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Aboriginal Literacy

Assessing literacy reading levels: evaluating Aboriginal literacy materials. By Nancy Cooper. Owen Sound, Ont.: Ningwakwe Learning Press, 2009.

"This manual has been developed to provide literacy practitioners with an easy and versatile tool to assess reading levels of Ningwakwe Learning Press' resources. You may also find it handy to assess the reading levels of a variety of other materials for your learners." The five-level guide in this book compares Literacy & Basic Skills, Essential Skills and Ontario Common curriculum reading levels, gives examples of culture-based curriculum, and recommends Ningwakwe Learning Press resources.

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BC First Nations Head Start: on-reserve program. (Website). Vancouver, BC: BC First Nations Head Start, 2007. Available online at <http://www.bcfnhs.org/>

This website describes the Health Canada funded program to enhance early childhood development, school readiness and overall family health for First Nations preschool children on reserve. Resources to help implement the program along with a list of on-reserve Head Start sites in BC are included.

British Columbia Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres: family literacy. (Website). Victoria, BC: British Columbia Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres, 2008-? Available at <http://www.bcaafc.com/content/view/24/273>

This website includes a brief description of Aboriginal family literacy, a resource catalogue, visual resources (4 full colour posters promoting Aboriginal family literacy) and literacy links.

Career path choices. (Series) By Kim Ziervogel. Owen Sound, ON: Ningwakwe Learning Press, 2009.

These three books are new additions to the Career Path Choices series. Each book showcases a young Canadian Aboriginal person engaged in an interesting career. The titles are:

- Meet a Journalist: Waubgeshig Rice.**
- Meet a Veterinarian: Candace Grier-Lowe.**
- Meet a Music Industry Professional: Alan Greyeyes.**

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Careers in the skilled trades: a resource for Aboriginal people. By Jennifer David. Owen Sound, ON: Ningwakwe Learning Press, 2008.

This handbook looks at jobs available in skilled trades, how to train for the jobs, and what to expect as part of an apprenticeship program. It is primarily aimed at Aboriginal people in Ontario who are not in school.

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Cooking. (Through the eyes of our elders) Prepared by Letitia Root; compiled by Sharon George, Anissa Nashkewa. Owen Sound, ON: Ningwakwe Learning Press, 2004.

Traditional recipes for bannock and corn soup are presented with clear text and black and white photos.

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Don Burnstick: laughter is good medicine. Written by Waubgeshig Rice. Owen Sound, ON: Ningwakwe Learning Press, 2009.

This book is a biography of Don Burnstick, an Aboriginal comedian who uses humour and performance to provide a holistic approach to healing.

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Feathers of freedom: adult literacy workbook. Written by Sharon Bannon. Owen Sound, ON: Ningwakwe Learning Press, 2002.

This workbook combines Aboriginal legends, cultural teachings and biographies with literacy lessons. LBS Communications Level 3.

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Fill it in: working with forms for Aboriginal students. By Christianna Jones and Kate Thompson. Owen Sound, ON: Ningwakwe Learning Press, 2009.

This workbook contains paper-based and internet forms that touch on work, personal and school life. A glossary of terms commonly used on forms is included. A practitioners' section at the back looks at how the forms in the workbook conform to LBS levels 1-3 and Essential skills.

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Inuit holistic lifelong learning. (Website). Ottawa, Ont.: Canadian Council on Learning, 2007-. Available at <http://cli.ccl-cca.ca/Inuit/index.php?q=home>

An Inuit blanket toss and a circular path are used as graphics to portray the Inuit learning journey and its connection to community well-being. It is being developed to more accurately measure the learning progress of Inuit people.

Literacy performance of working-age Aboriginal people in Canada: findings based on the International Adult Literacy and Skills Survey

(IALSS) 2003. (Online resource) By Bagala Biswal. Ottawa, Ont.: Human Resources and Social Development Canada, 2008. Available at http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/publications_resources/learning_policy/sp_850_07_08/sp_850_07_08e.pdf

Based on IALSS data, this report describes the literacy, numeracy and problem solving proficiencies of the working age Aboriginal population (16-65 years old) in Canada. Variations in literacy performance as well as educational and employment outcomes, and comparisons to non-Aboriginal populations are included.

Métis holistic lifelong learning. (Website). Ottawa, Ont.: Canadian Council on Learning, 2007-. Available at <http://cli.ccl-cca.ca/Metis/index.php?q=home&l=en>

The Métis Holistic Lifelong Learning Model represents the link between Métis lifelong learning and community well-being, and can be used as a framework for measuring success in lifelong learning.

National Indigenous Literacy Association. (Website) Winnipeg, Man.: National Indigenous Literacy Association, 2009? Available at <http://nila.ca/>

"The National Indigenous Literacy Association (NILA) is a national network of literacy practitioners supporting Aboriginal literacy in developing and disseminating best practices, coordinating activities and offering access to resources and information... We are the source for learners to locate Aboriginal literacy services and resources in their area."

