

COMMUNITY LITERACY OF ONTARIO MEMBERS' E-COMMUNIQUE AUGUST 2014

Dear CLO Members,

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

Topics covered in this e-communiqué are:

1. Love Letters to Literacy Video
2. Registration Information for CLO's 20th Anniversary Conference "For the Love of Literacy"
3. Our New Self-Study, Online Training Modules on LBS Service Delivery
4. Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) for Non-Profits and Charities
5. New CLO Project!
6. Member Survey – Deadline Extension
7. Supporting Learner Gains Assessment Implementation for LBS Programs
8. Employment Ontario News and Information



LOVE LETTERS TO LITERACY VIDEO

Thank you so much for the wonderful "Love Letters to Literacy" received to date!

Turn up your speakers and get ready to be inspired and energized! Community Learning Alternatives (a community-based literacy agency located in Belleville) created this amazing **Love Letters to Literacy video**: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hxKjEgXTFWQ>

It's not too late to send in your letter! We are accepting new letters right up until **September 30, 2014**. We will then share the Love Letters at our 20th anniversary conference in October 2014, as well as online.

Tell us how literacy has impacted you by sharing your "Love Letter to Literacy" at www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/love-letters/



Love Letters to Literacy



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

Community Literacy of Ontario invites you to its "For the Love of Literacy" 20th anniversary conference! This exciting event will be held on **October 21 and 22, 2014** at Ryerson University's Oakham House (located in downtown Toronto).

This exciting two-day event features dynamic workshops, displays and networking opportunities. You are also invited to join us for our 20th anniversary dinner to honour CLO's history and our love for literacy. We all have a lot to celebrate, so join in and be part of the festivities.

Registration is confirmed on a first-come-first-serve basis with EARLY-BIRD discounts for registrations paid before September 19th. To register just click on this link: www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/about-us/conference-2014/

FOR THE LOVE
of Literacy



We have a dynamic line-up of workshops available for you!

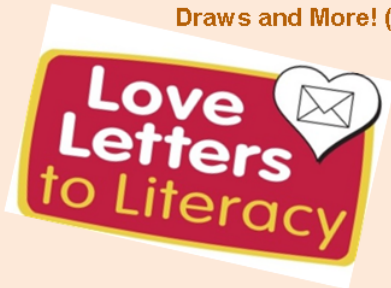
- **LinkedIn: Developing Your Professional Presence Online**
 - Patti Church, Algonquin College Professor
- **Fundraising and Special Events**
 - Suzanne Gibson, Gibson and Associates
- **EOIS CaMS – Demystifying the Reports**
 - Claire Snasdell-Taylor, Chair of Algonquin College's Career and Academic Access Centre
- **Discover the Independent Learning Centre**
 - Laurie Pringle, Director of Market Development, TV Ontario
- **Dealing with Downturn: Coping with Stress in Turbulent Times**
 - Julie Christiansen, Author, Speaker Coach AKA "Oprah for the Office"
- **Ten Online Tools for Busy Non-Profit Leaders**
 - Joyce Hsu and Tierney Smith of TechSoup Canada
- **Making Creativity Happen**
 - Dr. Peter Gamwell, Superintendent of Instruction, Ottawa-Carleton District School Board
- **Consider the Possibilities: Innovation in LBS Service Delivery**
 - Panel of LBS Practitioners



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 21, 2014

- 9:00-10:00 a.m. Conference Registration/
Displays/ Networking/
Light refreshments
- 10:10-10:20 a.m. Welcome!
- 10:30-12:00 p.m. Workshop Selection
(#1 or #2)
- 12:05 -1:05 p.m. Lunch
- 1:15-2:15 p.m. Annual General Meeting
- 2:15-2:30 p.m. Refreshment Break
- 2:30- 5:00 p.m. Workshop (#3)
- 5:00-5:30 p.m. Refreshment Break
- 5:30-9:00 p.m. Anniversary Gala Dinner with
Special Guest Speakers,
Love Letters to Literacy Launch,
Draws and More! (Optional)



