

Fall 2007



Hamilton Reads



Tutors, please share this Newsletter with your student.

Two New Sources of Funding!

Mark Your Calendar

Lifelong Learning Week

September 16-23

see www.abea.on.ca

for details

Portfolio Workshop

September 19

Linguistics Workshop

September 22

New Tutor Training

September 29 &

October 13...**tell a friend**

or neighbor!

Thanksgiving

Office closed October 8



WOW (World of Work)

We received funding from the Catherine Donnelly Foundation to improve and enhance our WOW classes.

WOW will run on Wednesday afternoons in ten-week sessions and is open to all HLC students. Participants in other community programs will also be invited. WOW will focus on improving essential skills and will teach these skills in unique ways. Occasionally classes will be held off-site with field trips, visits to employers etc. After attending this course, students will be better prepared for the workplace and better equipped to keep a job.

Students who complete the 10-week course will receive a certificate for their Student Portfolio. Our first WOW session starts in September. Students: call today to reserve your spot: 905-529-9907.

Thank you to the Catherine Donnelly Foundation for believing that soft skills are crucial to gaining and keeping employment.



earlyBIRD Family Literacy Program

Earlier this summer, the HLC received a grant for \$17,640 to run a Family Literacy Program that will improve the skills of *both* children and caregivers/parents. The program will run out of Bennetto Community Centre in the north end of Hamilton. Ten to twelve families will take part in a nine-week program that is designed for parents and children (0-6) to play and learn together.

We know the importance of developing a love of reading in pre-school children and believe that every child deserves an educated parent. We are grateful for this funding from the Hamilton Community Foundation.

Students & Tutors:

Students: would you like to participate in this program with your kids?

Students & Tutors: would you like to volunteer for this program?

Call us today:
905-529-9907



Small Group Classes: Why Should You Join?

Students, do you have time during the week to work on your reading, writing, math, and other skills? Are you moving on to another LBS program when you're finished at the Literacy Council?

If you answered yes to either of these questions, you should think about joining a Small Group class (8-10 people). Group classes offer nine hours of learning a week and you can still work with your tutor. Small Group students help each other and learn from each other.

If you would like to know more, call Valerie at 905-529-9907 ext. 221. Visit a Small Group class and see what it's all about!

Read Donna's article about her Small Group experience below.

School Days

Hi. Four years ago I started school. I was very nervous. I had to go because I couldn't help my children read or help them with their homework. It was very hard because I didn't want them thinking I was stupid.

I really enjoyed school at that time. Then something happened and I had to quit. Now things are back on track and I went back to school and I enjoy it very much.

All the teachers are very nice, helpful, and friendly. If you need help they are just a chair

away. The classmates are nice too; they come and go and you learn a lot in such a short time.

I wish school was every day so I can learn more to help my children with their studies. This will enable my children to get a better job when they are older.

Learning is a big part of people's lives. Without an education you can't get a good job.

by Donna,
Small Group student

Lifelong Learning Week: September 16-23



Free Whitehern tour for HLC students: September 20, 1-2 p.m. This beautiful building is right across the street from the YWCA. Call us today to book your spot! For more info on Lifelong Learning week go to www.abea.on.ca



Tutors Making a Difference

Senior Tutors

(40+ hours of tutoring)

Tracey Chambers

Bob Houghton

Laura Levaque

Roy Maybery

Ellen Resnick

Jennifer Sanders

Elizabeth Simms

Susan Squires

Advanced Tutors

(175+ hours)

Bill Barr

Lorna Huiskamp

Pat Lee

Master Tutors

(300+ hours)

Francois Boudreau

Rosemary Logie

**Congratulations on
your success!**

Linguistics Workshop

Sept. 22, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
presented by Kim Henrie (ESL
Instructor & Private Tutor)

Are you having difficulty explaining how sounds are produced or recognizing the differences between sounds? Learn how and where sounds are made with practical tips for helping students hear and produce sounds correctly.



Web Spotlight

www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise

This website provides some great learning options and includes a great introduction to learning about computers (click on *Tutors* tab and then on the *Computer Tutor* link).

Mailing Tutor Reports?

If you are using our pre-paid **Business Reply Envelopes** to send in your Tutor reports, please check the number on the front of the envelope. It should read: **1000009062-L8P3C1-BR01** above the bar code. If the numbers are different, please recycle the envelopes. We'd be happy to send you new ones.

Portfolio Workshop

Tutors, is your student ready to start working on the Portfolio? Come to this workshop and get the tools you need to help your student work towards his/her goal.