Native learning styles. Revised edition. Original text by Diane Hill and Priscilla George, revised by Michael Johnny, edited by Suzanne Methot. Owen Sound, ON: Ningwakwe Learning Press, 2002.

Based on a holistic learning approach, this book looks at user-friendly teaching styles, introduces the fundamental development circle, details Native learning styles including an assessment tool, outlines experiential learning, and presents new research to support Native learning styles theory.

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A proposal and implementation plan for the BC Aboriginal Family Literacy Initiative for 2008. Prepared by the Urban Aboriginal Family Literacy Working Group. Victoria, BC: BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres, 2008. Also available online at

http://www.bcaafc.com/images/stories/BCAAFC_Family_Lit_ImplementFinal.pdf

The Aboriginal Family Literacy Initiative is designed to provide a coordinated, province-wide approach to the need in BC for literacy programs which are based on Aboriginal ways of knowing and learning, and which integrate literacy education into families, communities and homes. This document outlines the activities that will implement a comprehensive capacity building and awareness campaign.

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Sinew and sage 3: Aboriginal literacy workbook, level 3. By Melanie Ferris, edited by Peter Fergus-Moore, Linda Dawn Pettigrew. Southampton, Ont.: Ningwakwe Learning Press, 2009.

The third in this series, this book has been developed for Aboriginal literacy learners of all ages. Based on the medicine wheel, it is designed for people who are at "level three" in their reading, writing, and comprehension skills (about Grade 5/6).

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Adult Literacy

Building our competencies: British Columbia results of the International Adult Literacy Skills Survey 2003. Victoria, BC: British Columbia Ministry of Advanced Education, 2007.

"This report presents the results of the 2003 International Adult Literacy and Skills Survey (IALSS) that aimed to measure the literacy, numeracy and problem solving competencies of the Canadian population as a whole and at the provincial and territorial level. It focuses on literacy proficiency distributions in British Columbia and makes comparisons with national results."

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Assessment

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Using learner writing to assess reading skills: a tool for literacy practitioners. Susan Toews. Edmonton, AB: Grass Roots Press, 2001.

Organized into four levels, stories written by students have been used to create a reading assessment tool. This tool requires assessor involvement and focuses on what the student is doing while reading.

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Community Literacy

Heroes live here: planning guide. By 2010 Legacies Now. Vancouver: 2010 Legacies Now, 2010. Also available online at http://www.2010legaciesnow.com/heroes_live_here/

Heroes Live Here is a flexible guide for community educators that can be easily modified and adapted to suit school-based or community-based programs for children and youth in kindergarten through Grade 12.

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Literacy happens: a resource manual for community literacy awareness training. By the Ontario Native Literacy Coalition. Owen Sound, ON: 2008.

This manual provides community workers with a "core materials to understand how literacy is learned, developed and used within community and family contexts.... The manual provides the background information needed to present literacy awareness workshops to a range of audiences." It is directed at those with a literacy background.

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Tea you could trot a mouse on: the elements of community-based economic development: vols. 1 and 2. By Barbara J. Parker. Hubbards, NS: WEE Society, 2001.

Community-based Economic Development (CED) is a way that people in communities work together to improve their lives and to take control of their futures. These two volumes were designed as a self-help guide for women. They cover inter-related topics which include skills for personal growth, group development, and community involvement.

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Driving Instruction

The road ahead: a driver's handbook. Anne Kendall. Arthur, Ont.: Wellington County Literacy Centre, 1998.

Presented in large type format, this handbook includes questions and activities designed to familiarize the reader with the terminology and basic rules of driving.

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ESL

English for work activities: a picture process dictionary [high beginning – intermediate]. Dictionary, Student Workbook and Teacher's Guide in separate volumes. Syracuse, NY: New Readers Press, 2004.

This illustrated dictionary is organized into 50 chapters, each describing a specific process while highlighting vocabulary and workplace concepts. The

workbook contains activities that reinforce the vocabulary in the dictionary. The teacher's guide offers advice on using the material in the dictionary.

To borrow the dictionary, workbook or teacher's guide, please email library@literacy.bc.ca

Grammar Wise 1. By Kevin Anthony Keating. Syracuse, NY: New Readers Press, 2004.

This manual is intended to be used in grammar skills instruction for ESL students. Lessons offer a wide variety of practice in real-life context using model sentences followed by controlled and free-response exercises. Intended for beginning and high-beginning learners.

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Housing for literacy (& low 1). By Donna Bowler. Vancouver, BC: successintesi, 2009.

This book covers three topics: furniture and rooms, housing problems, and a new apartment. For use with low Level 1 classes.

