



The Centre for Literacy

News from The Centre

August 2006

International Literacy Day Events

Staff position

The Centre is looking for a Project manager/grants writer to start at the end of September.

A job posting will be on the web site by the end of August.

Community consultation

Our consultation with the Quebec literacy and other sectors about how we can enhance our services is nearing the end of the data-gathering stage. We have had very enthusiastic participation from a cross-section of groups and individuals. To emphasize our commitment to offer more focused service to outlying communities, Paul Beaulieu, our librarian, will go to the Gaspé on August 29 to run a focus group and interview interested parties. He will add to the findings from interviews and focus groups run from May until now. A consultant will analyze the results in September. From preliminary analysis, we have already developed two small project proposals for 2006-07, and will share a report and action plan in late fall. Meanwhile, thank you to all who gave time and thought.

Book Sale

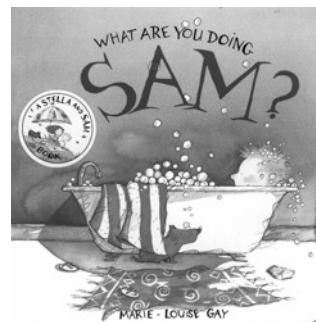
The 6th annual book sale that we have done with Giant Book Sales for International Literacy Month will be held from September 7 - 17 at a new location, Le Faubourg, 1616 Ste-Catherine Street West. The Centre receives a cash donation that helps us to continue offering services to the community. We also receive Book Vouchers that we distribute to community organizations and schools. We have given donations worth more than \$90,000 to almost 40 organizations. The list of past community recipients is on our web site. This year's beneficiaries will be notified before the sale and their names will be added after the event.

Melanie Watt and Marie-Louise Gay read for HIPPY at Babar en Ville



11:00 a.m.
Melanie Watt reads
Augustine

The Centre is collaborating with Babar en Ville, Montreal's beautiful downtown book haven for kids, which is sponsoring two renowned children's writers reading their newest books for 3 -5 year olds. The event will take place on Saturday, September 9, one day after International Literacy Day, at Babar, 1235A Greene Avenue. Both authors will autograph books after the reading. A portion of the day's profits will be donated to HIPPY Montreal.



3:00 p.m.
Marie-Louise Gay
reads *What are you doing Sam?*

Library update

The Centre has updated its borrowing policies. To begin borrowing, simply become a member of the library, free of charge. We offer long-distance loans (within Canada), and we can assemble and loan customized trunks of materials for organizations. To find out more about how we can meet your needs or the needs of your organization, or to arrange an appointment to come in to visit the library, please call our librarian, Paul Beaulieu, at (514) 931-8731, ext. 1413.

Our research consulting services are now in place for organizations or individuals doing research in literacy or related fields.

Friends campaign 2006

Our 2006 Friends campaign has begun. Thank you to those who sent in donations early. This year, we will support HIPPY, begin an exciting new literacy project partnership at the Montreal Children's Hospital, and replace some aging equipment that is hampering day-to-day function. Please ask those you know who support literacy to become a Friend. Forms are on our website. If you are unable to download forms, please contact us by phone or e-mail.

Quebec PGI – September 15

The Quebec English Literacy Alliance (QELA) is organizing the 2006 PGI Golf Tournament for Literacy at Chateau Bromont on Friday September 15.

Information and registrations are available from PGI Chair, Ilze Epnars, 28 Hastings, Knowlton, Quebec, JOE 1V0;
Tel: 1-866-7352;
Fax: 1 (450) 242-2543;
e-mail: qela@citenet.net



HIPPY

We have bid a reluctant good-bye to Coordinator Jennifer Symansky who has taken a teaching position at a local college. Jenn worked tirelessly to set up HIPPY Montreal and has left a strong bilingual program for her successor Valeria Taranto. The first year was a great success. Of 43 families who enrolled, 37 completed the program — a high rate of retention — and 34 of them have signed up for the second year. We expect to take the numbers to more than 60 this year, and begin formal research-evaluation to track the program impacts. Watch our web site for details. Don't miss the introduction of our HIPPY mascot.



Learning Forum 2006-07

Health Communication workshop revised **But do they understand? Communicating with users and caregivers**

Dates: October 20, 2006, and February 23, 2007

Effective tools for adapting written and verbal health communication and creating alternative tools for people with language, literacy, cultural, or disability barriers.

Registration form is on the web.

Summer Institute 2007:

Libraries and Literacy

June 28-30, 2006

Following an outstanding Summit on Libraries and Literacy at the recent annual conference of the Canadian Library Association (CLA), The Centre for Literacy will collaborate with CLA and AlphaPlus Centre next June to explore this topic in depth at the Summer Institute. We anticipate strong participation from across Canada and internationally. Details will be available in late fall. Mark your calendar.

POSTPONED TO WINTER/SPRING 2007

New dates t.b.a.

No 'quick fix', but quicker than most: **Understanding structures of learning**

Facilitator: Professor Michael Hardt, University of Syracuse

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