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ENEWS

This is the first edition of our monthly ENEWS. NEWS from The Centre will continue quarterly for at least the next six months while we assess whether we will communicate exclusively on line. Please let us know if you would like to continue to receive a print newsletter.

FALL INSTITUTE 2011; IALS – An Impressive Roster of International Experts (October 23 – 25, 2011 in Banff, AB)

Only 20 spaces left



The list of international experts participating in our Fall Institute 2011 keeps growing. The latest additions include:

- Andreas Schleicher, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). He is responsible for directing the OECD Programme for International Student Assessment and Steering the development of new projects.
- Ron Pugsley, Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE), US Department of Education. He has developed and initiated development of several national initiatives to increase access to literacy services in the US and internationally.
- Sue Southwood, National Institute of Adult Continuing Education (NIACE) UK. She has extensive experience in workplace basic skills education.
- John Strucker, World Education, Inc. He has taught a laboratory practicum course and has served as a consultant in adult literacy and teacher education for many national organizations.
- Juliette Mendelovits, Australian Council for Educational Research. Her work focuses mainly on literacy and humanities test development.
- Ralph St. Clair, University of Glasgow. His basic interest remains the social equity implications of adult and continuing education.

They join an already impressive list of international and Canadian experts including Greg Brooks, John Vorhaus, Steve Reder, Egil Gabrielson and Kjell Rubenson. Banff, Alberta, from October 23 – 25, 2011.

Check our web site for more details. AND register soon.

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

An astronaut and an author celebrate literacy

On September 8, 2011, International Literacy Day, The Centre and the Montreal Children's Hospital hosted a celebratory event with author Roch Carrier (*The Hockey Sweater*) and Canadian Astronaut Robert Thirsk. Dr. Thirsk took a copy of *The Hockey Sweater* when he spent six months on the international space station in 2009. Both men

shared stories about the love of books and reading that marked their childhood and shaped their careers. They entranced the audience of young and old. The Roch Carrier Reading Corner/Coin de lecture at the Montreal Children's was dedicated as part of the Lire/Imagine/Read literacy promotion project. The event drew extensive media coverage. See our web site for links to news articles and radio and television clips and a photo gallery. www.centreforliteracy.qc.ca.

RESEARCH SCANS

Our staff monitors LES research activities and publishes descriptive monthly research scans to inform our partners, stakeholders and the general public about the latest initiatives and publications on literacy and essentials skills and competencies, in Canada and abroad. The most recent will be up on September 26.

<http://www.centreforliteracy.qc.ca/node/1405>

RESEARCH SUMMARIES

As part of the Understanding the Literacy and Family Needs of Anglophone Adults in Quebec project, The Centre has reviewed many research publications and selected twenty to create research summaries for each. They are based on currency, uniqueness of findings and scope. These summaries are available on our website at:

<http://www.centreforliteracy.qc.ca/node/1406>

WRITERS IN THE COMMUNITY (WIC)

The Centre for Literacy, in collaboration with the Quebec Writers' Federation, offers and tracks the outcomes of writing workshop for Montreal adolescents and young adults excluded from the mainstream. WIC recently implemented a formal recruitment process to extend their roster of facilitators. Having hired three new artists with diverse skills and experience, they are offering an expanded WIC program this fall;; seven projects in five venues, two of them with new community partners. Another exciting development: WIC plans to hire a former student participant as an intern in his former school this fall. [link](#).

MEASURES OF SUCCESS.

This research project is intended to measure the long-term outcomes of WLES programs through examining workplace learning initiatives in Nova Scotia and Manitoba. At the 2011 Summer Institute in Montreal, project team members described the project's research framework. The project has been designed to capture changes to the worksites, using measures of productivity, efficiency, absenteeism, retention, and morale, as well as changes to the learners, using measures of human capital, social capital, self-confidence, and practices inside and outside the worksite.

INSTITUTE

Our institute page has been completely redesigned. You will find the learning events/summer institutes which The Centre has organized and hosted since 2000. The

pages now allow for easier access to information regarding papers and presentations, photos and more.

Planning for Summer Institute 2012 will begin soon. Check our website for the date, and topic to be announced in November.

<http://www.centreforliteracy.qc.ca/learningevents/institutes>

FRIENDS

Our annual Friends campaign is underway to support our ongoing projects which are not funded through our main funding agreements. Your donations will allow us to continue to support the *Lire/Image/Read* at the Montreal Children's, Health Literacy Projects and HIPPY.