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Learning for life: an ESL literacy handbook. Project coordinator: Diane Hardy; editors: Emily Albertsen, Valerie Millar. Calgary, Alta.: Bow Valley College, 2009.

This practical, comprehensive handbook is designed for instructors, program coordinators, and others concerned with ESL literacy. It outlines promising practices, program considerations, strategies for the classroom and four different levels of ESL literacy. It also includes a toolbox of materials and ideas for teaching, a literature review of the field of ESL literacy, and an annotated bibliography of relevant sources in the field.

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Literacy sub package: all you need to survive 2 to 3 days of a mixed literacy class. By Donna Bowler. Vancouver, BC: successintesi, 2009.

Designed for substitute ESL literacy teachers, this package contains lesson plans, activities, handouts, picture cards, a game and sample reader with copy master.

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Weather for literacy: I'm so cold. By Donna Bowler. Vancouver, BC: successintesi, 2009.

"This unit focuses on weather and shopping for winter clothes. There is also a related section on inviting (p. 53-58). Use it as a stand-alone unit or to supplement a unit on shopping for clothes."

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Essential Skills

Essential skills training audit. Developed and written by Terri Peters. Calgary, Alta.: Literacy Alberta, 2008.

The essential skills training audit helps employers, administrators, workplace trainers, adult educators, employees and adult students identify the skills needed to improve productivity and provide greater personal and job satisfaction. It has three parts: one for employees or adult students, one for employers, and one for workplace trainers or adult educators. The checklists cover nine essential skills areas: reading, document use, numeracy, writing, oral communication, working with others, thinking, computer use, and continuous learning.

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Opening doors: how to market your essential skills to employers: a facilitator's guide for delivering this workshop. (CD-ROM) By the QUILL Learning Network. Walkerton, Ont.: QUILL, 2004.

This comprehensive resource includes all the materials needed to deliver a workshop to adults who have employment goals. This resource is broken into five modules that help adults learn how to articulate and demonstrate to employers the essential skills they have will make them ideal candidates for entry-level positions. Each module contains notes for the facilitator, suggested activities (individual and group), overheads and handouts.

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See complete description under Aboriginal Literacy.

My mom is so unusual. Iris Loewen. Winnipeg, Man.: Pemmican Publications, 1986.

A young girl and her unusual mother live alone. They share affection, humour, sometimes anger, and more humour, and a whole lot of love. This illustrated book is intended for parents to share with their children.

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□ **Write it right!: improve your spelling of more than 500 words that sound like other words: a spelling workbook.** By Marlene Gellert Hutchins. Ottawa: Grass Roots Press, 2007.

This spelling workbook focuses on homonyms, words that sound the same but are spelled differently. It is a self-study workbook that is suitable for ESL students as well as those brushing up on English spelling

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Health Literacy

□ **Health literacy audit.** Developed and written by Terri Peters. Calgary, AB: Literacy Alberta, 2008.

The health literacy audit is intended for health providers and administrators in clinics, research facilities, pharmacies, hospitals or long-term care centres, public health organizations and community health centres. Using the checklists, staff in health organizations can assess how effectively they communicate with their clients.

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Instructional Materials & Learning Resources

□ **Career path choices. (Series)** By Kim Ziervogel. Owen Sound, ON: Ningwakwe Learning Press, 2009.

See titles and description under Aboriginal Literacy.

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□ **The diet.** Jean Garvey. Manchester, Eng.: Gatehouse Books, 2005.

This is a tongue-in-cheek poem about the ups and downs of the battle of the bulge. Written in poem form, this story is appropriate for adult learners.

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The eyes have it. Graham McNicol. UK: New Leaf, 2007.

Jess eagerly waits for Jenny to return home every day. "A bright and lively love story with a charming surprise at the end." This beginning reader for adults is clear and uncluttered.

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Fad diets. By Linda Kita-Bradley. Edmonton, Alta.: Grass Roots Press, 2008.

Al tries fad diets but they don't work well. What will work? Grade 1 readability.

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A good night's sleep. By Linda Kita-Bradley. Edmonton, Alta.: Grass Roots Press, 2008.

Eva is tired. She makes changes to help her get more sleep. Grade 1 readability.

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Keep your hair on. Frances Holden. Manchester, Eng.: Gatehouse Media, 1983.

Frances and Kathleen are going home when an opened umbrella and a wig create a humorous incident. This is a funny story intended for adult beginner readers.

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The sandals. Sheila Ryan. UK: New Leaf, 2006.

A funny story about what happens when someone discovers that her new shoes are both for left feet. This beginning reader for adults is clear and uncluttered.

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Saying no. By Linda Kita-Bradley. Edmonton, Alta.: Grass Roots Press, 2008.

