

## COMMUNITY LITERACY OF ONTARIO MEMBERS' E-COMMUNIQUE APRIL 2014

Dear CLO Members,

Community Literacy of Ontario is pleased to present our **APRIL 2014 Members' E-Communiqué**.

Topics covered in this e-communiqué are:

1. Literacy + Innovation = Success! CLO's Newsletter and Webinar
2. Announcing CLO's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference "For the Love of Literacy"
3. Launch of CLO'S New Website
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### LITERACY + INNOVATION = SUCCESS! CLO'S NEWSLETTER AND WEBINAR

Looking for some inspiration? Then look no further than CLO's online newsletter and recorded webinar on "**Literacy + Innovation = Success**".

In the newsletter and webinar we share eight innovative LBS partnerships with Ontario Works, employment services, other service providers, the local community, and employers. The stories were shared by diverse community-based literacy agencies around our province.



These stories provide a snapshot of the determination to develop creative partnerships in support of literacy that are occurring all across Ontario. If **YOU** have an innovation story to share, please contact us via email, Twitter or Facebook.

- **Innovation newsletter:** [www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/wp/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Innovation-Newsletter-March-2014.pdf](http://www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/wp/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Innovation-Newsletter-March-2014.pdf)
- **Innovation webinar:** <http://vimeo.com/89515705>



## ANNOUNCING CLO'S 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE "FOR THE LOVE OF LITERACY"

Community Literacy of Ontario is excited to invite you to our "For the Love of Literacy" 20th Anniversary AGM and Conference at Ryerson University's Oakham House (located in downtown Toronto).

Plan to join us on **October 21 and 22, 2014** for:

- Great workshops
- Networking opportunities
- Fun activities
- A celebratory dinner on October 21<sup>st</sup>



Stay tuned, more information will be coming soon. But in the meantime, save the dates!

## LAUNCH OF CLO'S NEW WEBSITE

Community Literacy of Ontario is thrilled to announce the launch of our new website:  
[www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/](http://www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/)

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Community Literacy of Ontario (CLO) is a provincial literacy network of 100 community literacy agencies across Ontario. CLO was founded in 1994 and our office is located in Barrie, Ontario.

We provide many services to Ontario's community literacy agencies such as: sharing information via ebulletins and newsletters, producing exemplary resources and tools to support literacy agencies, hosting two websites, providing online training and holding an annual training event, and researching the needs and priorities of our members. CLO has grown to be an organization that is respected both provincially and nationally.

CLO has invariably attracted people with vision, dedication and commitment. We are proud of our dynamic board, staff and volunteer team. While CLO may be small, we have always dreamed big, worked hard, and accomplished much. Community Literacy of Ontario has truly become the little organization that could.

We want to thank our new web designer, [GreenIT](#), for their awesome website design and for their user-friendly, cost-effective services designed for small nonprofits. We also want to thank [Copian](#) (formerly the National Adult Literacy Database) for hosting CLO's site. What would we ever do without our wonderful tech friends?



## UPDATE ON OUR “LOVE LETTERS TO LITERACY” CAMPAIGN!

As we mentioned in previous communications, Community Literacy of Ontario is hosting a “**Love Letters to Literacy**” campaign. This campaign will honour the power, passion and impact of community-based literacy!

We are asking everyone with a passion for literacy to create a “*Love Letter to Literacy*” which shares:

- (1) Why does literacy matter to you?
- (2) How has literacy impacted your life?
- (3) What are your hopes for literacy in the future?



Your “**Love Letter to Literacy**” can be a letter, a story or a poem. Or, it could be a picture, a drawing or a video. In fact, you could create it in any format you choose. Love letters can be sent in from anyone involved with a literacy organization (past and current students, staff, or volunteers), community supporters, or anyone with an interest in literacy.

CLO will gather and compile these “**Love Letters to Literacy**” and share them online later in 2014. The love letters will also be shared at our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference in October 2014. You can send your “**Love Letters to Literacy**” to CLO anytime during 2014 – or right away! And, please share this wonderful opportunity to celebrate literacy with others.

So far, we have received letters, pictures, poems, drawings and even a literacy Wordle from individual learners, a whole class of adult students, literacy educators and volunteers. Thank you all. Please keep those letters coming!

You can share your “**Love Letter to Literacy**” via:

- **Email:** [loveletters2literacy@gmail.com](mailto:loveletters2literacy@gmail.com)
- **Web:** [www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/love-letters/](http://www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/love-letters/).
- **Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/LiteracyLetters>



We are attaching a JPEG of the “**Love Letters to Literacy**” postcard to this e-communicue. As well, you might still have a few printed copies from an earlier mailing! We are asking all of our members to take a picture with this postcard in your literacy agency or with a landmark in your community. Let’s show the world that literacy matters!

