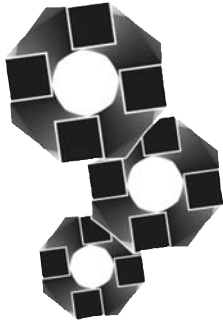


# The Centre for Literacy News from The Centre

## November 2007



### Correction re Poetry Challenge 2007

In the July *News from The Centre*, we omitted the Quebec Writers' Federation, a third recipient of funds from the 2007 Poetry Challenge.

Two scholarships have been made available for students to attend a teen writing workshop by the QWF, which is a partner organization in the Poetry Challenge.



### Be a Friend in deed

We still need donations for this year's Friends' campaign. Funds will support HIPPY, "Lire/Imagine/Read" the Montreal Children's Hospital Literacy Promotion project, and the Need It...Read It! satellite library project, and other projects.

Go to the CanadaHelps.org button or the Friends of The Centre at the top of our home page ([www.centreforliteracy.qc.ca](http://www.centreforliteracy.qc.ca)). Please help us extend our reach.

### Accountability Project gathers steam

*Connecting the Dots: Improving Accountability in the Adult Literacy Field* in Canada is gathering data. Literature and field reviews are in progress. Field reviewers will gather documents, policies, and accountability-related forms in every province and territory. They will also conduct individual interviews and survey selected members of the adult literacy practitioner and funder communities. The project has set up an advisory committee of individuals with expertise in the field or in funding and accountability. An invitational symposium the week of May 12 will conclude Phase 1. The second phase of the Project will offer training, support and funding for up to five teams of practitioners and funders to implement innovative accountability models based on findings.

The Centre for Literacy of Quebec, Movement for Canadian Literacy, Literacy BC and Research in Practice for Adult Literacy-BC are co-sponsors of this project. It is being managed by The Centre.

A dedicated website will be up by December and fully functional in January at [www.literacyandaccountability.ca](http://www.literacyandaccountability.ca). Please visit regularly to stay informed, read reviews of the literature, download documents, complete a survey, and participate in online discussions. Until the site is functional, check The Centre website for updates and links: [www.centreforliteracy.qc.ca](http://www.centreforliteracy.qc.ca)

### Literacy Promotion at The Montreal Children's Hospital

Lire/Imagine/Read, a collaborative pilot project between the Hospital and The Centre, is happening in four primary pediatric clinics. Parents and children who visit these clinics receive a book in their mother tongue, plus:

- A Literacy Promotion bookmark
- Information about age-appropriate reading and libraries as resources, as well as information about adult literacy programs, if appropriate.
- Volunteer readers will be available in waiting rooms

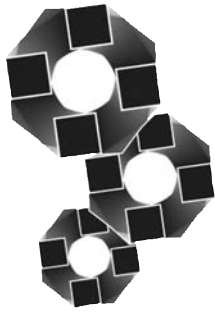
Information/training sessions for staff are offered to ensure routine and accurate promotion. The project is being evaluated on an ongoing basis.

A **Family Literacy Day** event at the hospital on January 28 will raise awareness. Author-illustrator, Marie-Louise Gay will read in French and English, and talk to staff about the joys of reading with children. Everyone who comes to the hospital that day will receive a book.

The project was selected for a poster display at the recent Canadian Association for Pediatric Health Centres (CAPHC) conference, and was chosen as one of 10 to be presented in a spoken session. The abstract (No. 85) is available at: [http://www.caphc.org/documents\\_annual/2007/poster\\_abstracts.pdf](http://www.caphc.org/documents_annual/2007/poster_abstracts.pdf)

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## Booksale gets new books to community groups

We thank Giant Booksales for their continuing support. Since 2000, the sale has given over \$100,000 worth of new books to recipient groups.

A list of all the groups who have received books over the last seven years is on our web site. This year's recipients are highlighted.



## 2007 Adult Literacy Award submissions published

The second annual awards recognized learners, tutors and teachers in the Quebec English voluntary and school sectors. A full-colour booklet with the winning entries and all the submissions from the 2007 Adult Literacy Awards can be downloaded from our web site <http://www.centreforliteracy.qc.ca/whatsnew/awards/alawrd07/submissions07.pdf>

The booklet is available in print from The Centre for \$10.00, including postage and handling. To order a copy, please send cheque or money order to:  
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3040 Sherbrooke Street West,  
Montreal, Quebec H3Z 1A4.

## Learning Forum 2008 Summer Institute: ESL and Literacy

June 26 - 28, 2008, Montreal

Recent studies acknowledge that many second-language learners, including some who lack mother tongue literacy, enroll in adult literacy programs. The 2008 Summer Institute will bring together participants to meet with organizations and individuals who have done the early research. We will explore the implications for practice and policy of what we know, and propose strategies to bridge the traditional gap between ESL and literacy providers. Registration packages will be on the web in December and in the mail in January.

The Centre for Literacy is partnering for this Institute with the Centre for Education and Work (CEW), the Ontario Literacy Coalition, the Movement for Canadian Literacy, and Literacy BC.

### *Literacy & Health: Constructing professional curriculum*

A three-day institute on **Health and Literacy in Calgary in October 2008** - a collaboration between The Centre for Literacy and Bow Valley College. Preliminary information will be online by the end of December.



## 2007 Summer Institute next steps

The annotated bibliography on *Libraries and Literacy* collated for the 2007 Institute is on our web site. We will contact participants in early 2008 to ask about any local follow up and for suggestions to maintain collective momentum.

The Canadian Library Association, a partner sponsor of the 2007 Institute, has launched a dedicated website entitled [www.librariesandliteracy.ca](http://www.librariesandliteracy.ca) that includes a discussion forum.

## *Need It...Read It! Lifelong Learning Collections:*

This fall, The Centre set up satellite literacy collections in four communities in Quebec, in collaboration with local partners. Two of the collections are housed in Montreal (at the Atwater Library and the Eleanor London Côte Saint-Luc Public Library), one is in the Eastern Townships (Bury, QC) and one in Gaspé. Providing access to a new range of high quality, easy-to-read materials for adults, this project will promote the idea of reading for pleasure and help libraries and community learning centres to attract adults with limited reading abilities.

For more information, see <http://www.centreforliteracy.qc.ca/projects/lifelong.htm>



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