

# The Literacy



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## Lantern

***Tutors, Please Read This  
Newsletter with Students!***

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## Upcoming Events

### Tutor Training Workshop Dates:

- Orientation to Tutoring—Jan. 17, 2012
- Two day workshop—Feb. 11 & 12, 2012

**Family Literacy Day—Saturday, January 28, 2012 from 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.  
"Reading Around the Mall"**

**Office will be closed for Christmas  
Holidays from December 16, 2011—  
January 3, 2012**



**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of our students, tutors, volunteers, sponsors and supporters from all of us at the North Bay Literacy Council.**

We have lots of news to share with you.

As you know, and have heard many times, we are always looking for ways to stretch our funding and fundraising dollars and cut back on expenses. With that in mind, we have decided that, beginning January, 2012 we will not be sending out paper copies of our newsletter. This will help us cut the costs of postage, paper and photocopy expenses. We will have our newsletter on-line on our website and will send it out electronically to all members. We will still have a few paper copies available in the office for students and volunteers who do not have computers.

The world is becoming more electronically connected every day, and we have joined the club. We now have a Facebook page and a Facebook group on line. Here is the link <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/North-Bay-Literacy-Council/239900172734937> Have you seen our new website? It is gorgeous. Thanks to Colin Hanshaw for the great job in developing it. There are still bugs to work out, but it is a process.

Sending in your monthly contact hours and other hours is also much easier with the new website. Hover your mouse over the volunteer tab, when the drop down menu appears scroll down to "Monthly Tutor Contact Hours" and click, the box that appears will ask you for a password. The password is **love2teach**. Complete the form with your first and last name and your student's first and last name. Click "submit" at the bottom of the screen and you will get a message saying your hours were successfully submitted. If you need to complete more forms do not log out, but go back to the drop down menu and select the form you need. When you are ready to leave the site just click log out at the bottom of the page.

Jo has presented four tutor information sessions for tutors about the Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework (OALCF) that will come into effect on April 1, 2012. This information session is mandatory for all tutors and Jo will try and make sure she reaches all the tutors.

Our First Annual Halloween Ball was pretty successful for a first time event. We were able to make a profit of \$2,500. Everyone who attended had a terrific time and the costumes were very, very creative. Thank you to everyone who attended and to Patty Fedeli, Greg Estabrooks, Mike Monaghan and Mike Johnson for their time and expertise. Thanks also go to the organizing committee, Tricia Tucker, Kelly Johnson, Gail Francom, Sarah Miller, and all the sponsors. We have already booked the Davedi Club for October 27, 2012. Hope you can be there. Look in the newsletter and on the website for some great pictures.



Congratulations to the winners of our 2011 Cash Draw Raffle. The winners were: Suzette Lamothe - \$100 (Sept draw), Faith Baldwin - \$100 (Sept draw), Fran Desjardins - \$200, Clayton Smith - \$300, Vic Corbeil - \$500. Thank you to Jack Osborne, ticket seller extraordinaire, and everyone else who helped to sell the tickets around the community. These funds help us provide extra services to our learners.

We will be celebrating Family Literacy Day with a "Celebrity Read" at Northgate Square on Saturday, January 28 at Northgate Shopping Centre. Watch our website and facebook page for more information.

Our office will be closed for Christmas break from December 16 until January 3, 2012.

The Board of Directors along with Jo and I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



## NEWS

### **Accessibility Standards for Customer Service, Ontario Regulation 429/07**

**Under this standard, businesses must train staff and volunteers about serving customers with disabilities.**

**All board members/staff/volunteers/students/trainers/and placements with NBLC must complete the free on-line course.**

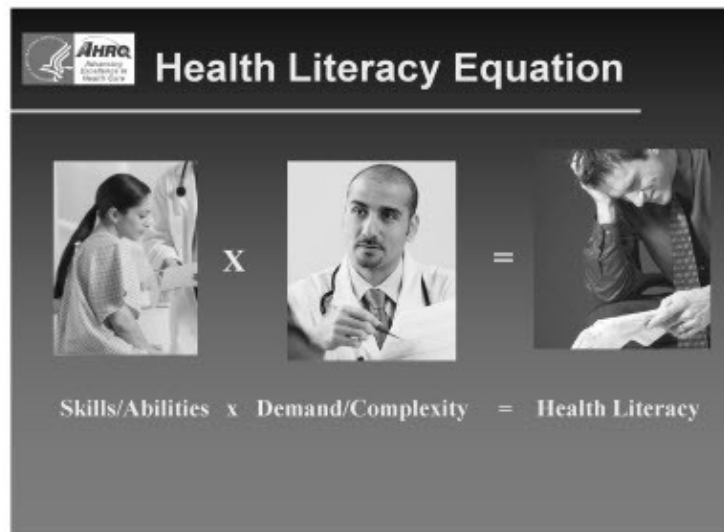
**Course can be accessed at [www.mcsc.gov.on.ca/mcsc/serveability/splash.html](http://www.mcsc.gov.on.ca/mcsc/serveability/splash.html). Once completed please sign the form provided at the office. Feedback is welcomed.**

**Any questions contact Jane or Jo.**



### Literacy & Health

Tutors and students can use health information to improve literacy skills and health!



