

Spring 2008

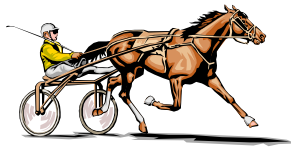


Hamilton Reads

1973-2008 Celebrating 35 years of excellence.



Tutors, please read this Newsletter with your student.



13th Annual Evening at the Races

*Enjoy dinner and the races with a
group of friends or family!*

Sunday, March 30, 2008
Flamboro Downs

\$35 All-Inclusive Ticket for One Includes:
Parking & Admission
Racing Program
All-You-Can-Eat Prime Rib Buffet
Taxes and Gratuities
Plus \$5/person in casino vouchers*

Dining room opens 5:00 p.m.
Post time 6:00 p.m.

Call today for tickets: 905-529-9907

Proceeds go to the Hamilton Literacy Council.

*Must pre-register. Offer subject to change. Must be 19 or older.

Mark Your Calendar

Basic Training Workshop
March 7 & 14 - Tell a friend!

Easter Weekend
Office closed March 21 and
24

Evening at the Races
Sunday, March 30 – Bring a
friend!

Basic Training Workshop
April 12 & 26

2nd Annual HLC Book Sale
May 3 and May 4

Victoria Day Weekend
Office closed May 19

AGM – Reserve the Date
June 5



Hamilton Literacy Council's 2nd Annual Book Sale

Saturday, May 3, 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 4, 11 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Eastgate Square, Bay Court
75 Centennial Parkway North, Stoney Creek

What can you do to help?

- ✓ **Donate** gently used books and grocery bags (drop off at HLC)
- ✓ **Help** on the day of the sale (or before)
- ✓ **Buy** books!

HLC Receives Local and National Support

We gratefully acknowledge the staff of **Bryan Prince, Bookseller** for their efforts in raising \$1,500 for the Literacy Council!

In the summer of 2007, when *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* was released, Bryan Prince donated \$2 from every book sold. For more info on Bryan Prince, Bookseller, go to www.princebooks.net.

The **PricewaterhouseCoopers Canada Foundation** offers educational grants to fund the leadership development of individuals working for registered charities across Canada. Ninety four organizational leaders across Canada were selected including Val Sadler, HLC's Executive Director, who will receive \$2000 toward three 2008 graduate courses at Brock University. Thank you PWC!

Federal Government Funds LLO Project

On January 17, 2008, the federal government announced \$207,688 in funding to Laubach Literacy Ontario (LLO) to enable the research project, "Integrating Essential Skills in Literacy Tutor Training." The following is an HLC student's account of the celebration.

We were glad to have a special day to meet the MP from the government of Canada in Kitchener, Ontario.

Kevin and I thanked our government for this great project and for our tutors helping us with reading, writing, and other things. We also thanked the newsman from CTV and the other students from the literacy

councils. It was nice to see that our government wants to help people with reading, writing, and other useful skills.

Both Kevin and I had a very interesting time. I want to thank Val Sadler for taking us to Kitchener to meet the MP and I hope others will have the same opportunity for a special day like we did.

I believe the MP had a great time as he was always smiling. He talked to us about our lives with the Literacy Council and how it has helped us.

We met other people at the session and it was great to talk to them.

- Tina Battrick

Need Free Legal Advice?

We are a Community Connector to Hamilton's legal aid clinics. We'd be happy to tell you about their available services. Some conditions apply. Talk to Valerie Louter for more information – 905-529-9907 ext. 221.



Students Making a Difference

End of level:
November 2007 –
February 2008

LBS Level 1

Donna
Mahmoud
Ross
Thomas

LBS Level 2

Angela
Ross

Tutors Making a Difference

Senior Tutors

(40+ hours of tutoring)
Michele Desjardins
Jennifer Finlayson
Yousra Ilyass
Olga Wendlowski

Congratulations on your success!

Advanced Tutors

(175+ hours)
Theresa Harper
Jennifer Sanders
Nan Uzbali

Master Tutor

(300+ hours)
Gail McFawn

SMT Workshop

Learn how to use the Simultaneous Multisensory Teaching (SMT) series.

April 8 & 15, 7-9:30 p.m.

SMT is an effective re-education program for students with dyslexia. Some of our students are using this method with their tutors and the method has been quite successful. Reserve your spot today. Call 905-529-9907 ext. 223 by April 1, 2008.

Board Members Wanted

Theresa O'Halloran and Mark Walma are stepping down from our Board. We thank them for their hard work and dedication to the HLC!

So, we need some new leaders. Board experience is an asset. If you are seeking this type of volunteer opportunity, please submit your resume to Val Sadler at vsadler@hamiltonreads.ca or drop it off at the office. Thank you!

HLC Pilot Site for Social Enterprise Project

HLC is pleased to be a pilot site for Laubach Literacy Ontario's Social Enterprise Project funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Six literacy organizations across Ontario will investigate the possibility of social entrepreneurship as a source of alternate funding. A social enterprise is *"a revenue generating business with primarily social objectives*

whose surpluses are reinvested for that purpose in the business and/or for community benefit." We will receive \$4500 over 18 months but more importantly we will be strengthening our own capacity and researching how this can fit into the Hamilton community. If you know something about social enterprise or if you would like to be involved, please contact Val Sadler.

