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About the Resource Directory

LLC-Q/LVQ has strived to create a resource directory that reflects prevention activities and initiatives in the Quebec English literacy community.

Many of the organizations listed have adult literacy as their mandate, and have many activities to achieve that end. The scope of this directory is to list **only** the prevention initiatives.

LLC-Q/LVQ has not evaluated any of these activities. Instead, we leave this up to you as you assess your needs.

The information printed was provided by the individual organizations that responded to our questionnaire. Information was collected and cross-referenced through web searches, brochures, questionnaires and follow-up telephone conversations to verify and clarify information. Every effort was made to be accurate. We sincerely apologize for any errors or omissions.

It is our hope that the resources listed here will serve as a starting point to steer people in the right direction to find the resources they need in the area of prevention.

An extensive listing of websites related to the prevention of illiteracy has been included in this directory, to provide readers with a selection of prevention programs, resources and organizations not limited to Quebec.

Please use the **Information Update Sheet** (page ii) to help us update the information in the directory. If any information needs to be corrected, or if there are groups/individuals that should be included in an update, please let us know. Your feedback will help keep this directory current.

Information Update Sheet

Help us keep the information in the **Literacy Resource Directory: Prevention Activities in Quebec** current. Please inform us of any change of information by completing and returning this form to:

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Additional Comments:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

LLC-Q/LVQ

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Affiliated Councils:

Chateauguay Valley Literacy Council
Chateauguay, Quebec

Gaspésie Literacy Council
Douglastown, Quebec

Laurentian Literacy Council
Lachute, Quebec

The Learning Exchange
Chomedey, Laval, Quebec

Literacy in Action
Sherbrooke, Quebec

Literacy Unlimited
Pointe-Claire, Quebec

RECLAIM
Montreal, Quebec

Quebec City Reading Council
Quebec City, Quebec

South Shore Reading Council
Greenfield Park, Quebec

Western Quebec Literacy Council
Shawville, Quebec

Yamaska Literacy Council
Cowansville, Quebec

Our Vision

Laubach Literacy of Canada–Quebec/Literacy Volunteers of Quebec (LLC-Q/LVQ) is an effective voice for English literacy advancement by representing and supporting all literacy providers across Quebec.

Our Mission

Laubach Literacy of Canada–Quebec/Literacy Volunteers of Quebec (LLC-Q/LVQ) is a provincial not-for-profit coalition which is dedicated to, and supports volunteer literacy groups through professional development, networking, communication and advocacy for English literacy.

Organizations Involved in Prevention Activities in English in Quebec:

- **Laubach Literacy of Canada-Quebec/
Literacy Volunteers of Quebec Councils**

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Event: Family Literacy Awareness

Goals: To publicize Family Literacy Day and encourage reading.

Target: Children 5-12 years

Description: The council gives gift certificates to the elementary schools to be used in a draw for students who participate in a reading week for family literacy. Letters are sent to schools in late December.

Partners: All elementary schools in Chateauguay, Ormstown, Kahnawake, Howick and Huntingdon.

Council: **Gaspesie Literacy Council**

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- Workshop:** Stimulating Reading with Pre-Schoolers
- Duration:** 8 hours (given according to demand during September – May)
- Goals:** To enrich the lives of pre-schoolers who have no access to books and games.
- Target:** Parents of pre-schoolers
- Description:** Parents of pre-schoolers are exposed to high interest beginner's books and taught how to model reading. During the last hour, pre-school children are brought in for a reading session.
- Partners:** Local library, Eastern Shores School Board
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- Event:** READS
- Duration:** Event held annually in September
- Goals:** To stimulate interest in reading at home.
- Target:** Children 5-12 years
- Description:** An annual event at which an author is brought in to read to children grouped according to age. In 2003 Andrea Beek was the featured author reading to three hundred and fifty children aged K-6. The 2004 event will be focused on native children and the author will be from Yellowknife.
- Partners:** World Literacy of Canada

Council: **Laurentian Literacy Council**

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Workshops: Organizing Yourself for High School/Organizing Yourself for College

Duration: 2 hours

Availability: Offered as needed

Goals: To provide youth with skills to develop organizational and time management skills for success at high school/college.

Target: 12-17 years

Description: Participatory workshops that include the following topics:

- ❖ positive attitudes
- ❖ work ethics
- ❖ commitment to quality
- ❖ listening skills and ways to improve them
- ❖ note taking
- ❖ 17 ways to study smarter
- ❖ time management
- ❖ working with your teacher

Workshop: Family Literacy Workshop

Duration: 4 sessions of 90 minutes; offered as needed

Goals: To teach parents the importance of reading with and to their children; to provide parents with information to help them understand how young children learn; to introduce parents to resources which will help them to bring reading into the home.

Target: Parents/caregivers with young children (0-5 years)

Description: The workshops teach parents about the importance of reading in the home and provide practical tips for reading with and to children.

Council: **Laurentian Literacy Council** *cont'd*

Workshop: Composition Workshop

Duration: 90 minutes

Goals: To help high school students at risk of dropping out of school due to poor composition skills.

Target: High school students

Description: The workshop has three components: narrative, exposition, and critical writing skills.

Program: Sunshine Reading Program

Duration: 8 days in July, 4 hours each day

Goals: To help elementary aged school children that have difficulty with reading and writing to improve their reading and writing skills.

Target: Children in Cycle II.

Description: A summer reading enrichment camp provides small group and one to one activities to help children improve their reading and writing skills.

Activities include:

- ❖ Reading: Group reading, one to one, quiet reading, storytelling, flash cards
- ❖ Writing: Diary, short stories, words
- ❖ Spelling: Crossword puzzles, everyday vocabulary, fun with words, games

Reading and Writing Camp from **Curriculum Associates, Inc.** is used for reading comprehension, critical thinking and basic reading strategies.

Partners: Laurentian Elementary School

Council: **The Learning Exchange**

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Workshops: The Learning Exchange develops family literacy workshops as required to address need.
Examples:

- ❖ How Can We Help Our Children Succeed?
- ❖ Reading, Writing at Home
- ❖ Family Information Session
- ❖ Homework Tips
- ❖ Reading Can be “Beary” Fun

Goals: To promote family reading.
To instill a love of reading in families.
To provide ideas to make reading/writing a success.

Duration: 2-3 hours

Target: Depends on workshop

Description: Specific to each workshop

Event: Book Bags/Interactive reading and story telling

Goals: To provide fun, interactive reading opportunities to children in Cycles I and II.
To provide family literacy information to families.

Date: Early February

Description: During February, in celebration of International Family Literacy Day and “I Love to Read” week, The Learning Exchange family literacy volunteers and Executive Director visit local elementary schools. The volunteers read to the children and give out goodies such as books, pencils, pads and stickers. Family literacy information booklets are distributed to all children in Kindergarten through grade three to bring home to their families.

Partners: Sir Wilfrid Laurier Elementary schools (2); Laval Multicultural Library

Council: **Literacy in Action**

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Workshop: Nurturing Self-Esteem in Children

Duration: Five 2-3 hour sessions

Style: Participatory/Lecture

Goals: To increase participants awareness of unhealthy communication styles and to teach skills for positive communication.

Target: Parents/caregivers of children

Description: The workshop starts with self-esteem and awareness of parent's self-esteem, then works through dynamics with children and siblings and gives hands-on skills to better cope and nurture our children.

Event: Words on a String

Duration: 2nd Saturday of July (annual event)

Goals: To increase awareness of literacy issues; promote cultural literacy; host family event.

Target: General public

Description: A one-day festival of music and words (author's reading) and children's activities with past attendance over 300. Words on a String is offered free of charge, and is open to all.

Partners: Frontier College

Literacy in Action cont. →

Council: *Literacy in Action cont'd*

Program: Parents as Partners as Learners

Duration: School year

Goals: To give support and modeling to families in their homes

Target: Families

Description: Contact with families is made through the school. At the initial visit, an animator brings along a "read-to-me" kit. Subsequent 1-2 hour visits are weekly focusing on reading activities and creating a positive atmosphere around learning.

Partners: Local elementary school

Council: **Literacy Unlimited**

Note: Literacy Unlimited has offered prevention initiatives in the past but is currently not involved in this area. The following describes some of these activities:

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Event: Family Literacy Day 1999-2003

Goals: To inform the public of literacy problems in the community; to highlight the importance of reading in the family at an early age.

Target: General public; families

Description: An information kiosk was set up in the local shopping mall; information was distributed and questions were answered; there were storytellers and a “make-your-own-book” activity. A reading area, where children had access to books of all kinds, was available. Parents and children received give-away bags.

Event: Reading Week Activities with Woodland Elementary School

Goals: To increase public awareness; student recruitment (parents of elementary school children); to build a relationship between the literacy council and local elementary school identified as having high levels of low literacy.

Target: Children 5-12 years, and their parents

Description: The council participated in Woodland Elementary School’s Reading Week activities by providing animated bookbinding workshops for parents in all classrooms. Parents were invited for refreshments and a raffle was held.

Partners: QLWG, Woodland Elementary School

Literacy Unlimited cont. →

Council: **Literacy Unlimited** *cont'd*

Event: Family Storytelling Morning - 2002

Goals: To emphasize to parents the importance of reading with their children and to provide them with tips and materials to facilitate this in the home; to provide a fun environment for the children to participate in the reading process and to provide them with the reading materials which they may otherwise not have had at home; to recruit adult literacy students.

Target: Families with children at Woodland Elementary School

Description: A storytelling event was held at Woodland Elementary School in Verdun. Parents were invited with their children. Gift bags and literacy information were provided. There was a donation of used books and a raffle.

Partners: Woodland Elementary School

Project: Peer Tutoring

Duration: A few weeks

Goals: To train high school students to tutor younger peers.

Target: Children 5-12; youth 13-17

Description: High school students were trained by Literacy Unlimited, matched with elementary school students, and followed through the school's Peer Tutoring Program.

Partners: Lindsay Place High School

Program: Born To Read

Goals: To assist new mothers identified as high risk by the CLSC to create a learning culture at home.