Available at the Literacy Council in the Front Office Book Shelf

Please Take One

- **Health Care Connect** - Do you need a family doctor? The can apply on the web site or call on the phone.
- **Internet for Health** - A new list of web sites that have video clips or are easier to read.
- **North Bay Regional Health Centre** – Patient Services Directory – outlines all the various departments in the hospital
- **Knowledge is the best medicine** – discusses talking your pills safely and has a book to record the pills you are taking.
- **Ask Me 3 posters, brochures and pads** – remember to ask questions until you understand what is being said. You can take the posters to your health care provider.

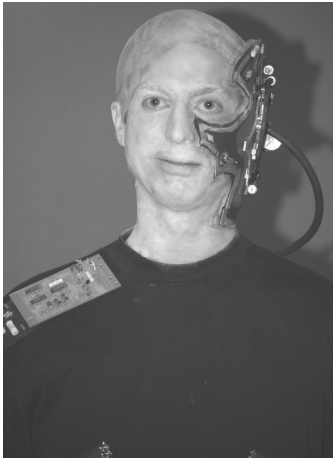
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Halloween Ball Fundraiser

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The **First Annual Halloween Ball Fund-raiser** was a horrifyingly good time with the participants providing a tricky challenge for our celebrity judges, (from left to right) Mike Monaghan, Greg Estabrooks and Patty Fedeli. A number of great prizes were handed out to guests who showed tremendous creativity and enthusiasm with their costumes. Many people left feeling inspired and already planning their costumes for next year!



**Thank you, again to everyone who attended this year's fundraiser and for all those who volunteered to help make such a great night possible!**

### **Tutor Training Workshops**

The North Bay Literacy Council regularly offers tutor training workshops for new tutors. These training workshops are usually offered twice a year, one in the spring and another in the fall. The training team has 7 members who are all recognized and certified by Laubach Literacy Ontario. The team values the feedback it receives from tutors and therefore spends many hours working on the delivery of the workshop material in between workshops.

In 2011 we held a spring and fall workshop with a total of 16 new tutors. We will be holding a tutor training workshop in February this year due to the increased number of new tutors signing up at the council. As Program Coordinator, Jo also provides an Orientation to Tutoring prior to each workshop. The next workshop will be held on:

**Tutor Training Workshop Dates:  
Orientation to Tutoring—Jan. 17, 2012  
Two day workshop—Feb. 11 & 12**

We can also offer workshops on math, spelling, writing for new Learners, Challenger etc. If tutors are interested in attending one of these workshops please contact Jane or Jo. When we have a minimum number of tutors expressing an interest in a topic we would be happy to accommodate.

### **Tutor Trainers:**

**Jane Jackson—Trainer/Supervising Trainer**  
**Johanna Mutch—Apprentice Trainer**  
**Yvonne Henderson—Trainer/Supervising Trainer**  
**Mary Mills—Trainer/Supervising Trainer**  
**Linda Dubroy—Trainer/Supervising Trainer**  
**Kelly Johnson—Trainer/Apprentice Supervising Trainer**  
**Lori Beckerton—Trainer/Apprentice Supervising Trainer**

### **English is a crazy language!**

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes,  
But the plural of ox becomes oxen, not oxes.  
One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese,  
Yet the plural of moose should never be meese.  
You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice,  
Yet the plural of house is houses, not hice.

If the plural of man is always called men,  
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?  
If I speak of my foot and show you my feet,  
And I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?  
If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth,  
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?

Then one may be that, and there would be those,  
Yet hat in the plural would never be hose,  
And the plural of cat is cats, not cose.  
We speak of a brother and also of brethren,  
But though we say mother, we never say methren.  
Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him,  
But imagine the feminine: she, shis and shim!

Neither apple nor pine in pineapple.  
English muffins weren't invented in England.

Let's face it - English is a crazy language.  
There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger;  
We take English for granted, but if we explore its paradoxes,  
We find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square,  
And a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.  
And why is it that writers write, but fingers don't fing,  
Grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham?

Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend?  
If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them,  
What do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught?  
If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

Sometimes I think all the folks who grew up speaking English  
Should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane.  
In what other language do people recite at a play and play at a recital?

