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COMMUNITY LITERACY OF ONTARIO MEMBERS' E-COMMUNIQUE SEPTEMBER 2018

Dear CLO Members,

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

Topics covered in this e-communiqué are:

- More Than Words Can Say Literacy: Why It Matters
- Updates to Our "Literacy Basics" Website Now Available!
- What Does Poverty Look Like in Canada?"
- "Enhance Your Practice with Math" Webinars
- The Ontario Nonprofit Network Announces a Pension Plan for the Nonprofit Sector!
- Canada's Premiers Announce the 2018 Literacy Award Recipients
- Employment Ontario News and Information

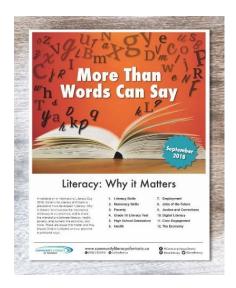


More Than Words Can Say - Literacy: Why It Matters

Just in time for International Literacy Day 2018, Community Literacy of Ontario was pleased to launch "*More Than Words Can Say* - *Literacy: Why It Matters*".

This resource showcases the importance of literacy to our province and shares the intersections between literacy, health, poverty, employment, the economy, and more. These are issues that matter and they impact Ontario's citizens and our province in profound ways. This publication is freely available on CLO's website.

CLO encourages our members and stakeholders to widely share "*Literacy: Why It Matters*" to raise awareness and increase understanding of this critical issue.



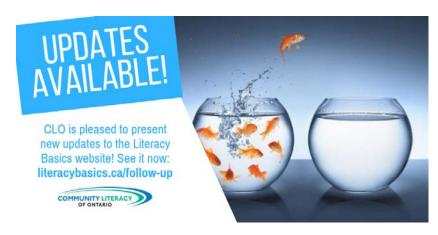




UPDATES TO CLO'S "LITERACY BASICS" PRACTITIONER TRAINING WEBSITE NOW AVAILABLE!

Community Literacy of Ontario is happy to announce further updates to our <u>Literacy Basics</u>
Practitioner Training Website. Visit Literacy Basics to see our updated service delivery module on <u>Exit and Follow-up</u>.

Don't forget to explore our recently updated Information and Referral module as well. And be sure to stay tuned for upcoming revisions to CLO's three remaining service delivery modules. 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.



WHAT DOES POVERTY LOOK LIKE IN CANADA?

The Angus Reid Institute recently released an important research report called "What Does Poverty Look Like in Canada?". This study examines the state of poverty in Canada by looking at lived experiences, rather than income. The results are startling and reveal the extent of poverty in our country.

Key findings include:

- One-in-four Canadians experience notable economic hardship
- More than half of all Canadians see poverty on the rise in their communities today
- Almost one-in-three Canadians feel "very stressed about money" on a regular basis (either "often" or "all the time")
- Three-in-ten Canadians are pessimistic about their personal financial situation over the next few years



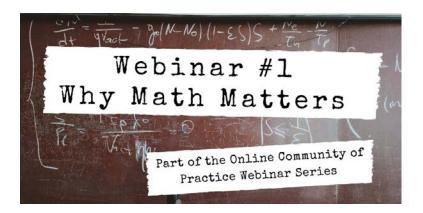
"ENHANCE YOUR PRACTICE WITH MATH" WEBINARS

The Learning Networks of Ontario, the Provincial Support Organizations for Literacy, and e-Channel are excited to provide you with information about our 2018-2019 "Online Community of Practice" webinar series focused on MATH.

We know how dread creeps in when numbers are discussed. The Online Community of Practice for LBS committee has collaborated with people in and out of our field to break down those fears and showcase math. Our free "Enhance Your Practice with Math" webinars for literacy practitioners will be held on the 4th Thursday of the month from September to February, excluding the Christmas Holidays.

The first in this exciting series is the "Why Math Matters" webinar being held on September 27, 2018 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. A panel discussion will be held on math's role in preparing LBS learners for the current and future workforce. Register at https://tinyurl.com/ya7vtqln

Click here for more information and to access the registration links for all five webinars.



THE ONTARIO NONPROFIT NETWORK ANNOUNCES A PENSION PLAN FOR THE NONPROFIT SECTOR!

On September 24, 2018 the amazing Ontario Nonprofit Network (ONN) introduced the first-ever pension plan created for the nonprofit sector!

After considerable research and consultation, and as part of its vision for a stronger nonprofit sector, the ONN recommends the OPTrust Select pension plan. Click here to read all of the details.







CANADA'S PREMIERS ANNOUNCE THE 2018 LITERACY AWARD RECIPIENTS

Canada's Premiers have announced the recipients of the 14th annual <u>Council of the Federation Literacy Award</u>. Presented in each province and territory, the Award celebrates outstanding achievement, innovative practice and excellence in literacy.



Congratulations to Ontario's recipient of this prestigious Award, the TR Leger School of Adult, Alternative and Continuing Education!

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:

- <u>2018-19 Employment Ontario Program Monitoring Memo</u> (September 7, 2018) Employment Ontario Information System – SP Connect
 - <u>Chapter 6: Literacy Service Plan</u> (September 14, 2018)
 - Desk Aid: LSP Accessing and Completing a Service Delivery Chart (September 14, 2018)
 - <u>Desk Aid: LSP Creating a Service Delivery Chart</u> (September 14, 2018)
 - Desk Aid: LSP Populating a Literacy Service Plan (September 14, 2018)

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