Target: Expectant mothers who are registered in the OLO Program (oeufs, lait, oranges) at CLSC Pierrefonds.

Description: Bags of books are distributed each month at a health clinic run by CLSC Pierrefonds.

Partners: Born to Read

Council: **Quebec City Reading Council**

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Workshops: Family Literacy Workshops

- ❖ Community Awareness
- ❖ Learning Styles
- ❖ Homework Tips
- ❖ Preparing Your Child for School
- ❖ Preventing Failure/Creating a Learning Environment in the Home

Duration: 2 hours each

Availability: 6 per year

Style: Participatory

Goals: To increase public awareness of literacy issues and to demonstrate available resources.

Target: Parents and literacy students

Description: The workshops all focus on prevention, identification of barriers to learning and how the Quebec City Reading Council can help. Parents and students leave with a list of community resources and a paper copy of the workshop.

Partners: Holland Centre, Central Quebec School Board, St. Brigid's Home, Quebec Community Groups Network

Event: Community Awareness Campaign

Duration: Annual event, time varies

Goals: To raise awareness of literacy issues; to give organizations the tools to identify possible literacy students and what to do next.

Target: Community groups

Description: Interactive session with key community groups and health professionals. Publicity materials are provided to the groups attending. Invitations are extended to many groups.

Partners: Central Quebec School Board

Quebec City Reading Council cont. →

Council: **Quebec City Reading Council** *cont'd*

Project: Outreach Program for Parents

Duration: Ongoing, project in second year

Goals/Description:

- ❖ Ensure that parents in the community are aware of the importance of early literacy for their young children.
- ❖ Encourage and reinforce the importance of a literate environment in the home.
- ❖ Let parents know of the resources available for their children experiencing difficulty.
- ❖ Provide parents with one-to-one help or group workshops to help their children succeed in school.
- ❖ Ensure that parents are made aware of the adult literacy programs available.
- ❖ Provide parents with one-to-one or group basic skills classes as requested.
- ❖ Offer parents personalized services on an as-needed basis (i.e. helping children prepare for exams, helping children with learning-related problems).

Target: Parents

Program: Family Literacy Program

Goals: Prevention

Target: Parents, students and members at the Quebec City Reading Council.

Description: Activities with a focus on prevention including: workshops, lending library twice per month, community events and activities; intergenerational activities; pre-school activities (Toddler Time). A resource room is open to the public.

Partners: Central Quebec School Board, Coalition of Community Volunteers, Holland College, St. Brigid's Home, Voice of English Speaking Quebec.

Council: RECLAIM

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RECLAIM does not currently offer any family literacy activities.

Council: **South Shore Reading Council**

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Type: Event: Family Literacy Day

Goals: To distribute family literacy materials to families.

Target: Families

Description: Set up a family literacy display booth at the bowling alley on "family day".

Type: Program: Tutoring in the high school

Goals: To help high school students improve their literacy skills.

Target: High school students.

Description: Tutoring takes place in three high schools. Adult tutors from the South Shore Reading Council work with students to improve their literacy skills.

Partners: Local high schools

Council: **Western Quebec Literacy Council**

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Workshop: Creating a Learning Culture in the Home Series

Duration: 3 sessions, 3 hours each

Style: Participatory

Goals: To involve and inspire parents and caregivers to do reading and writing activities with their children.

Target: Parents/caregivers of children 0-7 years

Description: Participants will come away with fun ideas to help their children develop positive self-esteem and the skills necessary for success in reading and writing.

ACCESS TO READING helps caregivers understand how children learn to read and shows them ways to help their children experience success. Activities include finger plays, action rhymes, choosing books and reading aloud.

READING TO WRITE, WRITING TO READ looks at how children learn to write and provides caregivers with practical ideas and activities to support and encourage their children's writing. Activities include reading and writing games, writing a family story and making fold-a-books.

BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM looks at how children develop healthy self-esteem and explores how parents can help by encouraging positive communication patterns.

Western Quebec Literacy Council cont. →

Council: **Western Quebec Literacy Council** *cont'd*

Event: Family Literacy Day

Duration: Annually, January 27th

Goals: To increase awareness of the importance of reading in daily life.

Target: General public

Description: Various activities have been hosted including a "Read-a-thon" involving school children reading for 15 minutes, tallied by schools. Also, a Family Literacy Day story-hour for children has been held at the council office.

Partners: ABC CANADA – promotional materials; LLC-Q/LVQ distribution of materials

Program: Story Hour

Goals: To offer story hour to pre-school aged children and their parents.

Target: Parents and pre-school children

Description: Saturday morning story hour is offered to pre-school children and their parents.

Partners: Friends of the Shawville-Clarendon Library

Council: **Yamaska Literacy Council**

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Type: Workshop: Creating a Learning Culture in the Home Series

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Style: Participatory

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Partners: Elementary schools

Yamaska Literacy Council cont. →

Council: **Yamaska Literacy Council** *cont'd*

Type: Event: Family Literacy Day Writing Contest

Duration: January - March

Goals: To encourage youth to write.

Target: Local schools; literacy students

Description: A writing contest was held; all submissions were printed in a booklet and distributed to all participants; prizes were awarded to winners.

Partners: ABC CANADA – promotional materials; LLC-Q/LVQ distribution of materials.

Type: Project: Peer Youth Tutoring

Duration: School year

Goals: To train high school students to provide one-to-one tutoring to peers.

Target: High school students

Description: High school students with strong literacy skills are trained to work with one other student to improve reading, writing or math skills.

Partners: Regional high school: Massey-Vanier High School

Type: Project: Summer Reading Camp (pilot project)

Duration: First two weeks of July

Goals: To provide an opportunity for children in Cycle II to participate in reading/writing activities in a “camp” atmosphere.

Description: Ten children in Cycle II participated in a two-week camp focused on theme-based reading and writing activities including games, bookmaking, science experiments, crafts, etc.

Partners: Heroes’ Elementary School, Butler Elementary School, Townshippers’ Association, Canada Post Corporation and several service groups in the community.

Organizations Involved in Prevention Activities in English in Quebec:

- **Other Community-Based Organizations**





Organization: ❖ **Bishops Students for Literacy** (affiliated with Frontier College)
❖ **Concordia Students for Literacy** (affiliated with Frontier College)

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Bishops Website: www.frontiercollege.ca/english/programs/campus/que/bishops.htm

Bishops Students for Literacy

Program: Homework Clubs

Goals: To help children with reading and homework.

Target: Elementary schools

Description: From September to April, tutors go to the elementary schools and help children with their reading.

Partners: Sherbrooke Elementary School; Galt High School; Lennoxville Elementary School.

Program: Reading Circles

Goals: To foster a love of reading in children.

Target: Children

Description: Reading and activities related to reading are organized for children.

Concordia Students for Literacy

Concordia Students for Literacy offer the same prevention initiatives as listed under Bishops Students for Literacy except partners are:

❖ Tyndale St. Georges Community

❖ Pearson Adult Education Centre

Organization: **Family Ties – New Carlisle**

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Email: familyties@globetrotter.net

Program: Reading Circles

Goals: To foster a love of reading in children.

Target: Children in grades 2-5

Description: An average of 15 pupils take part every Wednesday for 1.5 hours of reading from grades 2-5. They choose a book, read it together, read silently on their own, then write a draft related to their story, play educational games, and perform skits or plays related to their story.

Program: Born to Read

Goals: To promote reading in families

Target: Parents of young children

Description: This activity promotes reading. It consists of three parts:

1. Each baby is given a bag of books at their first immunization.
2. Each child is given a bag consisting of books, crayons, coloring books and activity books at their pre-school immunization.
3. Parents are given a “briefcase” of information on parenting.

Partners: The following partners work in collaboration with each other on the Born to Read program and Reading Circle program:

- ❖ Eastern Shores School Board
- ❖ Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations
- ❖ New Carlisle High School
- ❖ CLSC.



Organization: **McGill Students for Literacy**

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Website: <http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/literacy>

Program: Active Reading with Children (ARC)*
*Formerly known as Reading Circle.

Target: The Active Reading with Children Program aims to reach out to children in the community and help them develop a love for books and reading.

Description: Active Reading volunteers spend one to two hours each week reading and playing games with children at one of the schools or community centres with which we are affiliated.

Partners: ARC volunteers are working with children at the following schools/centres:

- The St. James Daycare
- The Tyndale St. Georges Community Center
- The Montreal Oral School for the Deaf
- The McGill Daycare Center

Program: Youth Outreach Program* (YOP) is directed at working with youth-at-risk.
* Formerly known as "Shawbridge".

Target: Young men and women from ages 12-18.

Description: One evening per week skills such as communication, creativity and self-expression are emphasized. These goals are accomplished through a variety of creative programs, from simple games to more complex activities. Volunteers work in teams, with up to eight people per group.

The Youth Outreach Program currently works in five units in the greater Montreal area.

Organization: **Tree of Life Regional Reading Club**

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Tel.: 819-561-6008
Fax: 819-561-6767
Email: claudine.patry@crsbpo.qc.ca
sylvie.thibault@crsbpo.qc.ca

Program: Tree of Life Regional Reading Club

Goals: To encourage children to read

Target: Children 5-16 years

Description: Summer Reading Club “Book Mania” for kids 5-16 years. A selection of books is offered, along with activities that vary each year (i.e. meeting with local authors, crafts, etc.).

Partners: Chelsea Library, Allyn et Canwood Library, Low Library, Poltimore Library, Wakefield Library.

Organizations Involved in Prevention Activities in English in Quebec:

- **Quebec English School Boards**



Note: The following lists only the prevention activities offered by school boards in Quebec. (It is not a compilation of all school board literacy services.) Several of the school boards partner with LLC-Q/LVQ literacy councils.

