

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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Getting Across - Winter 2008

Newsletter of the Halifax Community Learning Network

Message from the Network Coordinator

This winter, there is plenty happening at HCLN: one to one tutoring programs at Captain William Spry, Keshen Goodman, Halifax North and Spring Garden Road Public Library as well as at the Lady Hammond Learning Program, a family literacy project called Reading Together Spryfield, and opportunities to learn for all.

Last term we received a grant from the Canadian Council on Learning / Adult Learning Knowledge Centre (www.ccl-cca.ca/ccl) that allowed us to hold Learning Circles for volunteer tutors at all program locations, as well as produce a resource list of the best books and web sites for adult literacy tutors. This winter (and spring) we are offering Tutor Basics with Avril Lewis, an introductory workshop for beginning tutors. Please check the upcoming events listing in this newsletter for details about workshops and

if you have a suggestion for a literacy resource to share, or an idea for a professional development workshop, please e-mail hcln@ns.sympatico.ca

We've had a few changes at HCLN recently. At the HCLN Annual General Meeting, longtime Board Chair Joe Burke stepped down after several years of excellent leadership, with Joshua Judah replacing him. Captain William Spry tutor David Porter has joined the HCLN Board as a Member at Large. Thanks to Joe and Josh for their dedication to HCLN and welcome aboard, David. I am also pleased to announce that

Sandy Crocker has accepted the position of ESL & Literacy Coordinator with Halifax Public Libraries and will be lending his experience and support to us at HCLN.

Happy New Year to everyone at the Halifax Community Learning Network and best of luck with your learning goals.

Denise Morley



Celebrating the end of term at the Spring Garden Road Library Winter Party. Don with one of his creations

HCLN Students on NALD!

Congratulations to all the HCLN students whose writing was featured on the National Adult Literacy Database Story of the Week recently. To read the stories, check out:

<http://www.nald.ca/storyarchive/2007/07dec17.htm>



Learning at the Keshen Goodman Library Tutor Learning Circle



Avril Lewis and Ann Marie Downie catching up at the HCLN AGM

HCLN AGM a Success

The HCLN Annual General Meeting was held at the Captain William Spry Public Library on Monday, Nov 26th and was well attended by tutors, learners and members of the public. Highlights of the evening include inspirational speeches from Ann Marie Downie, Executive Director of Literacy Nova Scotia and Barb Pottier, a student at Captain William Spry, both of whom are enthusiastic literacy advocates.

If you are interested in helping out with HCLN events, fundraising or participating in our community board, call 422-7648.

Reading Together Spryfield

HCLN is pleased to be able to offer workshops to encourage family literacy in the community of Spryfield this winter and spring. This project was made possible with funding from the Nova Scotia Department of Education and in partnership with groups such as the Single Parent Family Resource Centre in Spryfield.

If you would like to know more about Reading Together Spryfield, please call 422-7648.

A special thanks to:

- The Rotary Club of Halifax, whose generous donation will enable the printing of Ready Set Know, our volunteer tutor handbook.
- The Adult Learning Knowledge Centre for providing a grant to support Learning Circle workshops at five HCLN program locations.
- Everyone who volunteers in their community!

Upcoming Events:

Volunteer Orientation

Thursday, Jan 10 / 7PM
Keshen Goodman Public Library

Tutor Basics

Saturday, Jan 19th / 10 AM – 3 PM
Captain William Spry Library

Volunteer Orientation

Tuesday, Jan 22nd / 7 PM
Halifax North Public Library

Family Literacy Day

Sunday, Jan 27th

Volunteer Orientation

Thursday, March 20th / 7 PM
Keshen Goodman Public Library

Volunteer Orientation

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

Tutor Basics

Thursdays 6:00-8:30 PM
March 27th-April 17th
Keshen Goodman Public Library

National Volunteer Week

April 27th-May 3rd

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