

## COMMUNITY LITERACY OF ONTARIO MEMBERS' E-COMMUNIQUE JUNE 2018

Dear CLO Members,

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

Topics covered in this e-communiqué are:

- CLO's Research Report: Literacy Volunteers in Ontario
- For Your Training Pleasure!
- Introducing New CLO Staff
- CLO's 2018 AGM
- Looking for Work in Canada
- Resources to Help You Implement Bill 148
- Summer Reading Tool Kit for Parents
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### CLO'S RESEARCH REPORT: LITERACY VOLUNTEERS IN ONTARIO

Community Literacy of Ontario is pleased to share its [Research Summary Report on the State of Volunteerism in Community-Based LBS Agencies](#).

Community literacy volunteers bring a multitude of skills and knowledge to programs and bolster the capacity of community literacy agencies to meet the many needs of adult learners.

Our report provides a snapshot of volunteerism realities in LBS agencies along with tools, resources and strategies to support volunteer recruitment, engagement and retention.

CLO hopes that this report will assist you in supporting your wonderful volunteers!



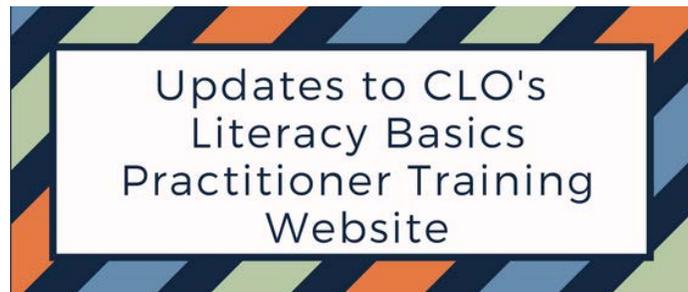
## FOR YOUR TRAINING PLEASURE!

CLO is happy to announce that we are updating the five Service Delivery Modules on our [Literacy Basics](#) website. These free online training modules (Information and Referral, Assessment, Learner Plan Development and Exit and Follow Up) provide a detailed overview of the Literacy and Basic Skills service delivery in Ontario.

Practitioners who are new to the literacy field and Ontario's Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework will find a wealth of information and resources in these modules. They are also useful for those more experienced practitioners as a review and as a source of sample tools and resources.

We have started the revision of these important training tools, and CLO is pleased to launch the updated [Information and Referral](#) module in June 2018!

Stay tuned for more information as renovations are completed for each of these important modules.



## INTRODUCING NEW CLO STAFF

The Board and staff of Community Literacy of Ontario are delighted to have hired two exemplary part-time staff. Each works a day per week for CLO. We are very pleased to introduce them to you.

### **Cindy Norman, Administrative Assistant**

Cindy has over 20 years of administrative experience in a variety of settings. This includes working for a non-profit organization for 12 years, starting as their Administrative Assistant and advancing to Business Manager. Cindy currently runs a small business designing wedding and special event stationery. In her spare time, she loves being with her two nephews and niece, going to the cottage, boating, fishing, snowmobiling and travelling. We are delighted to have Cindy join the CLO staff team and share her helpful knowledge, skills, and warm personality with us!

### **Catherine Toovey, Research and Communications Assistant**

Catherine is a graphic designer and marketer with a keen interest in social services and volunteering. She attended Georgian College for Graphic Design and began a career in digital marketing, building her skills on the job, in volunteer positions, and through mentors. Now, Catherine is working towards her BA in Sociology and Gender Studies at Laurentian University. Catherine is very excited to be joining CLO, and we are pleased to know that her extensive experience in marketing, design and communications will make a big impact.



## CLO'S 2018 AGM

Community Literacy of Ontario is excited to announce our first ever **ONLINE** Annual General Meeting. Be sure to mark **November 21, 2018 from 10:00 am until noon** on your calendars.

Based on feedback from our members and being respectful of our members' time and financial resources, we have decided to try this new format. But don't despair! CLO will still hold face-to-face training events linked to our AGM. However, we are moving this to a bi-annual event and will be planning for a new and refreshed format. Watch for more details in September.

## LOOKING FOR WORK IN CANADA

Check out Statistics Canada's research and info-graph on "[Looking for Work in Canada, 2017](#)" to learn:

- **Who is looking for work?**
  - *(Hint: Young men were the group most likely to be unemployed)*
- **How long do they search?**
  - *(Hint: Older workers face longer periods of unemployment)*
- **Which sectors have the most job vacancies?**
  - *(Hint: Accommodation and food services tops the list)*
- **How are jobs advertised?**
  - *(Hint: Online job boards top the list)*



## RESOURCES TO HELP YOU IMPLEMENT BILL 148

The [Ontario Nonprofit Network](#) has great online resources (webinars, handouts, tools and FAQs) to help nonprofit organizations understand and implement Bill 148.

Visit their [Bill 148 FAQs](#) web page to access these extremely helpful resources.



## SUMMER READING TOOL KIT

Are you looking for ways to encourage children to read this summer? After all, 76% of kids enjoy reading books over the summer (Scholastic Canada, 2017).

This [Summer Reading Toolkit for Parents](#) was designed by the Ontario Library Association to help parents help their kids through the summer months. It was made possible by a generous "Parents Reaching Out" grant from Ontario's Ministry of Education.

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## EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO NEWS AND INFORMATION

MAESD's Employment Ontario Partners Gateway (EOPG) website provides important information for LBS agencies.

Due to the recent election, announcements and initiatives have been temporarily on hold. However, continue to visit this site regularly at: [www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/newpostings](http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/newpostings).



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