Wednesday, September 19, 7-9 p.m.
75 MacNab St. S., Room 321

Please pre-register:
apitts@hamiltonreads.ca or
call 905-529-9907.

Meet Your 2007/2008 Board of Directors:

We're happy to welcome 3 new directors to our Board: Elliot Craig, Michael Scime, and Priya Verma. We look forward to working with you! To get to know our Board of Directors a little more, we asked them the following question.

What is your favourite book?

Pearl Wolfe: *A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving -- I initially borrowed this book from the library and it was due back before I was finished so I went out and bought it. That copy fell apart and I had to buy another one. It is lyrical and imaginative and beautifully written.

Julie Vohra: I love the *Poisonwood Bible* by Barbra Kingsolver because each chapter is from the point of view of a different character, so you get to experience the story through different people's eyes. For me this makes the experience of the story very rich, so I can picture and feel what it would be like to be there.

Priya Verma: *The DaVinci Code* -- I think that Dan Brown is a phenomenal writer and has the recipe to create a great novel filled with suspense, mystery, history, love and art all in one read. I couldn't put this book down because I would always anticipate what would transpire next!

Theresa O'Halloran: *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* -- I remember reading this when I was a young girl and being totally drawn in by the story and the characters. It sparked my imagination and filled me with a sense of fantasy.

Mark Walma: *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* -- I felt this seventh book in the series was by far the best book I've ever read -- a perfect completion to a seven-volume roller-coaster ride in which Rowling made a magical world absolutely real for us.

Elliot Craig: *Life's Little Instruction Book* -- Every time I pick this book up, it teaches me something new, something that I would like to improve. It is not the most difficult book, and by far not the longest book, but the messages in it will stay with me forever.

Michael Scime: I have two series of books that I enjoy. The first series was written by Alexander Kent, and is based on the character of Richard Bolitho, who is an officer in the Royal Navy. The second series of books is by Bernard Cornwell, and is about Richard Sharpe, an officer in the 95th Rifles.

Santina Moccio: My favourite book right now is *The Closer We Are to Dying*. It reminds us that it's never too late to try and mend fences and find inner peace.

Wade Hemsworth: *The Old Man and the Sea*, by Ernest Hemingway. This is a book I first read as a teenager and have re-read a few times since, each time finding something new. I come back to it because of its amazing combination of brevity, simplicity and depth and durability.

Irene McKenna: Books with a fantasy theme have always been a draw because I like the characters - witches, wizards, elves, etc. Reading is like watching a movie in my head - I am always standing beside the main character watching as the story unfolds. I loved reading the Harry Potter series.

Staff Changes: Welcome Aboard Frances!

We are happy to welcome Frances Jewell to our staff team. Two of our instructors will be participating in the Bennetto Family Literacy Program, so Frances will be assisting with some of our Small Group classes.

HLC staff:

Kim Bridle	Small Group Instructor
Harriet Hamilton	Small Group Instructor
Frances Jewell	Small Group Instructor
Valerie Louter	Community
Relations/Intake	

Assessor

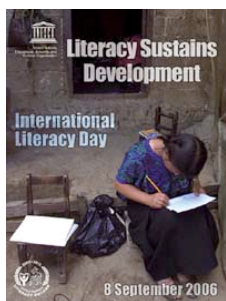
Helen McLeod	Small Group Instructor/Trainer
Andrea Pitts	1 to 1 Program
Manager /Trainer	
Val Sadler	Executive Director

Happy International Literacy Day!

September 8 is an occasion to give hope to the millions of women, men and children who cannot read or write even their own names. **International Literacy Day** is a timely reminder to the world about the importance of literacy for individuals, families, communities and whole societies.

For more information go to www.unesco.org and click on education and then literacy.

How are you going to celebrate?





Hamilton Literacy Council

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Hamilton, ON L8P 3C1
905-529-9907
info@hamiltonreads.ca

The Hamilton Literacy Council began in 1973 with a mission to help adults improve their basic reading, writing and math skills according to their personal goals. Our program provides one-to-one tutoring and small group instruction.

Our Values

- Teamwork
- Integrity
- Excellence
- Serving
- Dignity
- Lifelong Learning

Visit us at:
www.hamiltonreads.ca

If you do not wish to receive this Newsletter, please contact us: 905-529-9907 or info@hamiltonreads.ca

Word Search: Seize the Day!

Certificate
Computer
Grammar
Learning Path
Portfolio
Small Group

Classroom
Essential
Homework
Lifelong
Reading
Teamwork

Communication
Field Trip
Instructor
Participate
Skills
World of Work

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