



Opening Doors to Learning

Volunteer News

of Kingston Literacy

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*"There is a link between
a community's quality of life
and its level of
voluntary activity."*

- Florence Chapdelaine

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Kingston Literacy's Mission Statement

Kingston Literacy
furthers the development
and growth of adult and
family literacy in Kingston
and neighbouring
communities.

Welcome!

Welcome to the first edition of *Volunteer News*, the bimonthly newsletter for volunteers of Kingston Literacy. In it you will find news, events and volunteer opportunities as they relate to Kingston Literacy.

We would appreciate any feedback or suggestions you may have about this newsletter. Please direct your comments to Allison Handelman, Senior Coordinator of Marketing and Volunteer Support, (613) 547-2012 or email at ahandelman@kingstonliteracy.com.

About Kingston Literacy

Kingston Literacy has been a leader in providing adult and family literacy programming in Kingston and the surrounding area since 1977.

Our services are offered free of charge and include:

- ◆ Adult one-to-one tutoring
- ◆ Adult upgrading programs
- ◆ Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada
- ◆ Family literacy services and workshops

Kingston Literacy conducts industry-leading research and development in family and adult literacy programming, literacy assessments, training and resources.

Recently we received an Honorable Mention for excellence in financial reporting at the Voluntary Sector Reporting Awards sponsored by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario, PricewaterhouseCoopers and Queen's School of Business.

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Volunteer Opportunities with Kingston Literacy

Spelling Bee Committee Members

The Grate Groan-Up Spelling Bee is Kingston Literacy's primary fundraiser, which takes place May 7, 2009. We are looking for people to help with the silent auction and sponsorship aspects of the Bee.

These are short-term volunteer positions from January to April. If you are comfortable talking with business people and have some connections in the community, we'd like to hear from you! Contact Allison: 613-547-2012 or email ahandelman@kingstonliteracy.com.

Family Literacy Day Volunteers

We are looking for two good skaters to help with a skate patrol during Family Literacy Day activities to be held at the Wally Elmer Neighbourhood Centre, 106 Daly Street in Kingston.

These volunteer positions require a 2-4 hour time commitment on Saturday, January 24, 2009 between 11-3. If you are interested, please contact Anne or Amber at (613) 389-0218.

Reading And Parents Program (RAPP) Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help put RAPP packs together and/or deliver RAPP packs to various playgroups in Kingston, Glenburnie, Hartington, Sydenham and Verona. RAPP packs will be assembled at 859 Princess Street.

These volunteer positions require a minimum time commitment of 2 hours/week for a minimum of 3 months. Training will be provided. If you are available during the weekday and can make a weekly commitment, please contact Anne or Amber at (613) 389-0218.

Family Literacy Library Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to catalogue books, perform database maintenance, repair books, as well as ensure RAPP boxes are stocked. Some clerical work may also be required. If you like books, like to organize and have computer experience, please contact Anne or Amber at (613) 389-0218.

Upcoming Events

Kingston Literacy, along with Kingston Community Health Centres, is celebrating **Family Literacy Day**, Saturday, January 24, 2009 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Wally Elmer Neighbourhood Centre. Families may participate in free skating, crafts, a free BBQ and listen to local celebrities Jenna and Natalie Lambert, Shauna Cunningham and Doug Jeffries read stories. Story times are 12:00 noon, 1:15 pm and 2:00 pm.