School Board: Central Quebec School Board

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Eastern Quebec Learning Centre
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Sainte-Foy, QC G1W 1V4
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Fax: 418-651-3025
Email: moorep@cqsbc.qc.ca
Website: www.cqsbc.qc.ca

The Central Quebec School Board (CQSB) has partnered with the Quebec City Reading Council (QCRC) on prevention initiatives over the years. As of June 2004 CQSB is no longer involved in this area. The QCRC has taken over the outreach project.

(See Quebec City Reading Council)

School Board: Eastern Shores School Board

Contact: Lally Mackenzie
PO Box 88,
Douglstown, QC G4X 2Y5
Tel.: 418-368-4184
Fax: 418-368-2261
Email: lally.mackenzie@essb.qc.ca
Website: www.essb.qc.ca

The Eastern Shores School Board delivers/supports prevention activities through the Gaspesie Literacy Council.

The Eastern Shores School Board has a strategic plan with a literacy strand. In some schools the Lindamood training is used very successfully, and has been in operation for 5 years. Laubach training and funding of Lindamood tutoring are offered. Children's authors are invited to read stories to children at an annual event.

Partners: Gaspesie Literacy Council

(See Gaspesie Literacy Council)



School Board: Eastern Townships School Board

Contact: Ilze Epnors
200, Adélarde-Godbout
Cowansville, QC J2K 3X9
Tel.: 888-463-3775/450-263-9710
Fax: 450-266-1015
Email: epnors@etsb.qc.ca
Website: www.etsb.qc.ca

Workshop: Family Literacy Workshops

Goals: To teach parents about the importance of reading with children; to provide practical tips on reading with children.

Target: Parents who attend adult education classes.

Description: Various workshops have been offered with a focus on:
Reading with My Child
Reading and Self-Esteem
Writing to Read

Partners: Yamaska Literacy Council

(See Yamaska Literacy Council)



School Board: English Montreal School Board

Contact: Mario E. Pasteris
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Montreal, QC H3X 1T4
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Fax: 514-483-7530
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Website: www.emsb.qc.ca

The English Montreal School Board does not offer prevention activities.



School Board: **Kativik School Board**

Contact: Parfait Ceme or Carmelle Castonguay

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Ville St-Laurent, QC H4M 2V9
Tel.: 514-482-8220 ext. 358
Fax: 514-369-2636
Email: parfait_ceme@kativik.qc.ca or carmelle_castonguay@kativik.qc.ca
Website: www.kativik.qc.ca

Note: The following services are available only to the Inuit clients in Nunavik. The school board's mandate is to serve the Inuit population where they live.

Workshop: Family Literacy

Goals: The goal is to assist parents in all areas of parenting, including the encouragement of reading and family literacy.

Target: Inuit parents

Description: A one-week parenting workshop is offered annually in each of the 14 communities served by the school board.

Event: Public Awareness

Goals: To increase awareness of the value of family literacy.

Target: Inuit families

Description: A family literacy event is held annually on January 27th to bring awareness to the value of family literacy. Events differ from year to year, and have included radio readings, children's colouring contests and elder storytelling.

School Board: Lester B. Pearson School Board

Contact: Denise Llewellyn

Pearson Adult and Career Centre
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LaSalle, QC H8P 1E5
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Fax: 514-364-1953
Email: dllewellyn@lbpsb.qc.ca
Website: www.pearsonskills.com

The Lester B. Pearson School Board has partnered with Literacy Unlimited to host Family Literacy Day events.

(See Literacy Unlimited)



School Board: **Littoral School Board**

Contact: David Roberts

General Delivery
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Fax: 418-787-2348
Email: cheadu@globetrotter.qc.ca
Website: www.csdulittoral.qc.ca

Workshop: Parents Assist Learning and Schooling (PALS)

Duration: A series of 12 workshops that are each 2 hours duration

Goals: To involve parents in children's education
To improve parenting skills

Target: Parents

Description: A series of twelve 2-hour workshops including the following topics:

- ❖ The Important Role of Parents
- ❖ Building Self-Esteem
- ❖ Parenting Styles
- ❖ Communication
- ❖ Being a Role Model
- ❖ Discipline
- ❖ Kids and Television
- ❖ Working with Teachers and Schools
- ❖ Responsibility & Homework
- ❖ Reading and Writing
- ❖ Preparing for Technology and Computers

Project: Family Literacy

Duration: September – December, January – May

Goals: To assist needy students
To involve parents in schooling
To improve parents overall skills

Description: Various projects are set up in the schools.
Organized sessions include:

- ❖ Buddy-Buddy
- ❖ Workshops for Parents (PALS)
- ❖ Homework Assistant Periods

Littoral School Board cont. →



School Board: **Littoral School Board** *cont'd*

Program: Oral History

Goals: To provide the elders within a community with the opportunity to improve on the basic skills necessary to function in today's society;
To provide the opportunity to improve their mental and physical well-being and to participate more in their community;
To provide, through their **memoirs**, a part of the community heritage that could be used in the local history portion of the Elementary School curriculum

Target: Elders aged 65 and older

Description: The learning activities are taken from a general list of themes to explore. The themes chosen depend on the profile of the individual and are not limited to this list.

- ❖ Family tree (i.e. Grandparents, brothers and sisters)
- ❖ Parents and early family life (general activities indoors/outdoors, cleaning, special cooking days and Sundays)
- ❖ Chores/responsibilities as a child
- ❖ Homes (location, general description, heating, lighting, furniture, etc.)
- ❖ Clothes
- ❖ Food
- ❖ Hunting and fishing
- ❖ School
- ❖ Church and religion
- ❖ Fun and games
- ❖ Teenage life
- ❖ Transportation modes
- ❖ Communications (i.e. telegraph, telephone, radio, television, etc.)
- ❖ Christmas and other special times
- ❖ Old stories, old sayings and old health remedies
- ❖ Work (i.e. jobs and salary, etc.)
- ❖ Marriage and family life and how things have changed
- ❖ Photos (i.e. as prompts for memories, selection for document, etc.)



School Board: New Frontiers School Board - Nova Career Education Centre

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Website: www.novacareer.com

Description: The New Frontiers School Board refers students from its General Academic Program for one-to-one tutoring when appropriate. It has offered General Academic Education for Adults since the mid-1970s. The school board has established a Reading/Resource room to provide a conducive environment for reading for adult students, with help when needed. The elementary schools in the school board are proactive in the area of family literacy.

(See Chateauguay Literacy Council)

School Board: Riverside School Board Continuing Education

Contact: Linda Martin

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St-Lambert, QC J4R 2J4
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Website: www.rsb.qc.ca/Mainframe.html

The Riverside School Board does not offer prevention activities. The school board refers students who have literacy needs that cannot be met through adult education to the South Shore Reading Council.

(See South Shore Reading Council)



School Board: Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board

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Fax: 450-688-8125
Email: dbrown@swlauriersb.qc.ca
Website: www.swlauriersb.qc.ca

Type: Prevention Program

Description: The school board provides photocopies, elementary school contacts and intermail service. The school board gives The Learning Exchange materials from ABC CANADA to promote family literacy.

Partners: The Learning Exchange

(See The Learning Exchange)

School Board: Western Quebec School Board

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Shawville, QC J0X 2Y0
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Website: www.wqsb.qc.ca

The Western Quebec School Board does not directly offer prevention activities.

The school board has offered Literacy and English as Second Language initiatives for 20 years. These classes are ongoing at the Hull Adult Education Centre; students may enter the programs at any time. Literacy classes are offered 30 hours per week. English Second Language classes are offered 10 hours per week. A 2-3 year recruitment and advertising project was accomplished through an IFPCA grant.

(See Western Quebec Literacy Council)

Organizations Involved in Prevention Activities in English in Quebec:

- **Libraries**





Library: **Fraser-Hickson Library**

Contact: Frances W. Ackerman, Chief Librarian

4855 Kensington Avenue,
Montreal, QC H3X 3S6
Tel.: 514-489-5301, ext. 208
Fax: 514-489-5302
Email: frances@fraserhickson.qc.ca
Website: www.fraserhickson.qc.ca

Program: Family Reading

Goals: To support family reading

Target: Children and families

Description: The library offers pre-reading children's programs such as Story Time. Children's and adult authors visit the auditorium to read from their latest books.

Other literacy related services include:

- A special graded literacy collection of high interest/low difficulty materials for adults learning to read.
- Available space in the library for literacy tutors and their students.
- The office of Literacy Partners of Quebec is located in the library.
- Displays and handouts advertising Family Literacy Day.

Partners: Joint projects with Literacy Partners of Quebec (LPQ) and RECLAIM.

Library: **Montreal Children's Library**

Contact: Beverley Gilbertson

 Atwater Branch
 1200 Atwater Avenue,
 Montreal, QC H3Z 1X4
 Tel.: 514-931-2304
 Fax: 514-931-8035
 Email: beverley.gilbertson@mcl-bjm.ca
 Website: www.mcl-bjm.ca

Program: Family Reading

Goals: To support family reading

Target: Children and families

Description: ❖ Regular Story Times for children in the library and at daycare centres.

 ❖ Summer Reading Program

 ❖ After-school Programs to offer homework help in reading skills.

 ❖ Mother Goose Rhyme-Time:
 This is a one-hour program bringing together parents and their little ones to
 introduce them to the power and pleasure of nursery rhymes, songs and stories.
 The rationale for the project is to equip parents with new ways to build healthy
 relationships with their babies, based on language, play and verbal interaction.

Partners: Other libraries, Tyndale Educators, daycare centres.



Library: **Norman Berman Children's Library (Jewish Public Library)**

Contact: Penny Fransblow

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Montreal, QC H3W 1M6
Tel.: 514-345-2627 ext. 3028
Fax: 514-345-6477
Email: pennyf@jplmtl.org
Website: www.jewishpubliclibrary.org/childrens/index.html

Program: Family Reading

Goals: To support family reading

Target: Children

Description: A variety of programs for children are offered, for example, a Story Time program, starting for children at 6 months of age, is available.

Organizations Involved in Prevention Activities in English in Quebec:

Provincial Organizations* (Quebec)

* *Umbrella Groups, Businesses, Services and Resource Centres*

This section summarizes information on prevention activities and resources associated with the provincial organizations in this section.

