



Opening Doors to Learning

Volunteer News

of Kingston Literacy

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*"The world is hugged
by the faithful arms
of volunteers."*

- Everett Mámor

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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.

Thank you!

April 19 thru April 25 is National Volunteer Week. It is a week to officially recognize the great work that almost 100 volunteers do for Kingston Literacy. Whether you are on the Board of Directors, are part of a committee, provide clerical assistance, are a tutor, prepare materials for projects or childcare activities, or create calendars, (the list goes on!), you make a difference! The success of Kingston Literacy is due to the many dedicated, creative and energetic volunteers who share their time and expertise so generously. The staff extend sincere thanks to all the volunteers of Kingston Literacy. You are amazing!

My Story of Volunteering ... Submitted by Noni

I contacted Martha eight years ago to enquire about the one-to-one tutoring. I had taught ESL before, but through volunteering I was looking forward to developing a more meaningful rapport with someone. I felt I had a lot to offer and I wanted to make a difference in someone's life. I really looked forward to teaching in a new environment.

What I realize now is how much my students have taught me! Over the years I have had the pleasure of learning about wild turkey hunting, bog racing, and how to plan a cross-country motorcycle trip (to name just a few areas of study!) My students have been my teachers and have made a difference in my life.

We all volunteer with Kingston Literacy because we feel we have something to contribute or to teach. What I discovered was that we also have something to learn.

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Volunteer Opportunities with Kingston Literacy

Reading And Parents Program (RAPP) Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help put RAPP packs together in Kingston and/or deliver RAPP packs to various playgroups in Kingston, Glenburnie, Hartington, Sydenham and Verona. If you are available 2 hours per week please contact Anne or Amber, (613) 389-0218.

Story Book Readers

If you love stories and enjoy reading to young children this is the volunteer opportunity for you! This opportunity takes place at the Wally Elmer, Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Please contact Anne for more information at (613) 389-0218.

Set-Up and Take-Down Volunteers

A couple of volunteers are required to help with child care set-up, take-down and snack preparation. If you are a hands-on person who likes a clearly defined job, this is for you! This opportunity takes place at the Wally Elmer, Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Please contact Anne for more information at (613) 389-0218.

One-to-one Tutors - Hartington

Tutors are needed to assist people with basic writing and word processing skills. This opportunity takes place in Hartington for one afternoon per week. Those interested must have taken the tutor training offered by Kingston Literacy. Please contact Rose at (613) 372-2111.

One-to-one Tutors - North Kingston

Tutors are needed to assist one or two students at a time with basic reading, writing, math and computer use. Those interested must have taken the tutor training offered by Kingston Literacy. Please contact Rose at (613) 372-2111.

Upcoming Events

Mayor's Walk: Sunday, April 19, 2009

Walk with the Mayor and other volunteers while at the same time raise funds for Kingston Literacy. Contact Allison for details: (613) 547-2012.

Grate Groan-Up Spelling Bee: Thursday, May 7, 2009

Kingston Literacy's premier fundraiser, the Grate Groan-Up Spelling Bee, is back for its 15th year! It's an evening filled with fun, food and excitement as teams of 3 adults try and out-spell each other. For more information go to www.grategroanupspellingbee.com.

Comments?

Please email your comments to Allison Handelman, ahandelman@kingstonliteracy.com.