



Literacy Is For Everyone

The Adult Literacy Council of Greater Fort Erie

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Our newsletter has been revised. From now on as much as possible the newsletter will be made up of submissions from the learners and volunteers. If you would like to submit an article or picture to the newsletter please email kerilynn@literacyforterie.ca

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Mittens & Books - 1,968 Items Donated!

The Mittens & Books campaign is done in partnership with the Fort Erie Public Library. All requests from the 9 community agencies were accommodated in full. Every child that was on the agencies' lists received a new, age-appropriate books and winter wear accessories. The donations this year exceeded previous years: 1,968 items were collected and donated to children. Thank you to all the area companies that participated and to all of the people who donated!



Coats for Kids Served 42 Children of Greater Fort Erie!



Once again The Adult Literacy Council of Greater Fort Erie partnered with the Buffalo & Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority (PBA) to provide new coats and boots to children in need in the Greater Fort Erie community. Through the generous donation of the PBA the volunteers and staff of The Adult Literacy Council worked with 7 community agencies to provide 42 children with new winter outerwear. A special thank you to the Buffalo & Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority.

Short Story and Poetry Contest and the Winners are...

Sejong the Great: A Person I Respect Submitted by Huido Yu

Sejong the Great, who was the fourth King of the Chosen people of Korea was born in 1397. He did a lot of great works after he ascended the throne in 1418 when he was 21 years old.

He is known for his many inventions which include a rain gauge, striking water clocks, and a sundial. Of great importance he created Hangul which is the native phonemic alphabet system for the Korean language. It is one of the greatest works he did. He made Hangul for the illiterate people because he loved his people indeed. At that time only the wealthy upper class knew how to communicate in writing. They used the Chinese script. They thought Hangul was not good because the Hangul alphabet allows all classes of people to write and read. However, over the years Hangul spread throughout Korea and today is the accepted alphabet used by Korean people. Hangul has also been evaluated as a scientific language.

I am a proud Korean who has the Korean language, not another language. For his great contributions to all the Korean people, I think Sejong the Great was the greatest person in Korean history, and I respect him.



*(Huido has since moved out of the province.
He is wished well in all of his future endeavors!)*

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a dedicated volunteer-driven registered charity that promotes literacy and actively empowers adult learning partnerships for personal enrichment in the Greater Fort Erie community.

My Story (An Excerpt)**Submitted by Ngalula Ntumba**

My name is Ngalula Ntumba and I am from Kishasa, Congo Dr. When I was in Grade 5, my mother passed away and it was my father's responsibility to raise me. My father's family wanted to raise me, but my father said no, that it was too hard for someone else to raise me. When I turned 15, I married and had nine children with my husband. My husband started to have problems with the new government because he had been working with the former President of Congo. The new government took my husband and put him in jail for a very long time. Then one of my husband's friends bought me a ticket to come to Canada.

I came to Canada in May 2004. I had to leave all of my children, my husband, and everything that was familiar to me and start life over again. I did not know how to speak, read, or write in English, so life was very difficult at the beginning. I was very sick at the time. I had problems with my heart, my knees and blood pressure. I would also talk to myself a lot, like a confused person. It was during this time that I met Jim McNair at a party for my friend Daiva. Jim worked at Matthew House in Fort Erie. He was very nice to me and asked me where I was from. When I told him that I was from the Congo, he asked me where I was living. I told him that I was staying at Casa El Norte. He then introduced me to another lady from Congo who was named Tommy. After we were introduced, Jim asked me to come to the Baptist Church and arranged to pick me up each Sunday. I started going to the Baptist Church in July 2004. After I started at church, Jim asked me if he could introduce me to someone who could teach me to speak, read and write English. I said yes and he introduced me to Maria, who worked at the library.

After meeting Maria, she introduced me to Sue, my new teacher. Sue started to teach me to write, to talk, and to read English for almost one year. After Sue stopped teaching me, Maria introduced me to Peter, who was from Ridgeway. After finishing my year with Peter, Maria invited me to speak at the library. Once I had done this, I began working with computers for a while, and then introduced me to another teacher, named Carmel. Carmen began teaching me to write in book 3. Now, I would like to say thank you to Maria for taking care of me, for introducing me to all of my teachers, and for taking time to make sure I learned to speak, read, write, and understand the computer.

God bless each of you and please continue to help others as you have helped me.

A Holiday that is Special for my Family**Submitted by : Iori Hongo McCooey**

End of the year day to New Year Day is a special holiday for my family.

I and my younger brother go to our parent's house. Then have dinner - "Nabe". The Nabe is Japanese traditional dish. Big pan and stove put on the table and add in soup to pan, then some vegetables, meats and seafood put in soup. After dinner, we are drinking, chatting and watching TV. We eat "Toshikoshi soba" before midnight while we hearing drumming bells sound somewhere temple for TV.

We say "A-ke-ma-shi-te-o-me-de-you" when in over midnight.