NOTE:

- Some of the organizations offer direct service delivery in the area of prevention.
- Some of the organizations have members/affiliates that offer direct service in the area of prevention.

Organization: **The Centre for Literacy of Quebec**

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Website: www.nald.ca/litcent.htm

The Centre for Literacy of Quebec:

- ❖ Houses the second largest resource collection in Canada, of materials and information on all aspects of literacy, basic skills and media education. Books, papers and audio-visual materials can be borrowed or viewed free of charge. Circulating resource trunks are available on themes such as Learning Disabilities or Numeracy/Technology.
- ❖ Maintains an extensive selection of basic skills software for preview on site.
- ❖ Sustains a dynamic web site on the National Adult Literacy Database (NALD) with current activities, publications and list of resources.
- ❖ Publishes materials, including a widely-read quarterly newsletter, *Literacy Across the Curriculum / Media Focus*, Working Papers on Literacy and occasional research reports.
- ❖ Sponsors workshops and seminars.
- ❖ Offers customized training and public events.
- ❖ Hosts international conferences and an annual Summer Institute.
- ❖ Facilitates focus groups and does research on readability.
- ❖ Consults on issues such as “workforce education”, “literacy and health,” and literacy and technology.”
- ❖ Works in partnership with numerous local, national and international literacy and community organizations in ongoing programs and on specific projects.

General services/resources offered by the Centre for Literacy of Quebec:

❖ **Library Collection**

A library of resource materials useful for literacy practitioners and researchers is available. There is a broad focus on multiple literacies including family, children, women, native, workplace, as well as numeracy, adult basic skills, learning disabilities and learning. The library has a wide range of curriculum materials, activity manuals, teacher manuals, easy-to-read materials, video and audiotapes, and basic skills reading material.

Materials can be borrowed from the Centre for Literacy, or accessed online. The Centre for Literacy also lends across Canada to clients connected to literacy or educational organizations.

The library collection is online: www.nald.ca/province/que/litcent/catalogue

The Centre for Literacy cont. →



Organization: The Centre for Literacy of Quebec cont'd

❖ **IFPCA Collection**

Since 1989 the *Initiatives fédérales-provinciales conjointes en matière d'alphabétisation* (IFPCA) has funded research and materials development projects by Quebec school board and community literacy groups. Many of the projects have produced reports or materials that are of interest to literacy practitioners.

All of the English sector productions can be found at the Centre for Literacy of Quebec.

The IFPCA collection is online:
www.nald.ca/province/que/litcent/catalogue/ifpca

❖ **Travelling Resource Trunks**

Travelling resource trunks offer literacy teachers, tutors and coordinators a sampling of materials in various subject areas. Trunks can be customized on request.

Popular subjects include:

- Health Literacy
- Learning Disabilities
- Numeracy
- Media and Technology
- Native Literacy
- Family Literacy
- Adult Basic Education

❖ **Software Evaluation**

The Centre for Literacy maintains a selection of basic skills software for preview on site by appointment. Over 75 software products are loaded on computers for trial by potential users.

To view a complete list of software resources at the Centre for Literacy of Quebec:
www.nald.ca/province/que/litcent/Resources/software

Services/resources available at The Centre for Literacy for Quebec specific to the area of prevention of illiteracy

❖ **Native Literacy Pre-school Education Project:**

In 1999 the Centre for Literacy of Quebec received a grant from Rotary International, Old Montreal Chapter, to develop a collection of resources to aid pre-school education in native communities. A series of mini-collections designated for specific native communities in Eastern Canada was developed. The communities in Quebec are: Kahnawake (Mohawk), Chisasibi (Cree) and Kuujjuak (Inuit).

During the summers the mini-collections will be returned to the Centre for Literacy to be evaluated, repaired or updated as needed, and then returned to the community for the following school year.

Based on consultations with the communities involved, contents range from instructional materials to activity books, games and object-oriented items. The main concern is to reflect culturally relevant materials and include materials written in their first language.

The Centre for Literacy has a list of selected sources for Native Educational Resources:
www.nald.ca/province/que/litcent/Native/resource.htm

The Centre for Literacy cont. →

Organization: The Centre for Literacy of Quebec cont'd
❖ Software:

The software available for evaluation at the Centre for Literacy of Quebec includes some designed for children and youth. The list includes:

PUBLISHER	NAME OF SOFTWARE	TARGET AUDIENCE	TYPE
Career Systems Canada Limited	Cornerstone Language for Grades 3-8	Grades 3-8	Disk (Demo)
Curriculum Associates	Math Problem Solver	Grades 3-8	Disk (Demo)
Curriculum Associates	SuperSonic Phonics II	Adolescent & Adult Learners	Disk (Demo)
Don Johnson Incorporated	Co: Write Outloud	Students of all ages	CD ROM (Demo)
Don Johnson Incorporated	K.C. & Klyde in Fly Ball	Kindergarten to Grade 4	CD ROM (Demo)
Don Johnson Incorporated	Gig: Calc	Kindergarten to Grade 6	CD ROM (Demo)
Great Wave Software (Glencoe)	Decimal & Fraction Maze	Grade 3 – Adult	Disk (Sample)
Great Wave Software (Glencoe)	Reading Search	Grades 2-6	CD ROM (Sample)
Great Wave Software (Glencoe)	Reading Maze	Grades Pre K-2	Disk (Sample)
Great Wave Software (Glencoe)	World Discovery	Grades 3-12	CD ROM (Sample)
Mindplay	Ace Inquirer	Grade 3 – Adult	Disk (Demo)
MECC	Oregon Trail II	Children & Adolescents	CD ROM (Sample)
Tom Snyder Productions	Timeshift Radio Series	Grades 5-8	Video (Demo)
Tom Snyder Productions	The Wonderful Problems of Fritz & Martina	Grades K-6	Video (Demo)
Tom Snyder Productions	Getting to the Heart of It	Grades 6-9	Video (Demo)
TRO Learning, Inc.	Educating Our Changing World	Young Adult & Adult Learners	CD ROM (Demo)

The Centre for Literacy cont. →

Organization: **The Centre for Literacy of Quebec** *cont'd*

IFPCA Collection

A search under the keyword “family literacy” results:

1. *Quebec Literacy Working Group: project: 1996-1997: Prevention of Literacy Problems: Phase Two* – by Leila Atkin
2. *Quebec Literacy Working Group: project: 1995-1996: Prevention of Literacy Problems* – by Leila Atkin
3. *Family Literacy Resources* – by Concerted Literacy Councils of Quebec (CLCQ)
4. *Literacy Materials [kit]* – by Concerted Literacy Councils of Quebec (CLCQ)
5. *Report on The Family Literacy Research Project* – by Marion J. Fear
6. *Families...Read Together: The Role of the School Library in Promoting Family Literacy* – by Maria Gudzio
7. *Read to Me: Materials to Promote Family Literacy* – by Leila Atkin
8. *Supporting Parents as the Child's First and Most Important Teachers: A Process Guide for a School-based, Community Supported Family Literacy Program* – by Donna Ross
9. *Family Literacy* – by Gloria Sullivan and Greg Davis
10. *Alert: The Adult Literacy Educator's Reading Tabloid – Vol. 4, no. 3 (December 1991)* – by Quebec Literacy Working Group (QLWG)

Library Collection

A search under keyword “family literacy” found 184 entries.



Organization: **The Gazette - Gazette-in-Education**

Contact: Gazette-in-Education

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Website: www.canada.com/montreal/montrealgazette/gie/index.html

The Gazette in Education (GIE) helps teachers at all levels use the newspaper to meet their program objectives in the classroom.

Quebec students can learn about the world with an up-to-date, interesting “textbook” – The Gazette.

School Newspaper Rates - Print Edition

Reduced rate subscriptions of The Gazette, which include free teacher’s guides are available. Electronic editions are also available.

Monthly Activity Calendar

Each month, GIE offers suggestions on how to use the newspaper in the classroom.

Teacher’s and Activities Guides

Nearly 50 different curriculum guides provide newspaper activities for students of every level and subject. Each guide is designed to be used with any edition of The Gazette, and includes activity cards and worksheets.

Gazette Youth Pages

Each week throughout the school year, The Gazette publishes a series of weekly pages for students:

- The Mini Page (Every second Monday; for elementary grades)
- Kid Scoop (Every second Monday; for elementary grades)
- Youth Zone (Tuesdays; for grades 6-11)

Gazette Tours

From September to June, classes can follow up their newspaper study with a tour of The Gazette’s new printing plant on St. Jacques St. West in N.D.G. Each tour accommodates up to 30 students in Grades 4 and up. Tours last approximately 1¼ hours.



Organization: **The Gazette - Raise-A-Reader**

Contact: Raise-A-Reader

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Website: www.canada.com/national/features/raisareader/montreal.html

Raise-A-Reader

The Gazette is part of a national fundraising initiative “Raise-a-Reader” to increase awareness of children’s literacy issues in Quebec and to provide funds to support grassroots programs in Quebec communities.

On Raise-a-Reader Day, high profile members of the community including team members of prominent sports franchises, firefighters, police officers and Global TV personalities, join other local celebrities, sponsors, beneficiaries and the editorial teams of the CanWest metropolitan newspapers on downtown street corners in twelve cities across Canada in an effort to exchange special Raise-a-Reader edition newspapers for donations to Raise-a-Reader while raising awareness of the importance of children’s literacy.

Quebec Beneficiaries:

- Literacy Partners of Quebec
- The Canadian National Institute for the Blind
- La fondation de l’alphabétisation

The national campaign sponsorships and donations to Raise-a-Reader provides resources to libraries and financial assistance to family literacy programs in the regions of all participating CanWest metropolitan newspapers and Global TV stations.



Organization: ***Laubach Literacy of Canada-Quebec/Literacy Volunteers of Quebec***

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Website: www.nald.ca/lvq.htm

MISSION:

Laubach Literacy of Canada–Quebec /Literacy Volunteers of Quebec (LLC-Q/LVQ) is a provincial not-for-profit coalition which is dedicated to, and supports volunteer literacy groups through professional development, networking, communication and advocacy for English literacy.

