

Tutors, please share this Newsletter with your student.

Mark Your Calendar:

Tutor/Student Goal Setting:

November 14th - 3 sessions
10:00 - 12:00
2:00 - 4:00
5:30 - 7:30

Please call to reserve a spot in the session that both you and your student can attend.

Please let us know if this date does not work & we will try to have a second session.

(More info to follow)
905 529-9907 X221

Christmas Potluck:

December 21st

Office & Classes will be closed:

Thursday Dec 22nd

Office Open:

January 2nd 2012 (9:00)
Winter term starts



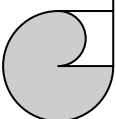
You are invited to our

HOLIDAY DINNER

Wednesday, December 21st, 2011
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Please join us for dinner in the Seniors' Auditorium, YWCA.

Please R.S.V.P. by December 9th, to
Laurel at 905-529-9907 x221



The holidays are coming!

Please hold off buying your store bought cards and consider supporting the Hamilton Literacy Council by buying our beautiful handmade holiday cards.

Our cards will go on sale in November. Each package of 10 cards contains 5 different designs (2 of each). Cards will be sold for the low price of \$10.00 per package and a large portion from each purchase will go directly to the Hamilton Literacy Council to support the programs and activities of our students.

These beautiful cards are made by Donna Bennett, one of our tutors (and past teacher at the HLC).

If you would like to place an order please contact our office at (905) 529-9907.



From the Desk of our Executive Director, Rose Johnson:



October 2011



Here we are facing the end of October, the fall and the summer has flown by! At the Hamilton Literacy Council, the staff and the students are already using the new Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework which the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities introduced in 2011. Because of this, we have divided the students in two groups: the employment goal path group and the secondary education goal path group, meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All students have to participate in the digital technology group provided on Wednesdays. If students are having difficulty with the homework or have other areas they want to work on, they do this on Wednesdays in the “Managing your Own Learning Study Group”. We still provide the evening groups for e-learning on Tuesday, as well as Tuesday and Thursday evening classes for the group of learners who are employed and can only attend at this time. This group has learners in both goal paths of employment and secondary education.

The instructors will teach and provide case management for the learners to ensure that they develop their individualized goals, work on individualized tasks, monitor and document their progress and develop demonstrations that show that the students have learned the tasks that lead toward their goal path. When the learner is ready for the next step they will be referred to the appropriate agency for the required service. The HLC managers are developing links with the other employment and further education services in order to be ready to guide the students to the next step.

Training staff and implementing the new curriculum has been our main focus this summer and early fall. There will be further training provided to staff in November and a new template for the Learning Plan will be introduced. Each student has to have a written Learning Plan and documentation of their progress. So to summarize, OALCF implementation has occupied most of our time and provided us with lots of excitement.

As most of you know, we had a very successful Book Sale in May and we even had Mayor Bob Brattina and his wife read a story to the children. We also had some of our students read with the support of two of our teachers.

On beautiful September 18th, we ran the Book Swap and Shop at Telling Tales, the family literacy festival at Westfield Heritage Village. Laura Levaque organized our participation at the Book Swap and Shop very effectively and we ended up providing many children with beautiful books for free and we also sold some. The day ended up being very successful to support our literacy education goals and to help raise funds to support Literacy in Hamilton. We also had lots of fun and we hope that many more will join us at this event next year.

The Student Council just had their elections for the fall and the new representatives met on October the 25th at noon at the Council. If students with tutors have issues or ideas for the Student Council, please let me know and I will bring these to the next meeting for discussion.

These are the highlights of the year so far and we have many more coming up. Everyone is enjoying the new changes and challenges and we are all growing together.

Board of Directors

At our AGM in June, we said good bye to Wade Hemsworth, our past president, wishing him all the best. We now welcome three new members: Ann Heesters, Diwakar Sharma & Dianna Young

Our Board of Directors are:

Michael Scime – President
Sandra Gray-Jennis Vice President
Laura Levaque – Secretary
Brent Koritko – Treasurer
Wendy Coleman – Advisor
Ann Heesters – Advisor
Diwakar Sharma – Advisor
Denise Maraj – Advisor
Les Breznyansky – Advisor
Dianna Young - Advisor

Staff changes:

Sharon Avery, one of our teachers has left her teaching duties at the HLC. Sharon is already missed by staff and students. Shen Storm, our summer student went back to school in September. Shen did an excellent job preparing documents to be used for the new curriculum. He also helped out in the office and filled in as a teacher.

We welcomed Ammon McQueen during the summer. Ammon is our Friday office worker and is working on a new Library system for us.

Allyson Soltys is our new evening teacher. Olga Wendlowski is our new Digital Technology teacher.

All the best to Sharon & Shen, and a big welcome to Ammon, Allyson & Olga.

