

The Centre for Literacy

News from The Centre

July 2007

Board nominations

Two seats are available on The Centre board of directors for a two-year term (2007-2009), beginning in September.

A nomination form that describes the roles and responsibilities can be downloaded from our web site. For more information, please call (514) 931-8731, ext. 1415.

Deadline for nominations:
August 20, 2007

Interviews with the nominating committee will take place in late August so a slate of directors can be presented at the September AGM.

Staff update

Welcome to:
Debbie Baillie who has joined us as Bookkeeper bringing experience in the private sector and a personal commitment to social issues; Valeria Taranto, Coordinator, and Lynn Hencher, Program Assistant, for HIPPY Montréal, who are now part of The Centre's staff; and Maria Salomon, Coordinator for our IFPCA Literacy Access project to set up three satellite library collections for new readers in areas where access has been limited or non-existent.

Accountability Project hiring

The first phase of this project, to document the use and impact of accountability frameworks on adult literacy and basic education across Canada, is underway. The intent is to increase understanding of what accountability means and how it works in theory and practice; to create a common language between community and government/funders; and to propose models that can satisfy all parties. The literature review is starting in July. Calls are out for the Project Manager and for five field reviewers who will be interviewed and hired in August. Job calls are on the web sites of the four sponsor organizations: The Centre, MCL, Literacy BC, and RiPal BC.

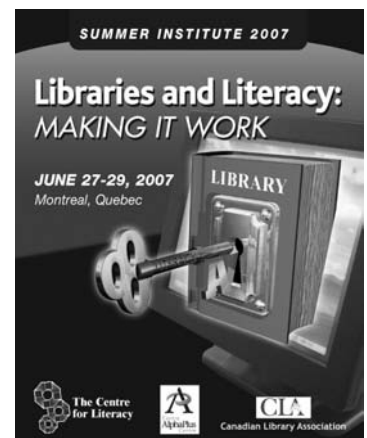
HIPPY Montréal Fundraiser Developer

The Centre assumed management for the HIPPY project as of July 1. In 2006-07, HIPPY served almost 80 children, created new French materials, and began a two-year efficacy study on the impact of the program on the children, their parents and the home visitors. The goals for the coming year are to increase the numbers to 120 children and to work toward embedding and sustaining the program. To help us achieve the sustainability goal, we are looking for a fundraiser developer for a 40-week contract. Applications are due by August 10. Details are on our web site.

Learning Forum

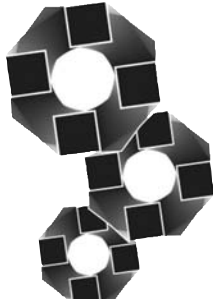
Summer Institute 2007: Libraries and Literacy

Fifty-six participants from across Canada, and from the US, UK and Australia spent three exhilarating days at the end of June studying models of library-literacy collaboration from small local to comprehensive national initiatives. The Centre organized the institute with the Canadian Library Association and the AlphaPlus Centre; all three committed to keep the dialogue going and to build broader networks between the library and literacy worlds. Presentations from the event are on our web site, and an annotated bibliography will be finalized and online by the end of August. Watch for the announcement of a CLA literacy-dedicated website.



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Be a Friend

For 2007, we are dedicating our Friends campaign to support HIPPY Montréal, the Literacy Access satellite library project, and the Literacy Promotion project at the Montreal Children's Hospital. Letters and donation forms will be mailed in August, but please do not wait. Forms are also available online.

International Literacy Day events September 2007

Watch our web site for updates on the annual book sale and for another exciting book event for HIPPY Montréal at Babar en Ville, Montreal's premier children's bookstore.

Satellite Community library collections

We also plan to launch the first of a series of Quebec community library collections on September 8. These collections will reside in three Quebec sites. In Montreal, our partner is the historic Atwater Library. The other two satellites will be in the Gaspé and the Eastern Townships. A description of the project and updates can be found on our web site in August.

2008 Institutes

The theme for the **2008 Summer Institute** in Montreal will be **ESL and Literacy**. The Centre will work in partnership with the Centre for Education and Work (CEW), and is talking with a third organization to be confirmed in August.

Another three-day institute, this one on **Health and Literacy**, will be held in **Calgary on October 23 -25, 2008**, in collaboration with Bow Valley College. The event will focus on how health and adult education professionals are connecting literacy and health in curriculum and in practice. Watch the web for details.

Recognition Awards for Adult Literacy



The second annual awards were given on April 23, 2007, at the Poetry Challenge event held at Dawson College. The awards recognized learners, tutors and teachers in the Quebec voluntary and school sectors. Pictures of the winners are on our web site. A full-colour booklet with all the submissions will be available for download from our web site in late July, and will be published in August.

Winners of the 2007 Recognition Awards for Adult Literacy:

COMMUNITY SECTOR

Learners award:

Bruce Walsh – Western Quebec Literacy Council

Teacher/Tutor award:

Sylvia Flowers – Literacy Unlimited

SCHOOL BOARD SECTOR

Learners award:

Lory-Anne Campeau – Hull Adult Education Centre

Poetry Challenge 2007

Dressed in black to the theme of the Beat Generation, poetry readers raised over \$1000 at our April 23 event. The funds will go to two of our projects: HIPPY Montréal and "Imagine", the Literacy Promotion project at the Montreal Children's Hospital. Details about both projects are on our web site. Many thanks to the participants, to hosts David McGimpsey and Donna Nebenzahl, and to Dawson College!

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