Chateauguay Valley Literacy Council

Gaspesie Literacy Council

Laurentian Literacy Council

The Learning Exchange

Literacy in Action

Literacy Unlimited

Quebec City Reading Council

RECLAIM

South Shore Reading Council

Western Quebec Literacy Council

Yamaska Literacy Council

Refer to pages 2-18 for individual council's prevention activities and initiatives.



Organization: **Learning Associates of Montreal**

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Project: The Reading Zone Day Camp

Goals: To provide remediation for children.

Target: Children with Learning Disabilities

Description: The summer 2004 project: The Reading Zone is a day camp for learning disabled children. It takes place over three weeks. In the morning, the Learning Associates offers remediation for the children; in the afternoon, Trevor Williams offers a basketball camp.

Partners: Trevor Williams Kid Foundation

Workshops: Learning Disabilities

Goals: To make educators aware of the signs of learning disabilities, and teach them how to deal with a child with learning disabilities, and how to get help as an adult with learning disabilities.

Target: Specific to individual workshops.

Description: The Learning Associates offers Learning Disabilities related workshops upon request. Training varies from one-half day to three days, based on request.

Event: Learning Disabilities Conference

Goals: To provide professional development in the area of Learning Disabilities.

Target: Participants at Learning Disabilities Association of Quebec (LDAQ).

Description: Professionals from the Learning Associates have offered training sessions at the LDAQ Conferences to increase awareness of various issues related to learning disabilities.

Organization: Learning Disabilities Association of Quebec

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 Montreal, QC H2Y 1T7
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 Website: www.aqeta.qc.ca

The Learning Disabilities Association of Quebec (LDAQ) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to advocate and defend the rights of children and adults with learning disabilities. LDAQ represents parents and supports them in their efforts to help their children.

The services offered throughout Quebec include:

- ❖ information and active listening
- ❖ various forms of assistance for families
- ❖ public lectures and an annual conference aimed at increasing the awareness of the public and resource people
- ❖ representation of members

LDAQ works to raise public awareness and offers information and referral services throughout Quebec. It responds to the needs of families by providing a listening service through the volunteers on its committees and at its local chapters. It sets up programs, in collaboration with CLSCs and school boards, to assist families and detect “at-risk” children while they are still in daycare. It also trains tutors to help students with homework, and creates special projects intended for adults.

Each year, the Association holds an international conference which brings together more than a thousand parents and specialists in an effort to galvanize the natural allies of learning-disabled individuals and defend a common cause. The conference provides an ideal opportunity to exchange information and encourage research.

Workshop: Screening For Success II

Duration: 2 days

Style: Participatory

Goals: To provide necessary tools, information and handouts to understanding Learning Disabilities

Description: This training workshop seeks to identify strengths and areas of need for persons at risk for learning disabilities. This identification allows for a positive learning experience for the adult.

Event: Annual Conference on Learning Disabilities

Partners: Association des Orthopedagogues du Québec
 Ordre des conseillers en orientation et des psychopedagogues du Québec
 Association des psychologues du Québec
 Association des centres de la petite enfance du Québec



Organization: The Literacy Foundation

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Email: info@fqa.qc.ca
Website: www.fqa.qc.ca

Established in 1989, the Literacy Foundation is a non-profit organization whose mission is *to ensure that all adults have access to basic training in reading and writing.*

The Literacy Foundation is working to prevent illiteracy and help keep poor kids aged 0-12 in school and at the same time to reach parents who read little and are likely to have difficulty reading and writing.

Projects: The Gift of Reading: A project to spark an interest in reading amongst families with weak literacy skills.

Reading Day: A day when thousands of children living in poverty across Quebec receive a free, new children's book.

Organization: *Literacy Partners of Quebec*

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Montreal, QC H3X 3S6
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Fax: 514-489-5302
Email: jbrandeis@nald.ca
Website: www.nald.ca/lpq.htm

Literacy Partners of Quebec (LPQ) is the English-language literacy coalition that brings to one table representatives of the diverse providers and supporters of literacy services in the province.

Workshops: Family Literacy (LPQ has hosted several workshops on various family literacy topics over the years.)

Goals: Specific to workshop

Target: Specific to workshop

Description: Specific to workshop

Partners: RECLAIM, The Centre for Literacy, Concordia Students for Literacy, Literacy in Action, J'apprends avec mon enfant.

Project: Come Read With Me

Goals:

- ❖ To promote English language literacy among young English-speaking Quebecers.
- ❖ To create greater awareness and a better understanding of literacy.
- ❖ To encourage young people to take a greater interest in reading for pleasure.
- ❖ To promote Canadian literacy at the primary level in the Quebec English Language public school system.

Target: Elementary students who attend English public schools in Quebec.

Description: Teachers introduce students to Canadian authors. Students choose their favorite Canadian author, book, or story and write a response on what they have read.

Teachers select the top six entries and submit them to the "Come Read With Me" contest.

Partners: Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages, Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations



Organization: Quebec English Literacy Alliance

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The Quebec English Literacy Alliance (QELA), a partnership of English literacy providers, is dedicated to networking, training and information-sharing activities among Anglophone Quebec literacy providers, advocating for the advancement of literacy in the province.

QELA is comprised of representatives from the Quebec Literacy Working Group (QLWG) and Laubach Literacy of Canada-Quebec/Literacy Volunteers of Quebec (LLC-Q/LVQ). (See also LLC-Q/LVQ and QLWG.)

The QELA website is divided into the following sections:

Teaching and Learning Tools	About Literacy	About Us	News
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teaching Activities - Learning Activities - Resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IFPCA Activities - Adult Literacy - MEQ Publications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contacts - QELA Territory 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Latest News - New on the Site - Newsletter

Resources specific to the area of family literacy/ prevention

Prevention Projects:

The QELA website links to the **Espace alpha** (NOTE: This site is available in French only.) database of projects related to the prevention of illiteracy that have been completed in the last ten years by school boards, community-based literacy groups and other groups.

<http://alpha.cdeacf.ca/ifpca/prevention/index.html>

http://espacealpha.cdeacf.ca/les_projets/

Websites:

The QELA website links to The Centre for Literacy of Quebec website (www.nald.ca/province/que/litcent) which lists IFPCA projects for the Anglophone sector (including family literacy projects) and has an extensive library collection (including specific resources related to family literacy).

The QELA website lists useful websites, including:

- Children’s and Family Literacy Resources
- Educational/Information Resources
- Teaching/Learning Resources

www.qela.qc.ca/useful_web_sites.htm

Quebec English Literacy Alliance cont. →



Organization: Quebec English Literacy Alliance (QELA) cont'd

Books and Materials:

The QELA website has a listing of Books and Materials which can be found at:

www.qela.qc/Books&Materials.htm



Organization: **Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc.**

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The Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc. (QFHSA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the enhancement and well-being of children and youth. This volunteer organization is an independent voice in education in Quebec. Through the involvement of parents, students, educators and the community at large, QFHSA acts as a voice for parents.

Project: Supplying Books to Small Communities

Goals: To supply books to small communities in need.

Target:

- ❖ Children 0-5
- ❖ Children 5-12
- ❖ Youth 13-17
- ❖ Families
- ❖ Parents/caregivers
- ❖ General public
- ❖ Teachers
- ❖ Community groups servicing pre-schoolers in small communities off island

Description: QFHSA offers help in supplying books to small community libraries, school libraries and teachers. (Financial assistance is given by Literacy Partners of Quebec with gift certificates from the Centre for Literacy.)

Partners: Literacy Partners of Quebec; schools are contacted through QFHSA offices.

Workshop: Children and Literacy in the 21st Century

Duration: 2 hours

Availability: On a limited basis

Goals: To concentrate on prevention activities; to break the intergenerational cycle of low literacy skills.

Target: Parents and educators

Description: Workshop focuses on prevention activities.

Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc. cont. →



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- Organization:** **Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc.**
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- Event:** International Literacy Day- Month (September)
This is an annual event.
- Goals:** To raise funds through the Grant Book Sale; to raise awareness of literacy concerns.
- Target:** General public
- Description:** A generous gift certificate from the Centre for Literacy provides books for QFHSA's school visits, events such as our fall conference and AGM. Books are sent off island when need arises.
- Partners:** Literacy Partners of Quebec
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- Project:** Opening Doors to Family Literacy
Project Timeline: May 2003-April 2004
- Goals:** To assist schools, community libraries, and community groups with literacy initiatives and activities.
- Target:** Schools; community libraries; community groups.
- Description:** This project provided books for a pre-school program on the Lower North Shore (PACE) as well as a school library in La Tabatière, another in Chibougamau and to a community library in Hopetown (Gaspé).
- Partners:** Literacy Partners of Quebec

Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc. cont.➔



Organization: **Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc.**
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Publication: Literacy in the Information Age

Goals:

- To promote awareness of the requirement for literacy in the information age
- To help parents help their children develop skills to succeed
- To promote partnerships in the community in order to promote literacy.

Description: Initiated by Canadian Home and School Federation 14 years ago.
Literacy in the Information Age provides tips and information on reading, math, homework, etc.

Project: Come Read With Me

Goals: To encourage children to read, especially Canadian authors.
To encourage children to write.

Target: English Language elementary schools

Description: A writing contest for English language elementary schools in Quebec, focusing on Canadian authors.

Partners: Literacy Partners of Quebec, Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages.



Organization: Quebec Literacy Working Group

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MISSION:

The Quebec Literacy Working Group (QLWG), a provincial committee of school board representatives, commits itself to promote, advance and support adult, youth and family literacy within the English sector.

To ensure that it succeeds in its mission, the Quebec Literacy Working Group strives to provide its English school board members with the information, tools and support required to fulfill their continual commitment to literacy needs.

