

## COMMUNITY LITERACY OF ONTARIO MEMBERS' E-COMMUNIQUE APRIL 2020

Dear CLO Members,

Community Literacy of Ontario is pleased to present our **April 2020 E-Communiqué**.

Topics covered in this e-communiqué are:

- New Promotional Material for LBS
- CLO and LLO's Online Survey of COVID-19 and Community-Based LBS Agencies
- Thank you to LBS Boards of Directors!
- Our Landscaping & Ground Maintenance Worker Curriculum
- LLO's Online Task-Based Activity Ideas
- Visit the Updated LBS Resources Forum
- AlphaPlus' COVID-19 Facebook Group
- Opportunity to Learn about Bot-Reader with LLSC

### **New Promotional Material for LBS**

Ontario's Provincial Support Organizations for Literacy have created a helpful overview of the Literacy and Basic Skills program.

Learn about the who, what, when, where, how and why of Ontario's Literacy and Basic Skills Program. And, be sure to share this resource with your community stakeholders! Click to access this resource, "[Literacy And Basic Skills: Employment Ontario's Skill-Building Providers.](#)"

**Learn all about Ontario's  
Literacy and Basic Skills  
Program!**

Available online now!



## CLO AND LLO'S ONLINE SURVEY OF COVID-19 AND COMMUNITY-BASED LBS AGENCIES

As challenges continue from the COVID-19 pandemic, Community Literacy of Ontario and Laubach Literacy Ontario are gathering information from **community-based LBS delivery agencies** about how programs are managing during the crisis.

We have prepared a brief online survey, asking questions about various areas of program delivery, such as the technology you are using for online learning, tools you are using to support learners, and the needs and issues facing your agency from COVID-19. The survey should take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

Please complete this survey by **Tuesday, April 21, 2020**. Thank you!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BW6Y367>.



## THANK YOU TO LBS BOARDS OF DIRECTORS!

CLO's wonderful Board of Directors met yesterday. We are so grateful for their unflinching guidance and support. It got us thinking about Boards of Directors in Literacy and Basic Skills agencies across Ontario... how during the Covid-19 crisis, nonprofit, volunteer boards are stepping up, innovating, supporting, checking in, working hard on the front lines, and standing for vulnerable people and their communities. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts!



*Thank You!*  
**Nonprofit Board  
of Directors**

For stepping up, for innovating,  
for supporting, for checking in,  
for standing for community!



## OUR LANDSCAPING & GROUND MAINTENANCE WORKER CURRICULUM

Our **Landscaping and Grounds Maintenance Worker Curriculum** is now freely available on our website. As part of our 2019/2020 business plan, Community Literacy of Ontario partnered with the Tri-County Literacy Council to research, write and adapt this helpful curriculum.

You can access this, and our other curriculum, at:

[www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/resources/publications/#Curriculum](http://www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/resources/publications/#Curriculum)



## LLO'S ONLINE TASK-BASED ACTIVITY IDEAS

As literacy service delivery agencies come up with creative solutions to support learners remotely during COVID-19, Laubach Literacy Ontario (LLO) developed helpful online **task-based activity ideas** that agencies can use during these trying times.

The activities are leveled and categorized by the six competencies of the Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework. The activities can be done at home by learners and tracked towards their progress. The list, as well as many of the resources in the activities, are also in the public folder on Google Drive which is linked below. LLO plans on sending out a "themed" list of ideas each week until we are all able to return delivering service "normally."

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/13E-syBNGHxrpNzt1QutsyP8QWK-3YHDk?usp=sharing>



## VISIT THE UPDATED LBS RESOURCES FORUM



### Looking for Great Resources? Visit the LBS Resources / Discussion Forum!

Laubach Literacy Ontario and Community Literacy of Ontario's Resources / Discussion Forum for LBS agencies has an extensive database with resources that support:

- OALCF Goal Paths
- Blended Learning
- Marketing
- Assessment
- Administration, Professional Development and Research

The forum also continues to provide literacy agencies with a place to freely network with their colleagues across the province, exchange ideas, ask questions and share links.

<https://lbsresourcesandforum.contactnorth.ca/>



## ALPHAPLUS' COVID-19 FACEBOOK GROUP

AlphaPlus has created a **COVID-19 Facebook Group** for Ontario's Literacy and Basic Skills organizations. It's a place for literacy educators to connect, share resources and support in dealing with the challenges of COVID-19.

See: [www.facebook.com/groups/OntarioLBSandCOVID19](https://www.facebook.com/groups/OntarioLBSandCOVID19)



## OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT BOT-READER WITH LLSC

Literacy Link South Central (LLSC) has been providing input on an online application called **Bot-Reader**. Bot-Reader was designed to help adult students with their literacy skills - specifically reading, pronunciation, spelling, vocabulary and word comprehension. Bot-Reader was recently piloted with LBS learners and positive feedback resulted from that trial.

In the age of COVID-19, Literacy Link South Central thinks that there may be an excellent opportunity for LBS programs to use the Bot-Reader to support distance learning, and the developers agree. While there will be a cost associated with Bot-Reader when it is formally released to the public, the developers are offering it free-of-charge to LBS programs interested in using it with their learners from now through July 1, 2020. Details surrounding the cost of use in the long-term are still to be determined.

Literacy Link South Central would like to offer interested LBS program staff an opportunity to learn more about Bot-Reader. LLSC has scheduled two online meetings where you can hear from the developers, watch a demo of the Bot-Reader, and ask questions. These meetings will be run on Wednesday April 22 at 3:00 pm and Thursday April 23 at 10:00 am.

If you would like to attend, please email LLSC at [literacylink@gmail.com](mailto:literacylink@gmail.com) to request the meeting link and password. Learn more at: [www.llsc.on.ca/learn-more-about-bot-reader](http://www.llsc.on.ca/learn-more-about-bot-reader).

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