



Opening Doors to Learning

Volunteer News

of Kingston Literacy

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*"It is one
of the most beautiful
compensations
of this life
that no man can
sincerely try to help
another without
helping himself."*

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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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.

Fall: New Beginnings

With children going back to school and new activities starting up, September is a month of new beginnings and opportunities. It is certainly an exciting month at Kingston Literacy.

Every year at this time all staff come together and take part in a staff retreat. It is a wonderful opportunity to share experiences and engage with over 30 staff members from all four of our sites, (two locations in Kingston and one each in Napanee and Hartington).

Also at this time of year, the inaugural meeting of our new Board of Directors takes place. The Board was voted in at our Annual General meeting held in June. Board members may serve up to six consecutive years on the Board before stepping down. Kingston Literacy would like to extend sincere thanks and heartfelt appreciation to retiring Board members Noni Cumming, Bonnie Livingstone, Nancy Scovil and Linda Shanks—your contributions have made a real difference to Kingston Literacy. Many thanks for your years of dedication to Kingston Literacy!

The Board is currently comprised of thirteen members, five of whom are new recruits. Staff would like to extend a warm welcome to all new Board members and a sincere welcome back to returning Board members.

Please feel free to drop in to any of our sites to say hello!



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Volunteer Opportunities with Kingston Literacy

Person with Carpentry Experience

The childcare program at our Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) location is in need of someone to build a custom-designed step stool for our young children. If you have carpentry experience and enjoy creating new and unique designs, please contact Catherine at (613) 547-2255.

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. RAPP packs are tailor-made for individual families and contain a children's book as well as craft and language activities. These kits are loaned to families to help them to increase their literacy skills. If you are available 2 hours per week, please contact Anne or Amber at (613) 389-0218.

Board Committees

The Board of Directors will be setting up its various committees at its meeting at the end of September. Committees supporting the decision making of the Board include Marketing, Planning and Volunteer Development. If you are interested in taking part on a Board Committee, please contact Allison at (613) 547-2012.

Spelling Bee Committee Members

The Grate Groan-Up Spelling Bee takes place every May and is Kingston Literacy's premier fundraiser for Family Literacy programs. Planning has already begun and volunteers may assist in a number of different areas including the silent auction, sponsorship and decorations. If you are interested in assisting with our Bee, please contact Allison at (613) 547-2012.

Upcoming Events

International Literacy Day: Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2009

Celebrate adult learning in all its forms by taking a class, reading to your child or supporting literacy organizations through volunteering, donating or referring someone.

Comments?

We would love to hear from you. Please email your comments to Allison at ahandelman@kingstonliteracy.com.