Central Quebec School Board

Eastern Shores School Board

Eastern Townships School Board

English Montreal School Board

Kativik School Board

Lester B. Pearson School Board

Littoral School Board

New Frontiers School Board

Riverside School Board

Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board

Western Quebec School Board

Refer to pages 25-36 for individual school board's prevention activities and initiatives.

National Literacy Organizations

- **ABC CANADA**
- **Frontier College**
- **Laubach Literacy of Canada**
- **Movement for Canadian Literacy**
- **National Adult Literacy Database Inc.**

This section summarizes information on prevention activities/resources associated with the above national literacy organizations.





Organization: ABC CANADA

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MISSION:

ABC CANADA supports the development of a fully literate Canadian population.

ABC CANADA is a joint initiative of business, labour, education and government, supporting the development of an educated and adaptable workforce through the fostering of a lifelong learning culture.

Family Literacy Day

Created by ABC CANADA Literacy Foundation in 1999, Family Literacy Day (FLD) is a national initiative that promotes the importance of reading and learning together as a family. Every year, on January 27th, families and communities across Canada celebrate this day at literacy-themed events coordinated by literacy organizations, schools and libraries.

Family Literacy Day is promoted through a national marketing campaign, with advertising in magazines and newspapers, on TV, radio and the Internet, as well as public relations initiatives and corporate support from various companies, including Honda Canada, the Founding Sponsor of Family Literacy Day.

ABC CANADA has created bilingual awareness tools to help literacy groups, schools and libraries celebrate Family Literacy Day. Items have included posters, bookmarks, tipsheets, stickers, notepads, pencils, temporary tattoos, certificates of appreciation, postcards, t-shirts and Family Literacy Event Guides. These materials are distributed in advance of Family Literacy Day to provincial and territorial literacy coalitions.

ABC CANADA launched a Family Literacy Day. Family literacy website: <http://www.abc-canada.org/fld-jaf/>

The site is divided into four main sections:

Event Coordinators: Contains information on how to obtain Family Literacy Day materials, and tips and resources to assist in planning a Family Literacy Day event

Media: Includes news releases, story ideas and downloadable print and broadcast ads.

Parents and Families: Includes tips for family literacy activities and useful Web links

Partners and Sponsors: Lists organizations supporting Family Literacy Day initiatives and information on sponsorship



Organization: **Frontier College**

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MISSION:

Frontier College is a Canada-wide, volunteer-based, literacy organization. We teach people to read and write and we nurture an environment favorable to lifelong learning. Since 1899, we have been reaching out to people wherever they are and responding to their particular learning needs. We believe in literacy as a right and we work to achieve literacy for all.

Frontier College operates programs for teens and children across Canada. In Quebec programs are delivered through Bishops University and Concordia University.

Working with Children and Teens

Homework Clubs

Frontier College works with community-based groups and organizations to set up Homework Clubs for children and teenagers. At Homework Clubs, students meet one-to-one with volunteer tutors to read books, write stories, do homework, and play word games and other activities to improve the reading and writing abilities of the students.

Reading Circles

The Reading Circle is the backbone of the Frontier College family learning movement in Canada. A Reading Circle is a place where children and adults read together for enjoyment. Frontier College trainers help groups organize Reading Circles in their communities

Publications available (see website for ordering information)

- ❖ ***The Peanut Butter and Jelly Guide to Organizing a Homework Club***, Frontier College Press
- ❖ ***Frontier College Reading Circle and Book Buddy Handbook***, Frontier College Press
- ❖ ***So You Want to Start a Reading Circle***, Video or CD Rom (18 minutes)
- ❖ ***Frontier College Circle Time – The Pre-school Reading Circle Handbook***, Dave Page

Frontier College's website also contains the following documents:

- ❖ Tips on reading with your baby
- ❖ Tips for reading with children
- ❖ Children as reading partners
- ❖ Reading Circle – How to start your own Reading Circle
- ❖ Choosing books for your Reading Circle
- ❖ Recommended children's books
- ❖ Recommended family literacy materials

Organization: Laubach Literacy of Canada
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New Readers Bookstore

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MISSION:

As a national charitable organization Laubach Literacy of Canada works to improve basic literacy skills to meet changing Canadian needs.

Laubach Literacy of Canada has two prevention programs, both of which operate in Quebec:

1. Peer Youth Tutoring

In this program, young people with weak literacy skills are matched with peers who volunteer time and energy as Laubach tutors. Volunteers receive training in a 12-hour workshop based on Laubach's flexible, accessible and individualized EACH ONE TEACH ONE method.

There are Peer Youth Tutor Clubs across Canada, including the Yamaska Literacy Council's Peer Youth Tutor Club in Quebec.

A Guide to Setting Up a Peer Youth Tutor Club is available from LLC's National Development Office. It provides guidelines for establishing peer youth tutoring programs.

There is a supplementary training guide entitled **Learning Together: Youth Helping Youth** which is available from New Readers Bookstore.

2. Creating a Learning Culture in the Home

Laubach Literacy of Canada developed a prevention program aimed at helping parents and caregivers of children 0-7 years provide a positive learning culture for children. It consists of a series of three workshops:

ACCESS TO READING helps caregivers understand how children learn to read and shows them ways to help their children experience success. Activities include finger plays and action rhymes, choosing books and reading aloud.

READING TO WRITE, WRITING TO READ looks at how children learn to write and provides caregivers with practical ideas and activities to support and encourage their children's writing. Activities include reading and writing games, writing a family story and making fold-a-books.

BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM looks at how children develop healthy self-esteem and explores how parents can help by encouraging positive communication patterns.

Creating a Learning Culture in the Home Trainer's Manual is available from New Readers Bookstore.

Several of the literacy councils and individuals in Quebec deliver these workshops locally.

Organization: ***Movement for Canadian Literacy***

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MISSION:

The Movement for Canadian Literacy (MCL) is a national non-profit organization representing literacy coalitions, organizations and individuals from every province and territory. Our mission is to be a national voice for literacy for every Canadian.

The Movement for Canadian Literacy website offers web links by subject. Several websites are listed as links under "Family and Early Literacy".



Organization: National Adult Literacy Database Inc.

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MISSION:

The National Adult Literacy Database Inc. (NALD) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide an information network, in both official languages, to support the Canadian literacy community – adult learners, practitioners, organizations and governments.

As Canada's literacy information network, NALD has an extensive selection of information including resources in the area of prevention. (Keyword: "family literacy".)

Five main categories:

- ❖ Literacy Collection
- ❖ Full Text Documents
- ❖ Access to Data
- ❖ Resource Catalogue
- ❖ Links to Internet Resources: "Family Literacy", sub-headings include:
 - ❖ Organizations
 - ❖ Resources for Facilitators
 - ❖ Resources for Children and Young Adults
 - ❖ Social Policy
 - ❖ Theory and Concepts
 - ❖ Tools

Websites

- ◆ Organizations:
 - Quebec
 - Canadian
 - American
 - International

- ◆ Programs

- ◆ Activities

- ◆ Media

- ◆ Research/Resources

- ◆ Testimonial Stories



Organizations - Quebec

LLC-Q/LVA Councils and Other Community-Based Organizations

Council	Website Address
The Learning Exchange	www.nald.ca/thelearningexchange
Literacy Unlimited	www.literacyunlimited.ca
Quebec City Reading Council	www.qcrc.org
RECLAIM	www.reclaimabc.ca
Western Quebec Literacy Council (WQLC)	www.ncf.ca/wqlc
Yamaska Literacy Council (YLC)	www.nald.ca/ylc
Community-Based Programs	Website Address
Bishops Students for Literacy	www.frontiercollege.ca/english/programs/campus/que/bishops.htm
McGill Students for Literacy	http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/literacy
Concordia Students for Literacy	www.frontiercollege.ca/english/programs/campus/que/concord.htm
Provincial Organizations	Website Address
The Centre for Literacy of Quebec	www.nald.ca/litcent.htm
Espace Alpha	www.alpha.cdeacf.ca
The Gazette: Gazette-in-Education (GIE)	www.canada.com/montreal/montrealgazette/gie/index.html
The Gazette: Raise-A-Reader	www.canada.com/national/features/raiseareader/montreal.html
Laubach Literacy of Canada- Quebec/Literacy Volunteers of Quebec	www.nald.ca/lvq.htm
Learning Associates of Montreal	www.learningassociatesofmontreal.org/
Learning Disabilities Association of Quebec	www.aqeta.qc.ca
Literacy Partners of Quebec	www.nald.ca/lpq.htm
The Literacy Foundation	www.fqa.qc.ca/index.php
Quebec English Literacy Alliance	www.qela.qc.ca
Quebec English School Boards Association	www.qesba.qc.ca
Quebec English School Network RÉCIT (QESN)	www.recit-edumatic.qc.ca/english/index.asp
Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc.	www.qfhsa.org
Quebec Literacy Working Group	www.nald.ca/qlwg.htm

Organizations – Quebec cont. →



Organizations – Quebec cont.