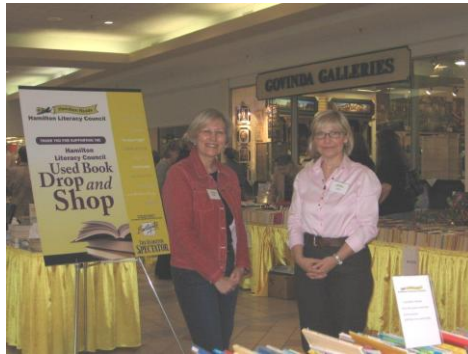
HLC EVENTS

May 7, 2011 Eastgate Book Drop & Shop

The Eastgate Book Drop and Shop sale was a huge success!

There were many special guests reading stories throughout the day including Mayor Brattina and his wife, Mike Wyman and Sunni Genesco from K-Lite FM, three of our HLC teachers – Donna Bennett, Sue Squires and Kim Bridle along with a student – Eskarlin C., and a special appearance from Mother Goose!

Our tutors, students, staff and Board of Directors all worked tirelessly, making the day fun and successful. Thanks to everyone who participated! Special thanks to Laura Levaque for keeping everyone organized.



Wendy Coleman & Laura Levaque (Chair) from our Board of Directors

June 14, 2011 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held on June 14th, 2011, and what an exciting evening it was!

There was a power failure in downtown Hamilton but nothing could dim the Hamilton Literacy Council's determination to celebrate their many successes. Staff, board members, students and guests all pitched in to make the evening memorable.

Some of the highlights were:

Guest Speaker – Deborah Ellis

Kim Brooks Memorial Award recipient – Helen Benoit

Outstanding Volunteer Service Award recipient – Doris Oldermanis

Tutor of the Year Award recipient – Anne Stewart

Commitment to Literacy Award recipient – Donna F.D.



Tutor of the year Anne Stewart with her student and friend, Karl

**June 24-26
LLO Conference**

Several students, staff and board members spent the June 24-26 weekend at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, attending the Laubach Literacy Ontario Conference. There were educational workshops, wonderful guest speakers, delicious meals and a dance with karaoke.

To see pictures of the event, please go to the Laubach Ontario website. If you are reading this online, just click on this link:

<http://www.laubach-on.ca/teach/news/conference2011/photos>

Two of our students were the lucky winners of the prize draw held on the last day.
Congratulations to: Kevin G. – who won a laptop computer
Wayne P. – who won an E book

Here is the note that Kevin G. sent to the LLO regarding his experience:

*My name is Kevin and I am a student at the Hamilton Literacy Council. I went to the LLO Conference in June and had a great time. On the last day there was a draw for prizes and I couldn't believe it when my name was called to win the laptop computer. I was looking around for "Kevin G." then realized it was me! I was renting a computer at home and it is so nice to be able to own one now. I volunteer at the Hamilton Literacy Council as computer tech support so this was the perfect prize. I help students and teachers by maintaining the class computers. I keep virus scans up to date and clean up the data base as needed. It is so nice to have a brand new, working laptop at home, thanks to the LLO conference. I can't wait until next year.
Kevin*



**September 18th, 2011
Telling Tales Book Swap and Shop**

Another exciting event for the Hamilton Literacy Council was the Annual Telling Tales Festival in Westfield Heritage Village, where we had a "Book Swap and Shop". The Literacy Council set up a table full of children's books, and anyone bringing in books could "swap" them for the same number. Books were also for sale and vouchers had been given out to several schools for children to pick up 3 books for free. Once again HLC staff, tutors, and board members worked together to make sure the event was a success.



NEWS FROM OUR STUDENTS

The following composition was submitted by Gary, one of our tutors at the Literacy Council. His student Lloyd did a wonderful job writing about Hamilton, reminding us of how lucky we are to live in such a great city. Thanks Lloyd!

Things I like about Hamilton

By Lloyd D.

I like the Hamilton bus transit because it runs until 2:00 a.m. whereas in some other cities, transit stops at 11.45 p.m. Hamilton has a good transit system -- the late bus schedule allows working class people on the night shift to be able to take a bus home. Strollers are allowed on the buses whereas other cities don't allow them. Most of the Hamilton bus drivers are very polite and kind to new people in the city who ask for directions.

I also like Hamilton because of its hospital system, especially McMaster Children's Hospital. Many families across Canada visit McMaster Children's Hospital and the bus driver's guide and show them where they need to go. You can go back and forth from the hospital by bus which is cheaper if coming from out of town.

Also, the police seem very organized and are always ready to maintain peace in public places like malls, streets and bus stations. This is something you don't see in most cities.

Student Council News

The Literacy Council has an elected Student Council with representatives from small group classes as well as learners with tutors. The meetings are held once a month and are run by the elected Chairperson, with Rose facilitating. The agenda is made up by the students and Rose.

Joining the student council gives students a voice in many of the events that take place during the year. It is also a great way to learn how business meetings are run.