We ship by truck but send cargo by ship...  
We have noses that run and feet that smell.  
We park in a driveway and drive in a parkway.  
And how can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same,  
While a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language  
In which your house can burn up as it burns down,  
In which you fill in a form by filling it out,  
And in which an alarm goes off by going on.  
And in closing.....

If Father is Pop, how come Mother's not Mop.???

## Student Corner



By Annie Aultman  
Student Representative

### Student Representative Report

I held a student "Learn how to knit a dishcloth workshop" on November 19. It was very informative. I learned that a lot of planning goes into a workshop. I also learned that you must plan your workshop around the skills of the students. Everyone was excited to learn how to knit. The students learned how to cast on stitches and how to do the garter stitch. Everyone would like to do another Knitting Workshop, as we did not finish any dishcloths. We could have another knitting workshop later on in the New Year. Everyone enjoyed themselves. Everyone learned from each other.

Another activity that took place was the December 3, 2011 Student Focus Group. I held an around the table talk on hearing the students ideas for future workshops. We had a great bunch of students with some great ideas. These are their ideas. The ideas will be grouped together later.

- Health and Safety in the workplace
- W.H.I.M.S.
- Budgeting
- Maintenance of homes
- Food shopping, reading labels, compare prices and coupons
- Computers – beginners-advanced
- Cooking and nutrition
- First Aid
- Sewing hems and buttons
- E-learning – Learning Hub
- Consumer Laws and Rights

- Interest on bills
- Scams-Police or R.C.M.P.
- Wills

After, Jo told us about the new Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework. Basically, we as students will be working harder toward reaching our goals with our teacher's and tutors help.

### Poems and Rhymes

Poems and rhymes are such neat stuff  
How should I even start  
The writers write from their mind  
And then leave us with their heart

You can write, what you want  
But not what you say  
And if the words you write are magic  
They can carry us away

We all have a version  
Of how it ought to be  
But its not that cut and dry  
And I hope that you'll agree

The words I write are simple  
And no thoughts gone astray  
Writing this was easy  
But essays make me pay

So sit down and write  
Just give it a little try  
You might just sort of like it  
Oh, I think I am gonna cry

Now I am just kidding  
And maybe having a little fun  
Still poems and rhymes today my dear  
Have given me a little sun.

By Michael Desrosiers

## Student Fundraising

Thanks to Jack Osborne and all the volunteer ticket sellers who participated in the 2011 Cash Draw Raffle. This fundraiser provides funds for student support and this year they raised \$2800. Great job!

The winners were: Suzette Lamothe - \$100 (Sept draw), Faith Baldwin - \$100 (Sept draw), Fran Desjardins - \$200, Clayton Smith - \$300, Vic Corbeil - \$500 (Dec 2 draw).



## FUNSTUFF

### Christmas Trivia

1. The name of Scrooge's deceased business partner in Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol was?
2. What is the name of Tiny Tim's father in the story, "A Christmas Carol"?
3. What did Frosty The Snowman have for a nose?
4. How many gifts would you receive if you received all of the gifts in the song "Twelve Days of Christmas"?
5. In the song "Winter Wonderland", who do we pretend the snowman is?
6. In the movie "The Miracle on 34th Street", a man is on trial for claiming to be Santa Claus. What convinces the judge to rule in the man's favour?
7. According to the song "Frosty the Snowman" what kind of soul does Frosty have?
8. In the Christmas song, who did I (the narrator) see kissing Santa Claus under the mistletoe last night?

**Answers:** 1. Jacob Marley! 2. Bob Cratchit 3. A button 4. 364 presents 5. Parson Brown 6. The US Postal Service delivers mail to him 7. A jolly happy soul! 8. Mommy



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**Christmas Word Search**

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 N U V A Y E L L E B A R W N T  
 L O S I G T I L S C U P I D E  
 T E R A X L S N A M W O N S M  
 S S P T N E J O D B R H R E O  
 T T R S H T N I R E H S A D C  
 N O E L U P A A K F E K T Y H  
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| BALL      | FROSTY      | SANTA CLAUS |
| BELL      | GIFT        | SLED        |
| BLITZEN   | GINGERBREAD | SNOWMAN     |
| CANDYCANE | NOEL        | STAR        |
| CHIMNEY   | NORTHPOLE   | STOCKING    |
| CHRISTMAS | NUTCRACKER  | SUGARPLUMS  |
| COMET     | PEACE       | TOY         |
| CUPID     | PRANCER     | TREE        |
| DANCER    | PRESENT     | VIXEN       |
| DASHER    | REINDEER    | WORKSHOP    |
| DONNER    | RUDOLPH     | WREATH      |
| ELF       | SACK        |             |