

COMMUNITY LITERACY OF ONTARIO MEMBERS' E-COMMUNIQUE MAY 2018

Dear CLO Members,

Community Literacy of Ontario is pleased to present our **May 2018 E-Communiqué**.

Topics covered in this e-communiqué are:

- Curriculum Update
- CLO's "HANDS ON, SKILLS UP! Research Report on Employment-Related Experiential Learning in LBS"
- Celebrating 500 Followers on Facebook!
- Laubach Literacy Ontario – Conference 2018
- 30 Years of Giving in Canada
- Council of the Federation Literacy Award
- Employment Ontario News and Information



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CURRICULUM UPDATE

Community Literacy of Ontario, along with the other sector and stream support organizations, has received in-year funding from the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development to support curriculum enhancements, in particular level one curriculum for lower level learners.

Through discussion with the CLO Board of Directors and various program staff, through exploring labour marketing information, and via our experiential learning research, the importance of developing occupational curriculum was strongly identified. Further, this type of curriculum is often highly popular with learners and useful for literacy practitioners.

We've researched curriculum gaps and areas of high demand from learners. As a result, in the coming year, CLO will work with several community-based LBS agencies, who have extensive experience in developing occupational curricula, to develop the following curricula:

- Pre-PSW Preparation
- Retail / Point of Sale Training
- Food Services
- Clerical / Office administration

By March 2019, this curriculum will be freely available on the CLO website. If you have ideas and resources that you want to share related to these curricula, please let us know. We are very excited about this opportunity to support learners and programs!



HANDS ON, SKILLS UP! RESEARCH REPORT ON EMPLOYMENT-RELATED EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING IN LBS

Community Literacy of Ontario is pleased to share [HANDS ON, SKILLS UP! Research Report on Employment-Related Experiential Learning in LBS](#).

CLO conducted research to identify and share information about employment-related experiential learning opportunities in Literacy and Basic Skills agencies in Ontario.

Our research report summarizes the research from our survey and key informant interviews, and shares information on the type of experiential learning offered, the benefits and challenges, supports needed, funding issues, and more.



CLO commends the tireless work of LBS practitioners and we marvel that they don't just "keep on, keeping on", but they can't seem to resist exploring anything and everything, including experiential learning, that will assist adult learners to believe in themselves and help them to realize their amazing potential.

CELEBRATING 500 FOLLOWERS ON FACEBOOK!

Community Literacy of Ontario is thrilled to celebrate the fact that we have 500 [Facebook followers](#)! Thank you for following us, sharing, commenting and joining us on our social media journey. To celebrate, we drew names from amongst all of our wonderful followers for two amazing prizes.

PRIZE PACK 1 went to Michelle Goulet of the Timmins Learning Centre. This prize pack consists of six "Rapid Reads" books for adult students, from the fabulous online bookstore of our friends at Laubach Literacy Ontario.

PRIZE PACK 2 went to Cathy Graham of the Orillia and District Literacy Council. This prize pack consists of two "Rapid Reads" books, and a beautiful wreath made from book pages by CLO's Co-ED, Joanne Kaattari.

We appreciate all of our followers!

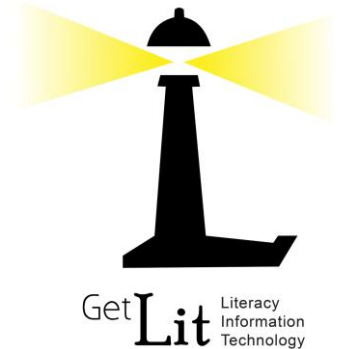


LAUBACH LITERACY ONTARIO – CONFERENCE 2018

Laubach Literacy Ontario is holding their annual conference!

- Where: YMCA Geneva Park Conference Centre, Orillia
- When: Wednesday, June 13 to Friday, June 15, 2018

There are over 18 excellent workshops to choose from for both learners and practitioners, as well as opportunities for networking and roundtable discussions. Visit LLO's [website](#) to learn more and access their conference brochure and registration form.



30 YEARS OF GIVING IN CANADA

The landmark report, [30 Years of Giving in Canada](#), examines the charitable donations and giving patterns of Canadians from 1985 to 2014. This research was conducted by Imagine Canada for the Rideau Hall Foundation.

The report shares who gives, how, and why. It also examines how these trends are re-shaping the future of philanthropy in Canada.

Imagine Canada has also prepared a helpful [infographic](#) which shares the highlights of this important research., including:

- We give generously! Canadians give \$14+ billion annually to registered charities.
- Canada's 170,000 charities and nonprofits employ two million Canadians and account for an astounding 8.1% of GDP.
- Giving habits are not being passed down. Donation rates are dropping across all age groups, particularly among younger Canadians. Donors aged 50+ account for 74% of all donations, while those 70+ make up 30%.



COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION LITERACY AWARD

The Government of Ontario has released the call for the 2018 [Council of the Federation Literacy Award](#).

This year's award honours a nominee who has proven to be an innovator in developing and/or delivering literacy programming and demonstrated best practices to support seamless transitions across the adult education system. There are so many amazing programs, people, initiatives and activities going on in LBS, please do nominate a colleague or get them to nominate you! Submissions must be received by 5:00 P.M. on May 25, 2018.



EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO NEWS AND INFORMATION

MAESD's Employment Ontario Partners Gateway (EOPG) website provides important information for LBS agencies. Visit this site regularly at: www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/newpostings

Recent news on the EOPG includes:

- [Strengthening Ontario's Adult Education System - Report Back](#) (May 11, 2018)
- [myEOIS: Coming Soon](#) (May 4, 2018)
- [myEOIS Questions and Answers](#) (May 4, 2018)
- [Next phase of Ontario's LMI website launches](#) (April 27, 2018)
- [EO Assets Report: IT Refresh 2017/2018](#) (April 27, 2018)
- [Learner Gains Research Project Reports](#) (April 6, 2018)
- [Final Report: Learner Gains Research Project](#) (April 6, 2018)
- [Evaluation Report: Learner Gains Research Project](#) (April 6, 2018)
- [Update on LBS Improvement and Expansion](#) (March 29, 2018)



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