Our new Student Council

Katrina F	Rep for Kim's a.m. class
Wayne W.	Backup rep for Katrina
Connie M.	Rep for Sue's a.m. class
Wayne E.	Backup rep for Connie
Jeremy K.	Rep for Sue's p.m. class & rep for learners with tutors
Ian H.	Backup rep for Jeremy
Bill L.	Rep for Kim's p.m. class
Justin P.	Rep for learners with tutors

Permanent members:

Wayne P. – in charge of office maintenance

Kevin G. – in charge of computer maintenance

Velma R. – in charge of Bingo

On October 25th the Student Council met and elected their officers:

Chairperson	Jeremy K.
Vice Chairperson	Velma R.
Secretary	Connie M.
Treasurer	Bill L.

Congratulations!

TUTOR TIDBITS

Tutors:

Please mark November 14th on your calendars.

To align our students with the requirements of the new curriculum, we are holding Goal Setting sessions, for you and your student to attend together.

The times to choose from are:

10:00 – 12:00

2:00 – 4:00

5:30 – 7:30

You will be emailed soon, but if you already know which session you want to enroll in, please email or call our office to register:

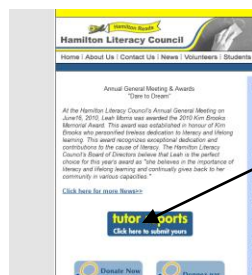
(905) 529-9907 Ext 221

Please let us know if this date does not work out for you and your student.

Tutors - did you know that you can now file your monthly Tutor reports online?

It's as easy as logging onto our Website:

www.hamiltonreads.ca



Click on "Tutor reports":
Fill out the form and submit.
It is automatically emailed to our wonderful Program Manager, Helen McLeod.
Please remember that your monthly reports are a ministry (MTCU) requirement.

Tutors – Do you wonder why your job can sometimes be very difficult?
Think about all of the double meanings we have for many of our words.

Submitted by Ron Harrod (a tutor)

- 1) The bandage was **wound** around the **wound**.
- 2) The farm was used to **produce produce**.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to **refuse** more **refuse**.
- 4) We must **polish** the **Polish** furniture.
- 5) He could **lead** if he would get the **lead** out.
- 6) The soldier decided to **desert** his dessert in the **desert**.
- 7) Since there is no time like the **present**, he thought it was time to **present** the **present**.
- 8) A **bass** was painted on the head of the **bass** drum.
- 9) When shot at, the **dove dove** into the bushes.
- 10) I did not **object** to the **object**.
- 11) The insurance was **invalid** for the **invalid**.
- 12) There was a **row** among the oarsmen about how to **row**.
- 13) They were too **close** to the door to **close** it.
- 14) The buck **does** funny things when the **does** are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a **sewer** fell down into a **sewer** line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his **sow** to **sow**.
- 17) The **wind** was too strong to **wind** the sail.
- 18) Upon seeing the **tear** in the painting, I shed a **tear**.
- 19) I had to **subject** the **subject** to a series of tests.
- 20) How can I **intimate** this to my most **intimate** friend?

A friendly reminder:

The Hamilton Literacy Council's fiscal year runs from April 1st to March 31st. In order to remain a member in good standing it is necessary to pay membership fees each year.

The time that you give your students is as valuable as gold; however your membership fee is also necessary to help the Council with costs for books, supplies and various items not covered during the year. As a paid member of the Literacy Council you are also entitled to vote on important matters at the Annual General Meeting.

Thanks to those of you who have paid for the 2011/2012 year.

We look forward to hearing from those of you who are still in the process of sending in their membership.



Hamilton Literacy Council

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Our office hours are:
Monday to Friday
9:00 – 5:00

Tutor rooms are open every day, including weekends and holidays until 9:00 p.m.

The Hamilton Literacy Council began in 1973. Our mission is to help adults improve their basic reading, writing and math skills according to their personal goals.

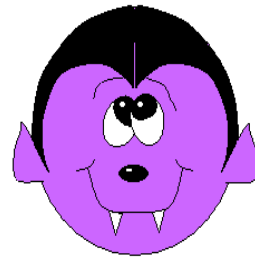
Our free program provides one-to-one tutoring and small group instruction.

Our Values
Teamwork
Integrity
Excellence
Serving
Dignity
Lifelong Learning

Halloween Word Search

N R X G N E E V L Z Y Y E H R
I V X N S I R M G J N D G X E
E B Y I G T K I U H R N N R B
T R G V D A A P P T P A A C O
S O X R B R I E M M S C R M T
N O D A A C B U R U A O O O C
E M E C R L H R Q T P V C N O
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black	ghost	pumpkin
broom	ghoul	spider
candy	monster	spooky
carving	moon	treats
children	mummy	vampire
costume	October	witch
Frankenstein	orange	



What do you get when you cross a vampire and a snowman?
Frostbite.

Why do witches use brooms to fly on?
Because vacuum cleaners are too heavy.

How do witches keep their hair in place while flying?
With scare spray.