OCTOBER 22, 2014



- 8:45-9:00 a.m. Welcome! Light refreshments
- 9:00-10:30 a.m. Workshop Selection
(#4 or #5)
- 10:30-10:40 a.m. Refreshment Break
- 10:40-12:10 p.m. Workshop Selection
(#6 or #7)
- 12:15-1:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1:15-3:15 p.m. Workshop (#8)








OUR NEW SELF-STUDY, ONLINE TRAINING MODULES ON LBS SERVICE DELIVERY

Community Literacy of Ontario's

Literacy Basics

Announces the addition of

5 new self-study online "SERVICE DELIVERY" training modules on CLO's Literacy Basics website:

-  **Information and Referral**
-  **Assessment**
-  **Learner Plan Development**
-  **Training**
-  **Follow Up**

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.

A wealth of free information conveniently available at your fingertips!

Be informed, visit...

<http://literacybasics.ca/>

CANADIAN ANTI-SPAM LEGISLATION FOR NON-PROFITS

Our friends at TechSoup Canada provide extremely helpful information on their website about Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) for nonprofits and charities.

Be sure to visit "[15 Questions about CASL Answered](http://www.techsoupcanada.ca/en/community/blog/15-questions-about-casl-answered)" at www.techsoupcanada.ca/en/community/blog/15-questions-about-casl-answered



NEW CLO PROJECT!

Community Literacy of Ontario is delighted to announce that we have received funding from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities' Service Delivery Network Development Fund for an exciting new project called "*Curriculum and Resources for the Understand and Use Numbers Competency*".

In this project, CLO will produce curriculum that meets the Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework (OALCF) resource needs of practitioners and learners requiring enhanced numeracy skills. Numeracy, as captured in the OALCF competency of Understand and Use Numbers, has relevance for all learner goal paths.



CLO will produce a freely downloadable Understand and Use Numbers Curriculum, in English and French, which focuses on the OALCF task groups of Manage Money; Manage Time; Use Numbers; and Manage Data. This resource will contain 4 – 5 sample task-based activities for each of the OALCF level indicators related to this competency. A list of numeracy resources that practitioners can reference for additional support will also be included in this valuable resource.

To ensure that we meet the needs of Ontario's Literacy and Basic Skills agencies, CLO will conduct key informant interviews, online research, two focus groups, the curriculum will be piloted with LBS agencies prior to its release. Stay tuned for more information on this helpful project.

MEMBER SURVEY – DEADLINE EXTENSION

Deadline extension! CLO's member survey deadline has been extended to **Friday, August 29th, 2014**. Community Literacy of Ontario is gathering information about program successes, challenges, support needs and priorities of community-based literacy agencies. We will share the results with government and other stakeholders, through our e-communique and by other means.

We know that you are incredibly busy and to thank you for your time, all completed surveys will be entered into a draw for a \$50 Chapters gift card. This survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

Here is the link: <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e9g8lgixhwjbov87/start>



Thank you for your time and for your support!



SUPPORTING LEARNER GAINS ASSESSMENT IMPLEMENTATION FOR LBS PROGRAMS

Community Literacy of Ontario is pleased to be working in partnership with the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities and all sector and stream organizations to deliver a project, led by the College Sector Committee for Academic Upgrading, towards implementation of Learner Skill Gains.

Learner Skill Gains (LSG) is the final element of the Performance Management Framework. LSG will involve assessing learners' essential skills at both program start and end to determine the "skill gain" of learners. A Ministry-endorsed assessment tool will be identified prior to a planned start date of April 2015, followed by full implementation in 2016.

The sector and stream organizations will be soliciting input from programs and practitioners to:

- help with the creation of an assessment tool focusing on Level 1 learners
- identify processes and procedures to support programs with implementation
- provide input to help inform policies

Watch for more information and requests for participation over the coming weeks and months.

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:

- July 25, 2014: [CaMS/2014-6 Bulletin](#)
- July 15, 2014: [Visual Identity and Communications Guidelines for Employment Ontario Service Providers](#)
- July 11, 2014: [Changes to Service Canada's Skills Link, Career Focus and Opportunities Fund Programs](#)
- July 8, 2014: [CaMS/2014-5 Bulletin](#)

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