

COMMUNITY LITERACY OF ONTARIO MEMBERS' E-COMMUNIQUE SEPTEMBER 2014

Dear CLO Members,

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

Topics covered in this e-communiqué are:

1. Love Letters to Literacy and a Draw for a **Galaxy Tablet!**
2. CLO's 20th Anniversary Conference "For the Love of Literacy"
3. We're on LinkedIn!
4. CLO's Revised (and Free!) Board Governance Guide
5. Looking for a New Website Host?
6. Literacy Link Niagara's "Small Business Savvy"
7. Employment Ontario News and Information



LOVE LETTERS TO LITERACY AND A DRAW FOR A GALAXY TABLET!

We are so grateful for sponsorship funding from **Honda Canada** for our "**Love Letters to Literacy**" campaign! This funding will help us to digitalize these inspiring love letters so that they will be on CLO's website for everyone to see.



Also, funding from Honda means that we will be holding a draw for a **GALAXY TABLET**. **ALL** adult learners who submitted a love letter already, or who will be submitting a letter **before September 30th** will have their names entered in the draw for this exciting prize. We will announce the prize winner at our October conference.

We will also launch these amazing "**Love Letters to Literacy**" at our October conference. In the meantime, here is a quote from one of the letters that is sure to inspire you!

"This is Jackie. I am learning. I have literacy people & others help me. I need help for now but one day, I can do it on my own. Do not give up on us!"
- Jackie's Love Letter to Literacy



CLO'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE "FOR THE LOVE OF LITERACY"

Welcome back from summer vacation!

Community Literacy of Ontario invites you to attend its "For the Love of Literacy" 20th anniversary conference! This exciting event is not to be missed and will be held on **October 21 and 22, 2014** at [Ryerson University's Oakham House](#) (located in downtown Toronto).

This exciting two-day conference features engaging workshops and networking opportunities. You are also invited to join us for our 20th anniversary dinner to honour CLO's history and celebrate our love for literacy. We cannot imagine a better way to be empowered and inspired by each other's accomplishments than to enjoy these two days together! We all have a great deal to celebrate, so join in and be part of the festivities.

Registration is confirmed on a first-come-first-serve basis. Register and pay before **SEPTEMBER 19TH** to save with our EARLY-BIRD discounts.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER: www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/about-us/conference-2014/

Take a peek at the dynamic line-up of engaging workshops you don't want to miss....

- [LinkedIn: Developing Your Professional Presence Online](#)
- [Fundraising and Special Events](#)
- [Ten Online Tools for Busy Non-Profit Leaders](#)
- [EOIS CaMS – Demystifying the Reports](#)
- [Making Creativity Happen](#)
- [Discover the Independent Learning Centre](#)
- [Dealing with Downturn: Coping with Stress in Turbulent Times](#)
- [Consider the Possibilities: Innovation in LBS Service Delivery](#)



FOR THE LOVE
of Literacy



WE'RE ON LINKEDIN!

We have expanded our social media reach as the little network with BIG ideas and dreams (yet again!). Our big ideas and dreams have led us to the creation of our organizational LinkedIn Page.



Connect with Community Literacy of Ontario on LinkedIn to be inspired about the impact of literacy, as well as to receive organizational updates and news.

We are excited to begin unleashing the potential of LinkedIn as a tool for connecting with community members, learners, and literacy professionals. Our hope is that as our online community grows, so too does the shared passion for lifelong learning and literacy within our own communities!

Join us at: www.linkedin.com/company/community-literacy-of-ontario

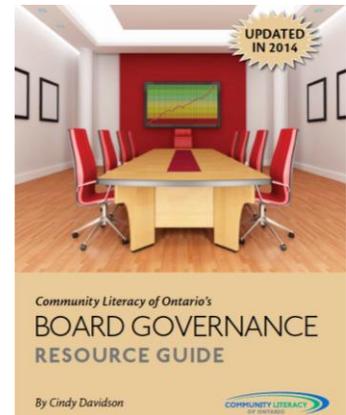


CLO'S REVISED (AND FREE!) BOARD GOVERNANCE GUIDE

Thanks to funding under our business plan from the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, we were able to update our “**Board Governance Resource Guide**”.

Topics include: board roles and responsibilities; governance structures; the board and risk management; board development; evaluation; and more.

This practical and helpful 72-page guide is available freely online at: www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/wp/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Board-Governance-Manual-June-2014.pdf



LOOKING FOR A NEW WEBSITE HOST?

Our colleagues at Copian have announced that they can no longer host literacy websites (due to funding cuts from the Federal Government), some literacy agencies may be scrambling to find a new host. If you do not have a local host, CLO would recommend GreenIT.



GreenIT offers an array of cost-effective web development and web hosting services specifically for the nonprofit sector. CLO's website is developed (and now hosted) by GreenIT. You can find out more about their services at: <http://gccgreenit.ca/website/>

The Board and staff of CLO want to thank Copian for hosting our website and for providing such **excellent** service. We wish you every success and hope that funding can be restored for your extremely valuable services.



LITERACY LINK NIAGARA'S "SMALL BUSINESS SAVVY"

And now for something completely awesome... Literacy Link Niagara received funding from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities to create a small business curriculum called "**Small Business Savvy**".

Small Business Savvy is an exploratory curriculum for people who are considering whether starting a small business may be the right path for them. The curriculum is aligned with the Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework. The curriculum can be used in its entirety or activities can be used pulled out and used separately. LLN partnered with Ontario Office Works to ensure material is relevant to those with entrepreneurial goals.

Small Business Savvy is posted on the Literacy Link Niagara website at www.literacylinkniagara.ca/about-us/projects/small-business-savvy/



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

Recent news on the EOPG includes:

- August 29, 2014: [Memo from Assistant Deputy Minister David Fulford about the Canada-Ontario Job Grant and related skills training pilots](#)
- August 21, 2014: [CaMS/2014-7 Bulletin](#)
- August 2014: [Memo - Revised OALCF Milestone M-39 for one-on-one delivery](#)
- August 2014: [Memo: Literacy and Basic Skills \(LBS\) – Literacy Service Planning and Coordination 2015-2016](#)
- August 2014: [Memo - LBS Performance Management System Reports Training](#)



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For more information about Community Literacy of Ontario, please visit our website at:

www.communityliteracyofontario.ca.



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