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COMMUNITY LITERACY OF ONTARIO MEMBERS' E-COMMUNIQUE DECEMBER 2018

Dear CLO Members,

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

Topics covered in this e-communiqué are:

- Overview of 15 Occupational Curriculum
- CLO Membership has Its Rewards
- Update on Our First-Ever Online AGM
- Introducing CLO's 2018-2019 Board of Directors
- Revamped Literacy Resources and Discussion Forum
- Free Math Resources Webinar
- Steps to Justice Website
- Employment Ontario News and Information

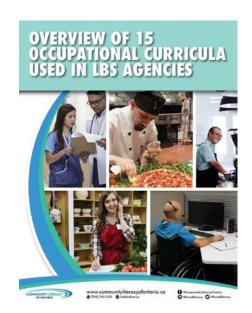


OVERVIEW OF 15 OCCUPATIONAL CURRICULUM

CLO has consistently heard from its members that occupational curricula are popular with learners with employment goals. Accordingly, we decided to research and compile a summary of how literacy educators are working with select occupational curricula in diverse LBS agencies.

We conducted internet research, a survey and a focus group, and also held key informant interviews. Based on this research, we wrote a helpful guide that explores the use of occupational curricula in 15 different LBS agencies and regional networks in Ontario. Thank you to everyone who so kindly supported and participated in our research!

We are very pleased to share our newest resource: "Overview of 15 Occupational Curriculum Used in LBS Agencies".







CLO MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS REWARDS

Community Literacy of Ontario invites community-based literacy agencies, regional networks, support organizations and community partners to renew your membership, or become a new member in the upcoming year of 2019.

As a CLO member, you...

- Will be proudly recognized as a member on our website including a link to your organization's website
- Are part of a collective voice for community-based literacy
- Are part of a building a strong and vibrant sector
- Will receive E-Communiques and newsletters
- Have access to resources, online training opportunities and tools to develop your organizational capacity
- Are supported by a respectful and collaborative organization that cares about you!



With your support, CLO will continue to promote literacy, provide informed advice to government, engage in strategic partnerships, offer training opportunities and develop resources. For more information and to renew or take out a CLO membership, please visit our website.

UPDATE ON OUR FIRST-EVER ONLINE AGM

On November 21, 2018, CLO held its first online Annual General Meeting. It was a resounding success with 40 participants joining us for this special event.

In the evaluation, participants overwhelmingly agreed that an online format was efficient, convenient and stress-free. Here are just a few of the positive responses we received:



"I loved being able to sit in my office and not travel anywhere, yet still be able to participate in the event."

"Provided the ability to "attend" the AGM which would normally be a challenge at this time of year."

"This was an extremely convenient and efficient platform. It provided a great deal of information in a concise format."

"This was far and away the very best experience I've ever had with such a format."





INTRODUCING CLO'S 2018-2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We are very pleased to announce CLO's 2018 – 2019 Board of Directors!

Central Ontario

- Aly Velji, Toronto Public Library
- Trisha Patrick, Literacy Council York-Simcoe (Vice-Chair)
- Barbara McFater, PTP Adult Learning and Employment Programs

Eastern Ontario

- Shannon Lee, Community Learning Alternatives (Chair)
- Kathy Kennedy, Prince Edward Learning Centre

Northeastern Ontario

- Ginette Comeau-Roy, Sudbury Vocational Resource Centre
- Michelle Goulet, Timmins Learning Centre

Southwestern Ontario

- Tracy Callaghan, Adult Language and Learning
- Anita Hillis-Krause, Haldimand Norfolk Literacy Council

Members-At-Large

- Chris Beesley, Community Living Ontario (Secretary)
- Helen McLeod, Hamilton Literacy Council (Treasurer)

Central



North

Southwest

Memberat-Large

Opening for a CLO Board Member from Northwestern Ontario

CLO has a vacancy on our Board of Directors for a member from a community-based LBS agency located in Northwestern Ontario. If you are interested in this position, please email us at clo@bellnet.ca.

CLO would like to thank Gene Vallee from the Red Lake District Adult Learning Centre for his time on the CLO Board of Directors.





REVAMPED LITERACY RESOURCES AND DISCUSSION FORUM

It's here! <u>Laubach Literacy Ontario</u> and CLO have revamped the Literacy Resources and Discussion Forum.

It still has great forums to provide you with a place to discuss issues. We've just made it even better!

The Forum has been reformatted to include resources. You will now have access to a great new annotated OALCF resource library... all in one place and right at your fingertips!

Visit: https://lbsresourcesandforum.contactnorth.ca/

You asked... we listened! LBS Resources/Discussion Forum

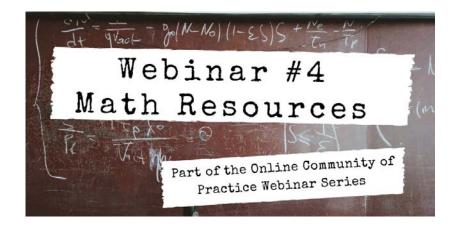


FREE MATH RESOURCES WEBINAR

Would you like to learn more about practitioner-recommended, tried-and-true resources for teaching math? Then be sure to join us for the free "Math Resources" webinar on January 24, 2019, from 2:00—3:30 pm EST.

In this dynamic webinar, LBS practitioners from the Literacy Link Niagara region will share effective online and print math resources for each goal path. Click <u>here</u> to register.

This webinar is part of the "Enhance Your Practice with Math" series. It is brought to you by the Online Community of Practice, the Learning Networks of Ontario, E-Channel and the Provincial Support Organizations for Literacy. Click here to learn more about this webinar series.







STEPS TO JUSTICE WEBSITE



<u>Community Legal Education Ontario</u> (CLEO) is excited to announce the launch of <u>Steps to Justice</u>. Steps to Justice is a new website that gives reliable, step-by-step information on common legal problems related to social assistance, criminal, employment, housing and other areas of law.

Steps to Justice:

- Helps people to understand their legal problems through easy-to-understand steps
- Includes practical tools, such as checklists, fillable forms, and self-help guides
- Gives referral information for legal and social services across Ontario
- Has live chat and email-based support for users with additional questions

EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO NEWS AND INFORMATION

MTCU'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:

- Modernizing Ontario's Apprenticeship System (October 24, 2018)
- EOIS CaMS Service Provider User Guide Chapter 1 Introduction (December 2018)

Employment Ontario Information System – SP Connect:

- Chapter 1: Introduction and Navigation (December 2018)
- Chapter 2: Agreements Management (December 2018)
- Chapter 3: Monitoring (December 2018)
- Chapter 4: Service Provider Management (December 2018)

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