

# 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](http://www.northernliteracy.ca) forums.

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# Network Updates & Training Opportunities

MNN Update: Effective September 1, 2013 Marsha Bell will be taking a leave of absence. Until further notice, the MNN requests that all e-mail correspondence be sent to her Co-Executive Director, Jaime Lafond, at [mnnlearn@outlook.com](mailto:mnnlearn@outlook.com)

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

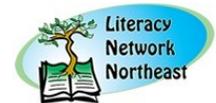
<http://www.northernliteracy.ca/index.php/service-providers/latest-events>

## Face to Face training in Timmins

**September 30 & October 1 - Come celebrate LNN's 15th Anniversary!!**

Topics include:

- Learning with Swagger
- QUILL Learning Network's Task-Based Activities portal
- Regional Literacy Services Planning & Coordination
- Annual General Meeting



Registration will be coming out shortly. For further details, please contact Kaitlin at [director@literacynet.ca](mailto:director@literacynet.ca) or 705-267-5663.

## Face to Face training in Sudbury

**October 7 & 8, 2013**

Topics include

- Risk Management, Governance & Leadership for Non profit Organizations
- ESKARGO & OALCF
- Regional Literacy Services Planning & Coordination

Registration will be coming out shortly. For further details, please contact Jaime at [mnnlearn@outlook.com](mailto:mnnlearn@outlook.com) or 705-560-4774.



## Face to Face training in Thunder Bay

**November 12-14, 2013 - Come celebrate LNW's 25th Anniversary!!!**

Topics include

- Apprenticeship
- Assessment & ESKARGO
- Regional Literacy Services Planning & Coordination
- Project updates (Common Assessment and Apprenticeship projects)



Registration will be coming out shortly. For further details, please contact Melissa at [admin@literacynorthwest.on.ca](mailto:admin@literacynorthwest.on.ca) or 1-800-461-9294.

## Northern Network Online training

Do you want to learn to get more out of Facebook and Twitter? Or, have you been holding off signing up because you're not sure how they can benefit your literacy agency? If so, then you will want to join the Northern Networks two-part free social media webinar series on **October 2<sup>nd</sup> and October 9<sup>th</sup>** when we take an in-depth, hands-on look at these two important social media tools.

**Get to know Facebook inside out ~ Wednesday, October 2, 2013**  
**10 to 11 am EDT / 9 to 10 am CDT**



**Taming Twitter ~ Wednesday, October 9, 2013**  
**10 to 11 am EST / 9 to 10 am CDT**



Both webinars will be facilitated by Vicki Trottier and Joanne Kaattari from Community Literacy of Ontario. Vicki and Joanne each have many years of experience providing online training and have embraced social media wholeheartedly.

More details will be emailed out shortly. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa at LNW at [admin@literacynorthwest.on.ca](mailto:admin@literacynorthwest.on.ca) or 1-800-461-9294.

**CLO Community Literacy Ontario AGM:**  
**Tuesday, October 29th, 2013**

Please email [clo@bellnet.ca](mailto:clo@bellnet.ca) for more information



# Information Updates

## Literacy Service planning update

It's Literacy Service Planning time again!!! This year, the information was released by the ministry in August. Your regional network will contact you shortly regarding this year's process. [http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/publications/lbs\\_memo\\_lit\\_ser\\_plan\\_2014\\_15.pdf](http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/publications/lbs_memo_lit_ser_plan_2014_15.pdf)

## Ontario College of Trades

Please see the attached power point presentation on the Ontario College of Trades.

## PIAAC Essential Skills Bulletin

Essential Skills Ontario has released a new Bulletin on the Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC) called Putting PIAAC and Data into Place. This bulletin introduces the concept of **place-based approaches**, which are increasingly being seen as effective strategies for meeting the needs of local communities. The bulletin also covers the importance of place, bringing place-based initiatives into practice, and moving forward with PIAAC results. This is bulletin three of a series. To download please go to their website at:

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

## Estimate of Expenditure Report

At a meeting of the Western Region Implementation Team (WRIT) Committee, a presentation was provided about the new financial reporting schedule.

The presentation highlighted the following Timeframes for the 6 EERs and SRER:

- Q1 July 15 reporting, for actuals to June 30
- **New** - September 10 reporting, for actuals to August 31 to inform newly focused Federal Reporting and any TP adjustments required
- Q2 October 15 reporting, for actuals to September 30
- **New** - December 10 reporting, for actuals to November 30 to inform any TP adjustments required and Ministry of Finance reporting for hard estimates for Q4
- Q3 January 15 reporting, for actuals to December 31
- Q4 April 5 reporting, for actuals to March 31
- SRER June 14 informs year end results.

## Referral Update: Youth Employment Fund (YEF)

Employment Services (ES) will begin to offer a new program September 2013. The youth Employment Fund will provide ES agencies with a new eligibility markers for students between the age of 15—29 who are unemployed, not participating in full time work or education. This program will allow at risk youth to experience job placements that offer a chance for training and skill development while earning income. For more information on the YEF please visit the MTCU website and make sure to review the information with the Employment Services provider in your community.

## New Resources and Links

### Task Based Activities Portal—New Tasks posted

QUILL has uploaded new tasks in the Anglophone and Francophone sections of the portal. We received 23 tasks from Simcoe Muskoka Literacy Network and Barrie Literacy Council from their project. All activities are now on the site and you can search by date for the ones uploaded in June and July. Also, there is now a webinar of the site for the Francophone stream and all the tasks translated into French throughout the building of the portal are on the site now.

<http://taskbasedactivitiesforlbs.ca/>



### Excel Tracking Sheet

Lisa has created an additional tracking tool for agencies. This is called the Personal Electronic Portfolio (PEP) sheets. This sheet is designed for the student to keep track of what they are doing and the time they are putting in. This can help agencies to report on students' attendance to other agencies. It is filled in, then the calendar is printed out by the student, signed by the instructor to verify the dates and times attended, then the student does the faxing or reporting to the supporting agency. The excel sheet can be found attached to this email or in the members section of the northern literacy website.

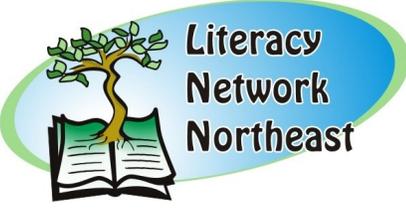
### Capacity Builder's Collaboration Coach

Capacity Builders has created a new free resource called Collaboration Coach, a unique website designed to help nonprofit boards, staff and volunteers build and nurture effective collaborations. Funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the site offers visitors an opportunity to access practical tools, find answers to common questions, and read stories about the collaboration experiences of others through six theme areas.

[www.capacitybuilders.ca/collaborationcoach](http://www.capacitybuilders.ca/collaborationcoach)

# Your Northern Networks

Website: [www.northernliteracy.ca](http://www.northernliteracy.ca)

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