

COMMUNITY LITERACY OF ONTARIO MEMBERS' E-COMMUNIQUE SEPTEMBER 2015

Dear CLO Members,

Community Literacy of Ontario is pleased to present our **September 2015 Members' E-Communiqué**.

Topics covered in this e-communiqué are:

1. Our Newest Ebook: "Love Letters to Literacy"
2. Partnerships, Resources and Strategies to Engage Ontario Works Clients in Literacy Programming
3. Celebrate Adult Literacy with the Golden Oak Reading Program!
4. Cheap & Cheerful Recipes from Patsy's Kitchen
5. MTCU Update on ETSI and a Client Survey
6. Employment Ontario News and Information

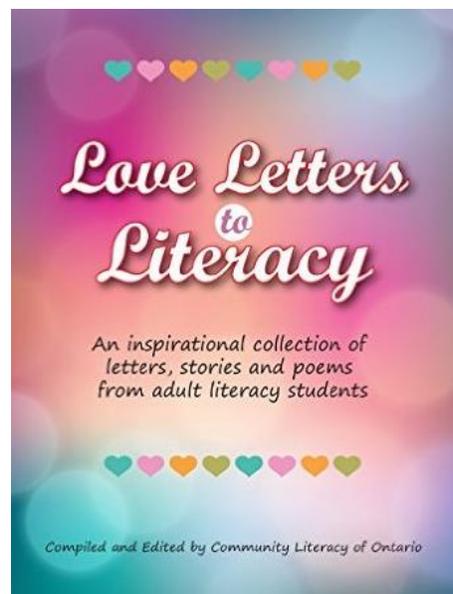


OUR NEWEST EBOOK: "LOVE LETTERS TO LITERACY"

Looking for inspiration? Community Literacy of Ontario has the answer for you! We have created a beautiful new ebook on Amazon Kindle called: "**Love Letters to Literacy: An inspirational collection of letters, stories & poems from adult literacy students**".

"**Love Letters**" is available as an ebook on Amazon during the month of October for **just \$1.30**. Please support literacy by purchasing this inspiring and important book. Thank you!

- Amazon Canada: www.amazon.ca/Love-Letters-Literacy-inspirational-collection-ebook/dp/B015OWZUGM
- Amazon USA: www.amazon.com/Love-Letters-Literacy-inspirational-collection-ebook/dp/B015OWZUGM



PARTNERSHIPS, RESOURCES AND STRATEGIES TO ENGAGE ONTARIO WORKS CLIENTS IN LITERACY PROGRAMMING

In 2015-2016, Community Literacy of Ontario will collect and share information about effective partnerships, resources, and strategies to engage Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Programs clients in literacy programming.

Helpful Resources for Ontario Works Clients:

- [Moving Forward: Curriculum & Resources for Learners with Independence Goals](#) (By Community Literacy of Ontario)
- [An inspirational video of Curtis: The Real Canadian Superstar!](#) (An Ontario Works success story by the Government of Ontario)
- [Social Assistance in Ontario: Links to Helpful Resources](#) (By the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services)
- Literacy Link South Central has created 12 curriculum modules related to the Maker Movement. These "[Maker Curriculum Modules](#)" were prepared for the LLSC project "Using Technology to Facilitate Connections between Literacy and the Broader Community". These modules engage literacy students, OW clients and others in technology in a fun and appealing manner.

Our SECOND Ontario Works & LBS Tweet Chat

We had a lot of fun, and learned a great deal during our first Tweet Chat held on September 29, 2015 in partnership with [Brant Skills Centre](#). Thanks to everyone who joined us!

CLO and Brant Skills Centre will hold our second Tweet Chat on the topic of supporting Ontario Works clients in LBS programs, on **November 24, 2015 from 11 am to noon**. We'll be using the Hashtag **#CLOLearn**.

Watch for more details in the coming months.



CELEBRATE ADULT LITERACY WITH THE GOLDEN OAK READING PROGRAM!

The Ontario Library Association (OLA) offers **The Golden Oak Award™**. This program provides a unique opportunity for new readers in adult literacy to read books specifically chosen for them. It helps them develop the skills they need to accomplish everyday tasks, and it creates a meaningful experience to develop a love of reading. They can read the books on their own, with tutors, or as part of a group.

Participants read a minimum of five out of the 10 nominated titles, which are chosen by library professionals. In the spring, readers vote for their favourite nominated title and choose the winner of the Golden Oak Award. The winner is announced at The Learners' Conference in June in Toronto, Ontario.

The registration fee is \$15 for literacy organizations (\$30 for non-OLA members).

Registration opens October 1, 2015 at: www.accessola.com/forest



CHEAP & CHEERFUL RECIPES FROM PATSY'S KITCHEN



We were thrilled to receive this information from the Davenport-Perth Neighbourhood and Community Health Centre. This is a great story of innovation and community support!

"At the heart of DPNCHC's Community Dining program lies Patsy Warren and her dedicated cooking team. As the resident Community Dining chef for over 9 years, Patsy has been cooking up healthy and nourishing meals that pay homage to her Grenadian heritage and satisfy over 300 under-housed and low-income people each week.

*We're now excited to share some of Patsy's most popular recipes in our free cookbook, **CHEAP & CHEERFUL RECIPES FROM PATSY'S KITCHEN**. From Oven Roasted BBQ Chicken to a Kale Caesar Salad, the recipes are easy and affordable takes on classic dishes and new favourites."*



Download at: <http://dpnchc.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/CheapCheerful.pdf>



MTCU UPDATE ON ETSI AND A CLIENT SURVEY

Please find attached a letter from David Fulford, Assistant Deputy Minister of Employment and Training Division, Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. This letter shares a brief update on ETSI (Employment and Training Services Integration).

As well, MTCU is conducting an online survey to gather feedback from clients on their experiences with employment and training programs in Ontario. MTCU is asking service providers to share this survey with clients: www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2236295/Employment-and-Training-Services-Integration-Consultation-Client-Survey. The survey is voluntary and anonymous and it will be available from September 21, 2015 to October 16, 2015. More information is available in the attached letter.

EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO NEWS AND INFORMATION

MTCU's Employment Ontario Partners Gateway (EOPG) website provides a wealth of important information for LBS agencies. Be sure to check this site regularly at: www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/newpostings

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Recent news on the EOPG includes:

- August 20, 2015: Youth Job Connection [Technical Questions & Answers for Service Providers](#)
- September 4, 2015: Service Providers - Strategic Monitoring
 - [Memo: Announcing the Strategic Monitoring Framework](#)
 - [2015-2016 Paper Based Self-Assessment Questionnaire](#)
 - [2015-2016 Targeted Self-Assessment Questionnaire](#)
 - [2015-2016 Comprehensive Self-Assessment Questionnaire](#)
- September 8, 2015: [Regional Director Memo: Tools for Service Providers on Employment Standards and Workforce Safety Resources](#)
- September 24, 2015: [CaMS/YJC 2015-1 Bulletin](#)

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