Thanks to the [Organization for Literacy in Lambton](#) for sharing this wonderful picture of William, who loves literacy and reading his Mr. Men books! ☺



## CONNECTING LBS SERVICE DELIVERY TO THE OALCF NEW RESOURCES FROM CLO

CLO is very proud to announce its new training resources to help LBS agencies increase their understanding of the connection between LBS service delivery functions and the OALCF. With funding from MTCU, CLO has developed training material to reflect how the OALCF is embedded within the current delivery service functions of:

1. Information and Referral
2. Assessment
3. Learner Plan Development
4. Training
5. Follow up

These new resources include five new self-study online training modules; a downloadable training guide; updated OALCF and Key Service Delivery Function videos; and five recorded webinars that introduce each of the new online training modules.

The graphic is a vertical poster for 'Literacy Basics' by Community Literacy of Ontario. At the top, it says 'Community Literacy of Ontario's Literacy Basics'. Below that, it says 'Announces the addition of' followed by a large number '5' in a circle, indicating '5 new self-study online "SERVICE DELIVERY" training modules on CLO's Literacy Basics website:'. Below this are five icons representing the modules: Information and Referral (green), Assessment (orange), Learner Plan Development (blue), Training (red), and Follow Up (yellow). The bottom section of the graphic contains text: 'Explore the five key Literacy and Basic Skills service delivery functions and discover how they connect to the Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework.', 'Gain new insights with practical information about each delivery function, funder requirements, questions and activities for further reflection and plenty of tools and resources.', and 'A wealth of free information conveniently available at your fingertips!'. It also includes the website 'http://literacybasics.ca/' and the 'EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO' logo.

### Five New Service Delivery Training Modules

Visit CLO's Literacy Basics training website at <http://literacybasics.ca/> and explore how OALCF concepts and requirements are incorporated in the five areas of service delivery

- Information and Referral: <http://literacybasics.ca/information-and-referral/>
- Assessment: <http://literacybasics.ca/assessment/>
- Learner Plan Development: <http://literacybasics.ca/learner-plan-development/>
- Training: <http://literacybasics.ca/training/>
- Follow Up: <http://literacybasics.ca/follow-up/>

### Downloadable Training Guide

*Connecting LBS Service Delivery to the OALCF: A Training Guide* is posted in a modular format on CLO's website at [www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/oalcf servicedelivery-trainingguide/](http://www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/oalcf servicedelivery-trainingguide/). Material from the Literacy Basics' training modules is easily accessible for practitioners and any community partners or key stakeholders who might be interested in learning more about service delivery and the OALCF.

### Five Introductory Webinars

Prior to the release of the new online training modules, CLO delivered five webinars introducing and supporting the use of each of the online modules. The recorded webinars, *Connecting LBS Service Delivery and the OALCF Series – 2014*, are available on CLO's website at [www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/resources/webinars/](http://www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/resources/webinars/)

### Revised OALCF and Key Service Delivery Functions Videos

These videos provide an excellent overview of the five LBS service delivery functions and are available on CLO's website: [www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/oalcf-and-key-service-delivery-functions-online-training-videos-2/](http://www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/oalcf-and-key-service-delivery-functions-online-training-videos-2/)



## CANADA-ONTARIO JOB FUND AGREEMENT

On March 28, 2014, the Federal Employment and Social Development Minister, Jason Kenney, and Ontario's Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, Brad Duguid, signed the Canada-Ontario Job Fund Agreement.

This agreement replaces the Canada-Ontario Labour Market Agreement. There will be **NO changes or impact on the funding** of Literacy and Basic Skills agencies (or any programs and services funded under Employment Ontario) this year.



You can learn more here:

- Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities: [Letter from David Fulford: Canada-Ontario Job Fund Agreement](#) (April 16, 2014)
- Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities: [Q&As – Canada-Ontario Job Fund](#) (April 16, 2014)
- CNW Newswire: [Governments of Canada and Ontario finalize agreements](#) (March 28, 2014)

## EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO NEWS AND INFORMATION

MTCU's Employment Ontario Partners Gateway (EOPG) website provides a wealth of important information for LBS agencies. See: [www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/newpostings](http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/newpostings)



Recent news on the EOPG includes:

- April 17, 2014: [Memo: Enhanced Milestones for one-on-one delivery and revised User Guide](#)
- April 16, 2014: [Letter from David Fulford – Canada-Ontario Job Fund Agreement](#)
- April 8, 2014: [Memo: Call for the 2014 Council of the Federation Literacy Award](#)
- April 1, 2014: [Release of Employment Ontario Data on Ontario's Open Data Portal](#)
- March 24, 2014: [Memo: Channel Strategy Project Update](#)
- March 21, 2014: [CaMS/2014-1 Bulletin](#)
- March 14, 2014: [EOIS-CaMS Upgrade Questions and Answers](#)

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