Quebec English School Boards

School Board	Website Address
Central Quebec School Board	www.cqsb.qc.ca
Eastern Shores School Board	www.essb.qc.ca
Eastern Townships School Board	www.etsb.qc.ca
English Montreal School Board	www.emsb.qc.ca
Kativik School Board	www.kativik.qc.ca
Lester B. Pearson School Board	www.pearsonskills.com
Littoral School Board	www.csdulittoral.qc.ca
New Frontiers School Board – Nova Career Education Centre	www.csnewfrontiers.qc.ca www.novacareer.com
Riverside School Board Continuing Education	www.rsb.qc.ca/Mainframe.html
Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board	www.swlauriersb.qc.ca
Western Quebec School Board	www.wqsb.qc.ca

Libraries

Library	Website Address
Fraser-Hickson Library	www.fraserhickson.qc.ca
Montreal Children's Library	www.mcl-bjm.ca
Norman Berman Children's Library (Jewish Public Library)	www.jewishpubliclibrary.org/childrens/index.html



Organizations - Canadian

Organization	Website Address	Description
ABC CANADA	http://www.abc-canada.org	A not-for-profit organization which promotes children's literature and literacy across all ages.
Ben Wicks	www.benwicks.com	Ben Wicks' popular reading series <i>Born to Read</i> is now free and online at this website.
Canada's School Net	www.schoolnet.ca	Links to over 7,000 educational websites, links for teachers, students and parents.
Canadian Association of Family Resource Programs	www.frp.ca	A listing and description of organizations involved in the well-being of those who care for children and families.
Canadian Home and School Federation	www.canadianhomeandschool.com	Website for Canadian Home and School Federation.
Canadian Library Association	www.cla.ca/issues/literacy_in_public_libraries.pdf	The Canadian Library Association offers examples of library-based literacy programs drawn from six communities of different size and social composition.
Centre AlphaPlus Centre	http://alphaplus.ca	An organization specializing in information and resources dealing with adult literacy.
Centre for Family Literacy	www.familit.ca	An organization which runs literacy programs, distributes information and provides training in support of family literacy.
Child & Family Canada	www.cfc-efc.ca	A unique public education website. Fifty Canadian non-profit organizations have come together under the banner of Child & Family Canada to provide quality, credible resources on children and families on an easy-to-navigate website.
Children's Book Council (CBC)	www.cbcbooks.org	A not-for-profit organization which supports children's literature and its many applications.

Organizations – Canadian cont. →



Organizations - Canadian cont.

Organization	Website Address	Description
Concerned Children's Advertisers	www.cca-kids.ca	From the Concerned Children's Advertisers this site provides tips on how children can be media savvy and street smart.
Fédération Canadienne pour L'Alphabétisation en Français (FCAF)	www.fcaf.net	Website for FCAF.
Early Learning Canada	www.elc-apec.ca/home_en.htm	Family literacy/healthy child development program designed for parents and other adults working with young children from birth to age 6 and their families. Uses a train-the-trainer model based on community development principles.
Frontier College	www.frontiercollege.ca	Frontier College website.
Hanen Centre (The)	www.hanen.org	A Canadian charitable organization that helps young children with or at risk for language delays.
IBM Canada K-12 Education	www.can.ibm.com/k12/about.html	IBM Canada K-12 Education is committed to responding to the needs of elementary and secondary school students and teachers.
Invest in Kids Foundation	www.investinkids.ca	National, charitable organization dedicated to ensuring the healthy social, emotional and intellectual development of children from birth to age five. Recommends books, magazine, videos and websites for parents and children.
Laubach Literacy of Canada	www.laubach.ca	A national organization that trains volunteers as literacy tutors.
Movement for Canadian Literacy	www.literacy.ca	MCL website.
National Adult Literacy Database Inc.	www.nald.ca	An information network in both official languages, to support the Canadian literacy community.
National Literacy Secretariat	www.nald.ca/nls.htm	Website of the National Literacy Secretariat.
World Literacy of Canada	www.worldlit.ca	World Literacy of Canada website.



Organizations - American

Organization	Website Address	Description
Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy (The)	www.barbarabushfoundation.com	An organization which develops and supports programs in which children and parents read and learn together.
Family Literacy Foundation	www.read2kids.org	A not-for-profit organization which directs community literacy programs such as informational sessions and reading partnerships. Their mission is to facilitate supportive relationships for children through families and friends, reading aloud with them.
- Building Bridges with Books	www.read2kids.org/buildingbridges.htm	A program designed to benefit children of incarcerated parents.
- Reading Roots Program	www.read2kids.org/roots.htm	This program was created to educate parents/caregivers about the importance of reading aloud with children in their preschool years.
- Uniting Through Reading	www.read2kids.org/uniting.htm	A program for military families that helps keep parents and children connected while separated during long deployments, through the medium of reading aloud on videotape.
- Youth Reading Role Models	www.read2kids.org/youth.htm	A program that empowers high school youth to transform their communities by volunteering to read aloud with pre-school children.
Head Start and Early Head Start	www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/hsb	Are comprehensive child development programs that have the overall goal of increasing the school readiness of young children in low-income families.
National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)	www.naeyc.org/default.htm	An organization devoted to maintaining quality education for the earliest stages of development.
National Center for Family Literacy	www.familit.org	Listing of family literacy projects and initiatives as well as links to publications, facts and other related sites.

Organizations – American cont. →



Organizations - American cont.

Organization	Website Address	Description
National EvenStart Association	www.evenstart.org	A holistic approach to family literacy. The purpose of EvenStart Family Literacy Program is to break the cycle of poverty and illiteracy by improving educational opportunities for families
Reading is Fundamental	www.rif.org	This site provides information for coordinators, educators and parents including on-line resources, booklists and tips and activity ideas to help motivate kids to read.



Organizations - International

Organization	Website Address	Description
International Reading Association	www.reading.org	U.S. national professional membership organization dedicated to promoting high levels of literacy for all.
Parents as Teachers	www.patnc.org	Parents as Teachers website.
ProLiteracy Worldwide	www.proliteracy.org	ProLiteracy Worldwide website.

Programs

Title	Website Address	Description
Book Bridges	www.nald.ca/CLR/BookBridges/covers.htm	A family literacy program: handbook for instructors. "Book Bridges is a community-based family literacy program that offers direct service to adults and indirect service to children." This site included Book 1 on writing and Book 2 on reading.
Building the Fire: Aboriginal Family Literacy	http://www.nald.ca/CLR/FIRE_REP/Fire_rep.htm	A description and analysis of a family literacy program developed for the Aboriginal community at the Lloydminster Native Friendship Centre.
Family Literacy Programs: Getting Started (Kent State University)	http://literacy.kent.edu/Oasis/Pubs/0200-5.htm	This site includes a list of tips from a number of programs that have been implemented.
Literacy and Parenting Skills (LAPS)	www.nald.ca/laps	Training series designed to assist learners improve their literacy and parenting skills and encourage literacy development in children.
Parenting for a Literacy Community	www.unbf.ca/education/ecc/plc/index2.htm	Project focuses upon enhancing the literacies of preschool children and their families. Eight booklets and a video offer guidance in implementing the program.
Parents Assist Learning and Schooling (PALS)	http://cap-pac.ic.gc.ca/chsptf/education/parents.htm	A series of 12 workshops to teach parents how to be involved in children's education.
Storysacksprogram	www.storysacks.nald.ca	A story sack includes activities to bring reading to life. A national program.
Zero to Three	www.zerotothree.org	A not-for-profit organization whose aim is to promote the healthy development of children from birth to age three.

Activities

Activity / Title	Website Address	Description
A Love of Books is a Gift for Life (Booktrust)	www.bookstart.co.uk/parents/downloads/english.pdf	Suggested activities to share books with your baby.
Activities (The Literacy Center)	www.literacycenter.net	Suggested level - preschool to grade 2. A series of literacy activities for young learners, including uppercase/lowercase letters, shapes, words, numbers, keyboarding and writing.
Algebra Games (Kids Math)	www.kidsmath.com	Suggested level – grades 3 to 6. Games to practice factors, exponents, ratios and other mathematical functions.
Ask a Teacher	www.ilc.org	Children can obtain homework help in grammar, math and science and can contact an on-line teacher for further assistance.
BEDTIME-STORY (The Office)	www.the-office.com/bedtime-story	A resource for the busy business-parent. Travelling? Pull up a story on your computer and read it aloud over the phone.
Best Riot Grrrrl Reads (The Library Network)	www.tln.lib.mi.us	Suggested level – grades 7 to 12. Reviews of books geared towards adolescent girls.
Boy Meets Book (The Library Network)	http://tln.lib.mi.us/	Suggested level – grades 7 to 12. Book reviews aimed at an adolescent male audience.
Chateau Meddybemps	www.meddybemps.com	Suggested level – pre-school to grade 2. This site enables parents and teachers to help young children strengthen learning skills in unique and playful ways.
Children's Storybooks Online	www.magickeys.com	A collection of illustrated stories as well as colouring books, mazes, riddles and links to other storybooks.
Colouring	www.coloring.com	Pictures to colour.
Creative Kids	www.creativekids.ca	A site designed for kids, but with parents in mind.



Activities cont.

Activity / Title	Website Address	Description
Creative Writing for Teens	www.teenwriting.about.com/library/weekly/	Suggested level – grades 7 to 12. A comprehensive resource for teens who write. Teenagers interested in creative writing – whether poetry, fiction or non-fiction – will find the features and links on this site indispensable.
Education 4 Kids	http://www.edu4kids.com/msq/	A game in which you place numbers in a grid so that each row and column adds up to the number shown.
Education Blaster	http://www.education.com/blaster/BlasterMaster.html?CtrlFig=0	Interactive word puzzles geared towards primary-aged students.
Education Place	www.eduplace.com	Resources for children, parents and teachers in topics such as math, reading, science and social studies, as well as fun for the whole family.
Family Education Network	www.familyeducation.com	
Family Literacy Educational Resources	www.nald.ca/internetresources	An extensive listing of links to on-line books as well as children and parent resources.
Family Literacy Guide (Nunavut Literacy Council)	www.polarnet.ca/literacy/family.html	Extensive suggestions for family literacy programs and activities.
Family Literacy: How to Kits (Northwest Territories Literacy Council)	www.nwt.literacy.ca/familit/howtokit/menu.htm	1-2-3 rhyme with me; Community book swap; Family reading party; Games night; Literacy treasure hunt; Pyjamas and books party; Reading circles and story extenders; Scattergories; Storytime on the radio; Family literacy activities night; etc.
Family Literacy Things to Do (Prince Edward Island Literacy Alliance)	www.pei.literacy.ca/thingsto/cover.htm	Raising readers – includes fingerplays, spelling activities and reading activities using the newspaper.
Family Literacy: Winter Fun (Ohio Literacy Resource Center)	http://literacy.kent.edu/Oasis/Pubs/WinterActivity.pdf	Learning activities related to children's literature and winter.



Activities cont.

