

HCLN

Halifax Community Learning Network

"a bridge to a brighter future"

The Halifax Community Learning Network is one of 30 community-based literacy initiatives funded through the Department of Education's Nova Scotia School for Adult Learning. HCLN offers free adult literacy programs to students in their community.

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Newsletter of the Halifax Community Learning Network

Message from the Network Coordinator

National Volunteer Week takes place from April 27th to May 4th so what better time to celebrate and thank- all of those who give their time to the Halifax Community Learning Network.

The list of names on the left includes the HCLN Board of Directors, the behind-the-scenes volunteers who help to keep this organization funded and running. Of particular mention are the efforts of Joe Burke, who served as HCLN Chair for several years and will be honoured with an HRM Volunteer Recognition Award from Mayor Peter Kelly on April 30th. Well done!

Of course, there are many other volunteers who donate their time and skills to this organization and a very big and sincere thanks goes to the wonderful tutors who volunteered more than 6,500 hours last year with adult literacy programs at HCLN. More recently, HCLN tutors participated in a series of Learning Circles to help produce an excellent resource for everyone in the field of literacy. You can check it out at: www.hcln.ca

During National Volunteer Week, parties will take place at all program locations to acknowledge the efforts of literacy tutors and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the work you do every week. You make literacy programs happen!

Denise Morley

Message from the Honourary Chair

Congratulations to all the HCLN students With National Volunteer Week fast approaching, I would like to share my thoughts on the excellent job done by volunteer tutors in our community. Without you, the Halifax Community Learning Network would not exist.

Your untiring commitment to teaching people how to read or improve their literacy skills makes you the heart and soul of our organization.

Some of the people you work with never had the opportunity to stay in school or to understand what was being taught in school. Your patience and dedication is a wonderful contribution to improving the self esteem and knowledge of each and every student. You are a caring and understanding group of people who share these attributes with your students. Your teaching has improved the lives of many people. I know that the work you do provides great satisfaction not only to your students but also to you personally.

I honour your dedication and commitment to literacy and to the Halifax Community Learning Network and wish you continued success in your endeavours.

Honourable Constance Glube



Student Michael Kamara hard at work at the Captain William Spry Library

My name is Michael Sillah Kamara. I am 29 years old. I came from Sierra Leone and am married with one daughter.

I graduated from the Cunard Learning Centre and now study at FLECs.

I want to graduate from FLECs by working hard and get my high school diploma and go to NSCC and study accounting as my long term goal.

The thing I like best about the Captain William Spry tutoring program is the way Linda is helping me in reading and writing and to improve my English. I also like the friendship of the people at the library as it gives me more confidence and motivates me to continue my studies.

I would like to encourage every one who wants to improve his or her reading and writing or wants to continue in school to visit a library or adult learning program in Halifax for help. Thanks to people like Linda Oakley, you will get the help you need.

Personality Dimensions & Learning Styles

A workshop for HCLN learners and volunteers. Call 422-7648 to register.

Join adult educator Michael Kennedy for a lively, interactive and fun workshop to help identify your learning style and find out why it makes you special.

This four hour workshop is sponsored by Literacy Nova Scotia and lunch will be provided.

Keshen Goodman Public Library

Wednesday, May 21st / 10 AM – 3 PM

WRITE NOW!

Do you have a story or poem to share? Do you need some help getting started?

Come to a workshop with writer Jenni Blackmore and learn how to tell your story.

Jenni is a poet, artist and teacher and she will help you to come up with a story idea and start writing! These workshops are for students of the Halifax Community Learning Network. Volunteer tutors are always welcome.

Captain William Spry Library

Tuesday, April 15th / 1-3 PM

Keshen Goodman Library

Wednesday, April 16th / 2-4 PM

Lady Hammond Learning Program

Tuesday, April 15th / 5-7 PM

Halifax North Library

Wednesday, April 16th / 6-8 PM

To register, talk to your Program Coordinator or call 422-7648.

THE YEARBOOK DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, MAY 15th.

IT'S TIME TO START WRITE NOW!



Literacy to me is learning I matter and I do have a voice and even though I do not have Grade 12, there is a place for me to grow and exercise my mind.

~by Rose, a student at Captain William Spry Library

Reading Together Spryfield

This is the second year that the Halifax Community Learning Network has been involved in an exciting family literacy project in Spryfield that is proving to be a great success. With the support of the Nova Scotia Department of Education, Veronica McNeil and Avril Lewis have developed workshops such as Learning to Go and Make A Book, which help parents and caregivers learn how to share the joy of books and learning with their preschoolers. These workshops are made possible through partnerships with organizations such as the Halifax Public Libraries, Chebucto Communities Development Association, and many others.

If you are part of a community group in Spryfield and would like to host a family literacy workshop or event, please call Veronica at 404-0107 for more information.

Upcoming Events:

Tutor Orientation

Captain William Spry Library
Tuesday, March 18th / 7 PM

Tutor Orientation

Keshen Goodman Library
Thursday, March 27th / 7 PM

Tutor Basics

Keshen Goodman Library
Thursday, April 3rd / 6 PM
Thursday, April 10th / 6 PM
Thursday, April 17th / 6 PM
Tuesday, April 22nd / 6 PM

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