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Welcome to the December 2007 Literacy BC E-bulletin

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The Literacy BC office will be closed  
on December 24, 25, 26, 31, and  
January 1.

*We wish you the best  
for the holiday season!*



### ***Tis the Season for Giving Our Thanks...***

Literacy BC would like to take this opportunity to say a very grateful thank you to the many organizations and individuals who made donations and supported our organization this year.

Your generous support allows us to do many things – including provide financial assistance to adults going back to school. We offer bursaries for adult learners studying part time and provide community-based learning centres with financial resources to assist adult students with emergency needs such as bus fare and daycare.

In the words of two successful funding applicants, your support makes a big difference:

*“I am working part time just making enough to pay for my rent, and hardly have any money left for the high cost of post-secondary education. I want to do something worthwhile with my life... continuing with my education after high school is a must. I owe it to myself to accomplish all that I can. I will be forever grateful for your assistance.”*

*“The Community Access funding enabled 22 students to pay for a number of emergency needs including groceries, bus fare, clothes, basic school supplies and indispensable household items. Most of these students would have found it impossible to attend our adult literacy classes without the support of Literacy BC.”*

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to Literacy BC [click here](http://www.canadahelps.org/CharityProfilePage.aspx?CharityID=38347)  
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or call Literacy BC at 604-684-0624, Extension 102.

## ***Coming in January .... A Celebration of Family Literacy***

**Family Literacy Day** and **Family Literacy Week** will be celebrated in BC from January 21-27, 2008.

As it has for the past nine years, the provincial **Ministry of the Attorney General** has officially declared **January 27** to be **Family Literacy Day** in British Columbia.

Read the **Proclamation** in full on our website at:

<http://www2.literacy.bc.ca/pdfs/proclamation.pdf>

## ***2008 Breakfast of Champions***

To mark Family Literacy Day, please join us for the ninth annual “**Breakfast of Champions**” on **Friday, January 25 at the Vancouver Public Library.**

The Breakfast is an opportunity to honour and celebrate the champions of family literacy and learning in BC and is the flagship event of Family Literacy Week in British Columbia. Key representatives from government, school districts, libraries, business, labour and organizations with an interest in families and learning will be in attendance.

The family literacy celebration is a week-long series of workshops, talks and events in the Lower Mainland and other parts of the province. Stay tuned for the full Family Literacy Week 2008 program to be posted on our web site [www.literacy.bc.ca](http://www.literacy.bc.ca) in early January.

Families are invited to register now for **Write On!** – an afternoon of literacy activities for children, at the Vancouver Public Library on Saturday, January 26. The **Write On!** flyer with all the details can be viewed at:

<http://www2.literacy.bc.ca/pdfs/WO%2008%20flyer%20rev.pdf>

## ***Coming this Spring - International Adult Learners' Week (IALW) 2008***

The Canadian Commission for UNESCO has declared **International Adult Learners' Week (IALW)** for next year, **March 3-10, 2008**.

Representatives from national literacy coalitions and federal and provincial governments attended a consultation meeting in Ottawa hosted by UNESCO, earlier this month to lay the groundwork for IALW in Canada. Jean Rasmussen attended the meeting on behalf of Literacy BC.

IALW is designed to:

- Increase the visibility of adult learning and promote literacy and learning throughout life
- Reach out and give voice to adult learners, especially those from marginalized groups
- cooperation among partners in all learning environments at both governmental and non-governmental levels to promote adult learning.

Check the Literacy BC website in early 2008 for information as it develops on events being planned for BC and the province.

Though details for the 2008 IALW have not yet been posted, the official UNESCO IALW site is:

<http://www.unesco.ca/en/activity/education/AdultLearners.aspx>

## ***Join the ELMO team in 2008... Learners, Tutors, Practitioners: An Invitation***

**ELMO Reviews - Exemplary Literacy Materials Online Reviews** - is a new project to review literacy materials. You can learn more about ELMO Reviews, and sign up to be kept up to date or to be a part of the process at

[http://www2.literacy.bc.ca/elmo\\_form.htm](http://www2.literacy.bc.ca/elmo_form.htm)

To get started, we need your help to develop a small working committee of practitioners, tutors, learners and public librarians who represent various regions and types of programs in the province. Working committee members would, among other things, write mini-reviews of literacy resources. The practitioners on the working committee would also conduct field reviews.

If you, or any learners or tutors in your programs, are interested in learning more about being on a working committee and encouraging reviews of literacy materials, please fill in the form at [http://www2.literacy.bc.ca/elmo\\_form.htm](http://www2.literacy.bc.ca/elmo_form.htm) or telephone/ email Nancy Anderson (Project Coordinator) c/o Literacy BC.