Activity / Title	Website Address	Description
Family Math Fun Pack (Ohio Literacy Resource Center; Midwest LINCS)	http://literacy.kent.edu/Oasis/Pubs/MathFunPack.pdf	Math activities that families can do with their children. Each involves counting, sorting, measuring and money. Combines math activities with children's literature.
Figure This! Math Challenges for Families (National Council of Teachers of Mathematics)	www.figurethis.org/	A collection of "challenges" aimed at middle-school students getting help at home with math.
FunBrain	www.funbrain.com	A learning network for children, parents and teachers that includes interactive educational games for children, as well as tips and tools for teachers and parents.
Hillendale Elementary School	http://hes.ucf.k12.pa.us/fun/powermem/welcome.html	A timed memory game – find pairs of matching pictures.
HomeworkSpot	www.homeworkspot.com	This site is a free homework information portal that features the very best K-12 homework-related sites together with engaging editorial in one high-utility, educational spot. With the help of students, parents and teachers our team of educators, librarians and journalists has scoured the Web to bring you the best resources for English, math, science, history, art, music, technology, foreign language, college prep, health, life skills, extracurricular activities and much more. The site has organized these resources into grade-appropriate categories for elementary, middle and high school.
Internet Public Library (The)	www.ipl.org/div/teen www.ipl.org/div/kidspace	A site in which you can locate books on nearly any topic.
Kids on the Web (The)	http://www.zen.org/~brendan/kids-homework.html	Homework tools including encyclopedias, dictionaries, thesaurus, etc.



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Knowledge Probe Inc.	www.kprobe.com	Educational word games and math puzzles for ALL ages.
Ladders to Learning	www.ladderstolearning.com	Reading Kits for Kids
Learning Ladder II	http://learningladder.org/fccp/	A reading and writing curriculum for family child care providers, children and families.
Lil' Fingers	www.lil-fingers.com	A storybook site for toddlers.
Mother's Home The Activity Cupboard	www.mothers-home.com/activities/sheri2.htm	Instructions on how to make crafts and craft ideas.
Nursery Rhymes	www.enchantedlearning.com/Rhymes.htm	Nursery Rhymes
Nursery Rhymes for Early Literacy	http://curry.edschool.virginia.edu/go/wil/rimes_and_rhymes.htm#top	
Official Robert Munsch Website (The)	www.robertmunsch.com	Everything you wanted to know about Robert Munsch and his books. You can even listen to Bob read you one of his stories from the site.
Personal Educational Press	http://educationalpress.org/educationalpress/	Create free educational worksheets such as flashcards, game boards, quizzes.
Picture Dictionary	www.enchantedlearning.com/Dictionary.html	Suggested level – preschool to grade 2. A dictionary which uses both illustrations and written definitions.
Postal Planet	www.postalplanet.com	Canada Post activities for children and teens; resources for parents.
Puzzlemaker	http://puzzlemaker.school.discovery.com	Generates puzzles.
Reading a-z	www.readinga-z.com	A variety of resources including downloadable books, flash cards and lesson plans to help children become fluent readers.
Sharing Books With Your Baby or Toddler (Booktrust)	www.bookstart.co.uk/booktouch/sharing%20books%2012ppv22.pdf	General advice and ideas about enjoying reading with your blind or partially sighted child.
StarChild: The Solar System	http://starchild.gsfc.nasa.gov/docs/StarChild/	Suggested level – grades 3 to 6. An explanation of what the solar system is and how it works.

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Word Central	www.wordcentral.com	Children learn new vocabulary while visiting different rooms in this interactive school.
Word Monster Comic Book	www.nald.ca/wordmonster/comboobook/index.htm	Word Monster, the family literacy mascot of the Prince Edward Island Literacy Alliance, takes readers on adventures with reading.



Media

Magazine Title	Website Address	Description
Canadian Parents Online	www.canadianparents.com	A resource for parents on a variety of parenting issues, including tips on encouraging children to read.
CBC Kids	www.cbc.ca/kids/	Activities for pre-school kids, school age kids and teens.
Discovery Kids	www.discoverykids.ca/main.asp	Science website for kids.
Little Planet Times	www.littleplanettimes.com	Suggested level – grades 3 to 6. A magazine for kids featuring a variety of sections, including letters to the editor, entertainment, creative writing and school spotlight.
Owl Magazine	www.owlkids.com/owl/	A fun site for kids where they can test their brainpower with word games, crossword puzzles and brainteasers.
Parents and Children Together Online: A magazine for parents and children on the Worldwide Web	http://reading.indiana.edu/www/indexfr.html	"The magazine's goal is to further the cause of family literacy by bringing parents and children together through the magic of reading." Each issue features articles for children and articles for parents and teachers.
Parents of Multiples Across Canada	www.mom2many.com	A resource for moms of multiples across Canada on a variety of parenting issues.
Today's Parent On-line	www.todayparent.com	A great resource for parents with children of all ages. This site features tips on behaviour and development, education and life as a parent.



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Collaboration in Adult ESL and Family Literacy Education	www.cal.org/ncle/digests/schlessm.htm	"...discusses the distinctions among cooperation, coordination, and collaboration; presents a framework for collaboration; reports on uses of technology for collaboration; and explores ethical considerations, evaluation concerns, and policy issues."
Family and Intergenerational Literacy in Multilingual Communities.	www.cal.org/ncle/digests/FamLit2.HTM	"This Q&A reviews selected research, current policies, goals, models for program design and curriculum approaches in intergenerational literacy work. It concludes with a discussion of promising practices in family literacy efforts."
Family Literacy and Childcare (READ Saskatoon)	www.nald.ca/CLR/Flac/flac.pdf	Suggestions on how to incorporate family literacy activities in childcare programs.
Family Literacy: Directions in Research and Implications for Practice: January 1996: Summary and papers of a national symposium	www.ed.gov/pubs/FamLit/index.html	Information and research on family literacy.
Family Literacy Directory	www.nald.ca/famlit/search.htm	A comprehensive database with contact information about family literacy projects across Canada.
Family Literacy Frequently Asked Questions	www.lindr.on.ca/literacy/faq.htm	Introduction to family literacy and family literacy services.
Family Literacy in Canada: Profiles of Effective Practices	www.nald.ca/fulltext/family/famlit/cover.htm	Sample of family literacy programs that represents the range of family literacy approaches in different communities across Canada.
Family Literacy Programs: Creating a Fit with Families of Children with Disabilities	www.ed.gov/pubs/FamLit/create.html	A research paper examining how family literacy programs can be designed to adapt to families with children with disabilities.
Family Literacy Programs: Who Benefits?	http://literacy.kent.edu/Oasis/Pubs/WhoBenefits2003.pdf	Children benefit from family literacy programs – Parents benefit from family literacy programs – Families benefit from family literacy programs.



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Family Literacy Resource Notebook	http://literacy.kent.edu/Oasis/famliitn/otebook/	Notebook provides information on those new to family literacy or for those practitioners who wish to enrich their family literacy programs.
Four Components of Family Literacy Programs	http://wvabe.org/wvfli/four_components.html	Based on the Kenan Family Literacy Project, and through demonstration family literacy programs National Center for Family Literacy (NCFL) has defined the essential elements of effective family literacy programs into four components.
Help Your Children to Learn: A Guide to Supporting Reading for parents of Primary School Children	www.parentcentre.gov.uk/linkAttachments/Reading%20Primary.pdf	Ideas in the leaflet have been developed by parents and can be used with, or adapted for, both primary and secondary age children and young people. Each section is divided into: Instant Ideas, Try Making Time To, and What Should I Know.
Literacy Tips for Children	http://literacy.kent.edu/Oasis/Pubs/child_lit_tips.pdf	Lists for different age groups that can be used in family literacy programs. Each list contains developmental milestones, suggested books, and a list to world wide websites that contain research-based information for parents.
Making Literacy Part of Every Day in Child Care (Canadian Child Care Federation)	www.cfc-efc.ca/docs/cccf/00000104.htm	This document outlines activities child care workers can use to foster the development of literacy in pre-school children.
Multicultural Books in Family Literacy Programs	http://literacy.kent.edu/Oasis/Pubs/0300-7.htm	"The purpose of this [paper] is to focus on multicultural picture books from two groups that are well represented in Ohio: African-Americans and Appalachians."
Online Courses (Verizon Literacy University)	www.vluonline.org/course/	Online courses for potential volunteers, existing volunteers, program directors and staff. The types of courses offered are self-paced, instructor-led or blended learning.
Parents as Partners in Reading (Canadian Child Care Federation)	www.cfc-efc.ca/docs/cccf/rs002_en.htm	A sheet of tips on how to encourage literacy.



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Principles for Reading to Deaf Children (Gallaudet University, Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center)	http://clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/literacy/srp/15princ.html	A thorough examination of the principles of reading to deaf children, with references.
PRINTS Family Literacy Network	www.nald.ca/prints/Research/1.htm	An independent voluntary organization dedicated to promoting literacy development. Research project on the nature and effectiveness of a family literacy program; parents' roles interacting with teacher support.
Reading to Deaf Children, Learning From Deaf Adults (Gallaudet University, Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center)	http://clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/Literacy/srp/r2dc.html	Provides basic information about the Reading to Deaf Children, Learning From Deaf Adults workshops based on 15 principles for reading with deaf and hard-of-hearing children.
ReadWriteThink	www.readwritethink.org	Reading/language teaching resources. Partnership between IRA and National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) and Marco Polo Education Foundation.
Shared Reading, Shared Success (Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center)	http://clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/Literacy/srp/shared.html	Introduction to the Shared Reading Program, "designed to teach parents and other caregivers how to read to their deaf children using American Sign Language and how to use strategies to make book sharing most effective."
Up2us.com	www.up2us.ca	Activities provide computer-based strategies for enhancing computer, literacy and play activities of adults and their children.



Testimonial Stories

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Family Literacy: The Journey to Success – Stories of Courage, Stories of Change	www.familit.org/Publications/JourneytoSuccess/index.cfm	“Through the stories of families whose lives were once limited by poverty, low skills, and unemployment this booklet shares individual journeys to success.”