That means "A Happy New Year"



If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant.

Winter is the time for comfort - it is the time for home.



February is merely as long as is needed to pass the time until March.

Something to Think About - *If you aim at nothing, you will hit it!*

Puzzle Time

Can you find the hidden words? Each word ends with the letter H. The words may be horizontal or vertical.

D	R	N	G	D	T	E	N	O	U	G	H	V
A	P	E	A	C	H	F	R	E	S	H	J	M
M	O	N	T	H	V	I	S	M	O	O	T	H
B	W	N	S	E	A	N	O	V	B	Y	C	P
E	A	R	T	H	N	I	L	Z	D	I	S	H
A	T	L	O	M	I	S	M	Y	T	H	C	T
C	C	E	M	D	S	H	L	D	J	I	R	O
H	H	N	A	U	H	N	A	E	M	G	A	U
V	V	G	C	W	R	R	R	P	B	H	T	C
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| ARCH | MONTH |
| BATH | MYTH |
| BEACH | PEACH |
| DEPTH | RICH |
| DISH | ROUGH |
| EACH | SCRATCH |
| EARTH | SMOOTH |
| ENOUGH | STOMACH |
| FINISH | TOUCH |
| FRESH | VANISH |
| HIGH | WASH |
| LENGTH | WATCH |
| MARCH | |

2010 Membership

\$15.00 per year provides the opportunity to vote at the Annual General Meeting and discounts at participating businesses in the Greater Fort Erie area
 For more information please email kerilynn@literacyforerie.ca or call 905-871-6626

Upcoming Events

GED Math Small Group

Tuesday, January 19 – Tuesday, March 23
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

GED Essay Writing Small Group

Thursday, January 21 – Thursday, March 25
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Call 905-871-9621 to speak with Maria for more information.

Tutor Training

Saturday, March 6th 9:00 am – 4:15 pm
Tuesday, March 9th 6:00 pm – 9:15 pm
Thursday, March 11th 6:00 pm – 9:15 pm

Cost of \$35.00 for registration. Cost covers all materials and 1 year membership fee for The Adult Literacy Council of Greater Fort Erie.

Call 905-871-6626 for registration information.

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, April 13th, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Centennial Branch, FEPL

Please make sure to have your membership up to date!

Membership fee of \$15.00 per year

Call 905-871-6626 for more information

Ongoing Registration

Please note that there is ongoing registration for all programs related to adult learning needs.

For more information call 905-871-9261 or email Maria at maria@literacyforerie.ca.

Volunteer Involvement

If you would like to volunteer and assist with promoting literacy and actively empowering adult learning partnerships please call 905-871-6626 or email Keri-Lynn at kerilynn@literacyforerie.ca.

**BE
BEE**

SPELLING BEE

**BE PART OF A BEE
@ YOUR LIBRARY!**

Bees are cool... bees are in!

Be part of a bee by signing up at any branch of the Fort Erie Public Library.

There are three levels of competition:
grades 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8.

Registration deadline:
Monday, January 25 at 9 pm

Word lists are available online or on registering.


**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27
6:30 PM AT CENTENNIAL**

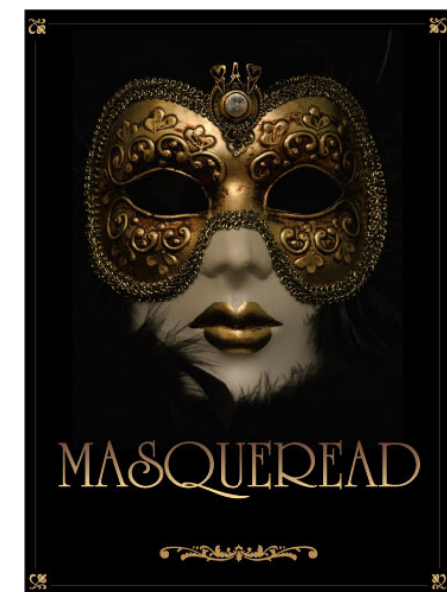
A CELEBRITY SPELL STARTS THE FUN ...
PLAN TO BE THERE AND CHEER THEM ON!

Parents, siblings, teachers and friends are welcome to attend.
Tickets and refreshments are available.
Prizes will be given.
Bees are free ... so they're freebies!

For more information contact:
Hazel Reinhart, Children's Services Coordinator
905 871-2546 ext 306 or hreinhart@forterie.library.on.ca
or Amy Roebuck, Adult Services Coordinator
ext 309 or aroebuck@forterie.library.on.ca

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The Black White & **READ** Gala, MASQUERADE

Saturday, April 10, 2010

5:30 PM to Midnight

Leisureplex Banquet Hall

Individual Tickets, \$90.00

(\$50 tax receipt)

Tickets go on sale February 10, 2010

Tickets & Information: 905-871-0605

Please check the ALC website for upcoming events at www.literacyforerie.ca