



Opening Doors to Learning

Volunteer News

of Kingston Literacy & Skills

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*"Throughout my life,
I've seen the
difference that
volunteering efforts
can make in
people's lives."
- Jimmy Carter*

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Kingston Literacy & Skills' Mission Statement

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

Zalman Yanovsky Award Winner

The *Zalman Yanovsky Award For Outstanding Service to Literacy* is given annually in memory of Zalman Yanovsky, who was a long-time volunteer and supporter of Kingston Literacy & Skills (KL&S). This award is presented to a volunteer from the community or surrounding area, who has made a significant contribution to literacy.

This year's winner of the *Zalman Yanovsky Award* is Susan Howlett. Susan is a veteran volunteer at Kingston Literacy & Skills' in Napanee. She has been with KL&S for nine years and has shown dedication and commitment to tutoring both adults and children.

Laurie Deslaurier, KL&S Coordinator in Napanee, says that it's much more than dedication and commitment that Susan brings to her tutoring. It's Susan's ability to put people at ease, her sense of humour, and her broad range of skills and interests that she draws on for her tutoring. As well, woven through everything she does, is Susan's unwavering patience and gentleness. Needless to say, Susan has had a tremendous impact on both her students as well as staff.

Congratulations, Susan, on receiving the *Zalman Yanovsky Award* and giving people the wish to learn!

Darren MacDonald's Math Workshop

Earlier in April, Darren provided an excellent workshop that allowed for a lot of discussion and questions. Helpful resources that were mentioned include *Basic Skills with Math* and *Kitchen Math* as well as websites www.multiplication.com and www.coolmath-games.com. Thanks, Darren!

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Volunteer Opportunities with Kingston Literacy & Skills

RAPP—Reading And Parents Program

Volunteers are required to prepare crafts from templates and also photocopy activity sheets and reading hints. This material is then placed in a RAPP pack with a book and delivered to various playgroups throughout Kingston and surrounding area. Locations include Cooke's, Portsmouth, King's Court, Bagot Street, Henderson Road, Perth Road Village, Glenburnie and Kingston East. A time commitment of approximately 1.5 hours per week is required. Training is provided. For further information, please contact Anne at (613) 389-0218.

Childcare Volunteer

The childcare program at our Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) location is in need of someone who will read to children, assist with sleep time as well as help with dishes. This volunteer opportunity is available a couple of days each week, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Catherine at (613) 547-2255.

Upcoming Events

The Grate Groan-Up Spelling Bee: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

Kingston Literacy & Skills' main fundraiser, the Bee takes place at the Days Inn. Tickets are \$35 each and include dinner. For more information visit www.grategroanupspellingbee.com.

Informal Tutor Get-Together: Tuesday, June 1, 2010, 5:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Starting June 1, on the first Tuesday of alternate months (June 1, August 3, October 5 and December 7), tutors are invited to attend an informal tutor get-together. Enjoy a light dinner and afterwards participate in an informal group discussion on topics of interest to tutors. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and get new ideas! If you have a topic or issue you would like participants to focus on, please contact Sheila at (613) 547-2012 or sround@kingstonliteracy.com.

Kingston Literacy & Skills AGM: Tuesday, June 29, 2010, at 4:30 p.m.

Kingston Literacy & Skills' Annual General Meeting will take place at 4:30 p.m. at Crossroads United Church Hall, located at 690 Sir John A. Macdonald Blvd. Come and find out what has been happening at KL&S! All volunteers are welcome to attend; those individuals who are members may vote at the AGM. For information on becoming a member, please contact Martha at (613) 547-2012.

For your information, if you are interested in making a donation to Kingston Literacy & Skills, please visit our website at www.kingstonliteracy.com and click on "Donations".

Comments?

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