on assessment practices and the OALCF use digital technology milestones survey, some of the apps and extensions on Google Chrome, an update on the Digital Skills in Action workshops, the blogging platform Tumblr, and upcoming tech Tuesdays webinars.

For more information about the newsletter please visit AlphaPlus's website:

<http://alphaplus.ca/component/acymailing/archive/listid-1-mailinglist.html>

Revised Information and Referral Guide for Ontario's Online E-Channel Program

The document An Information and Referral Guide for Ontario's Online E-Channel Program, that was originally created in November 2011 has finally been revised. In addition to containing a brief overview and background of e-channel, this document contains all the information you would require to make a referral to any of the five e-channel lead organizations in Ontario, which are The LearningHUB, Good Learning Anywhere, Deaf Learn Now, F@D, and ACE Distance Delivery.

This document can be found on the LearningHUB website:

<http://www.learninghub.ca/Files/PDF-files/InformationAndReferralGuideOct2014English.pdf>

CLO: Young Adults and Literacy Newsletter October 2014

Community Literacy of Ontario would like to share their Youth-Young Adults and Literacy Newsletter. This new literacy resource shares information on learning strategies, challenges, and technology when working with youth. Inside this issue:

- Introduction
- Time is of the Essence
- Designing literacy instruction for youth
- Acknowledge potential challenges
- Approaches to the design and delivery of training
- Short-term learning modules
- Targeted learning modules
- Resources, Tools and Technology
- Consider context
- Recognize the role of technology
- Integrate technology
- Youth talk about literacy programming
- Service coordination
- Conclusion

To view this newsletter please visit:

<http://www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/resources/newsletters/>

CLO: October 2014 Members' E-Communiqué

Community Literacy of Ontario has released their October 2014 Members' E-Communiqué. Topics covered in this issue include:

- Young Adults and Literacy Newsletter
- Update on CLO's AGM and 20th Anniversary "For the Love of Literacy" Conference
- MTCU Presentation at Our AGM
- CLO's Love Letters to Literacy Campaign
- QUILL Learning Network's Task-Based Activity Portal
- CLO's Social Media Marketing Modules
- Golden Oak Program
- Numeracy Instruction and the Understand and Use Numbers Competency E-Communiqué
- Employment Ontario News and Information

To view the October members' e-communiqué please visit CLO's website:

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

Information Updates

ESO: Announces Launch of Strengthening Rural Canada's Website

Despite all that rural communities provide, many of them are struggling to remain viable, facing increasing pressures from youth migration, aging populations, and skills shortages. Over the past year, Essential Skills Ontario, along with their partners, have been travelling to 28 rural communities across the country for the Strengthening Rural Canada initiative.

ESO is pleased to announce the launch of the Strengthening Rural Canada website. The website, which is available in English and French, highlights:

- The initiative, its partners and the community selection process
- Some of the challenges facing rural communities in Canada, as well as the opportunities these communities provide
- Profiles of the four provinces in the initiative, British Columbia, Ontario, Newfoundland and Labrador and Saskatchewan, as well as profiles of 28 rural communities
- An in-depth research report, executive summary and infographic for each of the four provinces using the latest Census and National Household Survey data

As ESO continues to visit new communities and as research reports are completed, new content will be added to the site.

To visit the English site please visit: <http://strengtheningruralcanada.ca/>

To visit the French site please visit: <http://renforcercommunautesruralescanada.ca/>

ESO: Strengthening Rural Canada's First Research Report Released

Essential Skills Ontario, along with its partners, has released the first of four research reports for the provinces involved in the project. Using the data from the latest Census and the National Household Survey, the initiative is analyzing past, present and future demographic changes in rural and urban Ontario, as well as measuring the impact of human capital in rural and urban settings. Ontario's report, entitled Fewer & Older: The Coming Demographic Crisis in Rural Ontario, is available on the Strengthening Rural Canada website. The reports for the other three provinces will be available in the coming months.

To read Ontario's report in English please click [here](#).

To read Ontario's report in French please click [here](#).

ESO Announces New Project Aimed to Help LBS Practitioners

Essential Skills Ontario announces their new MTCU funded project, entitled Aligning and Measuring PS-TRE's (Problem Solving in Technology-Rich Environments) in the OALCF. This project will relate new developments in digital skills to the OALCF curriculum. The project will work with LBS practitioners to determine practical ways to integrate PS-TREs into class settings. As LBS practitioners become better versed in PS-TREs and how to incorporate them into the classroom, students will be better prepared for the complex digital skills they will need as they move forward in their goal paths. The developed framework and tools from the project will provide the LBS practitioners with new and relevant information that has emerged from PIAAC and other related research. The final framework will include meaningful descriptors, definitions, milestones, culminating tasks, practical tasks, exercises and recommendations that will provide practitioners with a foundation to integrate into the LBS program.

For more information on this project please visit:

<http://www.essentialskillsontario.ca/node/741>

Employment Ontario User Space Available November 3, 2014.

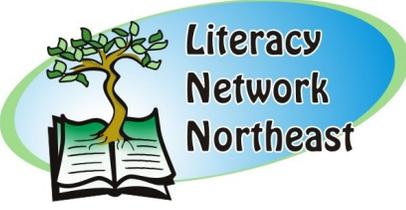
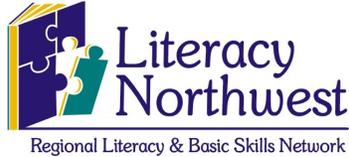
On October 29th, 2014 MTCU released a bulletin that announced that the Employment Ontario User Space (EOUS) will be available to ES, LBS and OSEB (Ontario Self Employment Benefit) providers on November 3, 2014. The EOUS is a mock system environment for the Employment Ontario Information System, Case Management System (EOIS-CaMS) that gives service provider organizations greater flexibility for training and development. It is intended to be used as a "sandbox" for practice when new EOIS-CaMS functionality is being launched and for various other local service provider led training efforts. In particular, it is a useful tool for orienting new staff to EOIS-CaMS.

To view this bulletin please visit:

http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/publications/2014_8_cams_bulletin.pdf

Your Northern Networks

Website: www.northernliteracy.ca

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