Fay loves her family and friends. But she needs to take control of her life and learn not say "yes" to every request. Grade 1 readability.

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Too late! Frances Holden. Manchester, Eng.: Gatehouse Media, 1982.

Frances needs to go to the dentist. Not being able to read a sign leads to an awkward situation. A reader for adult beginners.

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Literacy Instruction

Foundations for literacy: an evidence-based toolkit for the effective reading and writing teacher. Jill Hawkin et al. London, ON: Canadian Language and Literacy Research Network, 2009.

This resource is designed to give teachers, administrators and policymakers an understanding of what is known about the development of reading and writing skills, including what needs to be taught and how it can be taught effectively at the K-6 level. Needs of English language learners, learners from low socio-economic status, learners with reading impairments (e.g. dyslexia) and French immersion students are included.

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Program Development

Bridging distance: promising practices in online learning in the Canadian literacy community. By Lynn Best, Joanne Kaattari, Deborah Morgan, Vicki Trottier and Diana Twiss. Canada: Getting Online Project, 2009. Also available online at <http://www.nald.ca/gettingonline/goresources/bridgingdistance/bridgingdistance.pdf>

This resource offers information on current practices for effective development, delivery and use of online learning. It includes issues relevant to the online learner, topics in planning, developing and evaluating online content, a review of common technologies used for online learning, and the role of the facilitator.

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Technology & Literacy Learning

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See full description under Program Development.

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Building online learning communities: effective strategies for the virtual classroom. By Rena M. Palloff and Keith Pratt. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2007.

This edition has been "completely updated and expanded to include the most current information on effective online course development and delivery. Palloff and Pratt share insights designed to guide readers, offering illustrative case studies, vignettes, and examples from a wide variety of successful online courses."

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Workplace Literacy

Careers in the skilled trades: a resource for Aboriginal people. By Jennifer David. Owen Sound, ON: Ningwakwe Learning Press, 2008.

See complete description under Aboriginal Literacy.

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Connecting research with policy: the learning paths of low skilled workers. (Online resource) By Partnerships in Learning. Ottawa, ON: Partnerships in Learning, 2008. Available online at <http://www.nald.ca/library/research/interplay/connecting/cover.htm>

In this booklet, three key findings related to learning and low-skilled workers are described. The policy implications of these findings are discussed.

English for work activities: a picture process dictionary [high beginning – intermediate]. Dictionary, Student Workbook and Teacher's Guide in separate volumes. Syracuse, NY: New Readers Press, 2004.

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To borrow the workbook or teacher's guide, please email library@literacy.bc.ca

The interplay between formal and informal learning for low skilled workers: project description and methods. (Online resource) Maurice Taylor. Ottawa, ON: Partnerships in Learning, 2008. Available online at <http://www.nald.ca/library/learning/interplay/cover.htm>

This article describes the objectives and research design of a two-year project to trace the learning paths, trigger events and decisions that lead

basic level workers to become engaged in both formal and informal training at the workplace.

The value of formal and informal training for workers with low literacy: exploring experience in Canada and the United Kingdom. (Online resource) Maurice Taylor, Karen Evans, Alia Mohamed. Ottawa, ON: Partnerships in Learning, 2008. Available online at <http://www.nald.ca/library/research/interplay/value/cover.htm>

In this report, the range of formal and informal training activities of basic level employees in 7 workplace programs from Canada and 4 programs from England are described. An analysis is made of informal learning as both an activity and a process for workers improving their literacy skills.

Why literacy matters to business. (DVD) By ReadNow BC. September 23, 2008.

In September 2008, ReadNow BC hosted a speaking tour in two BC communities featuring Craig Alexander (Vice President and Deputy Chief Economist with TD Bank Financial Group) and Tracy Defoe (Chief Education Officer at The Learning Factor). This DVD contains the complete footage from one of these events and is useful for highlighting the need for improving literacy levels in B.C.

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Written Communication

Alphabets, words and letters. (Kit) Prepared for the Youth Justice Board by the PLUS Strategy Team working with Sally Brown... London, UK: ECOTEC Research and Consulting, 2006.

This kit focuses on appealing to youth and adults, and provides opportunities for learners to communicate through text, using illustration and image. The practitioners' manual includes detailed lesson plans.

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Youth Literacy

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See complete description under Written Communication.

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Becoming a master student: Canadian 3rd edition. By Dave Ellis. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2002.

This is a text for ensuring student success through study skills. Expanded and updated coverage of technology includes new articles on distance learning and "netiquette"; web-based exercises linking the text to an accompanying Web site; and abundant Internet resources in the text with updates on the Web site. This book maintains a strong emphasis on careers, including advice on transferring academic success to job success and applying knowledge of learning styles to work projects. This text is intended for students in grades 6 to 12 and is appropriate for college and university students.

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