



# The Centre for Literacy

## Le centre d'alphabétisation

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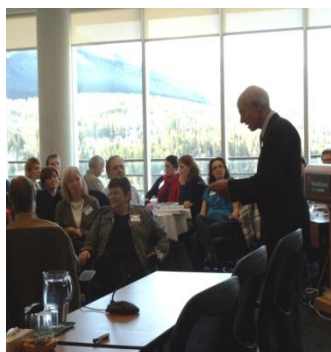
#### FALL INSTITUTE 2011: IALS

[Background papers](#) and [six IALS country stories](#) have been posted to the web along with a revised [glossary of survey-related terms](#), and some [questions and answers about large-scale testing](#). More [presentations](#) will go up the beginning of November.

#### Feedback from participants

Some credit to the glorious mountains and amazing Banff Centre

Jim Olver welcomes  
participants on behalf of the  
Banff Centre



“It was our privilege to work with you and your Centre for this event. I am in awe of the knowledge and international connections you have in the field. This event simply would not have happened in any way like it did without you and what you brought to it. I came away with being very impressed with the excellent approach you have developed to holding an institute. It continues to be the best way of doing this kind of thing I have seen. “

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#### SUMMER INSTITUTE 2012

[Summer Institute 2012 Further issues on Workplace LES](#)

Planning for the next Summer Institute has begun. The dates are set – 27, 28, 29 June 2012. The place is Montreal in the Summer “Jazz Festival “ time. The focus will be on workplace literacy and essential skills, partners and themes to be announced in early December 2011. Check our website for more details as they arise.

## RESEARCH SCANS

This is the third installment of a monthly series of scans of current research on literacy and essential skills

[The LES Research Scan for October 2011](#)

## WRITERS' IN THE COMMUNITY (WIC)

[Writers' in the Community](#) is flourishing. After five years of continuous activity, the program has expanded. Two new partnerships have been formed with a rehabilitation centre and a community centre. A former student participant was hired as an intern to assist the facilitators in his former school while he engages in his own creative and professional development. The writer-facilitators are building a fund of specialized knowledge and ideas which they will share with other writers at a round table discussion in December 2011. The Centre is spearheading the design of research on outcomes and impacts. Check the [WIC web page](#) to view zines, videos and audios created by the young writers in the program.

## FAMILY LITERACY DAY

[The Centre will collaborate again with the Montreal Children's Hospital on the annual Family Literacy Day – January 27, 2012.](#) A Grand Rounds lecture to health professionals will kick off the day. Last year hundreds of families and staff stopped at our tables, thousands of books were given to children and information about literacy was given to parents.

## RAISE-A-READER

Raise-A-Reader (Quebec) has selected The Centre as one of the 2011 recipient organizations for the [Lire/Imagine/Read](#) project at [Montreal Children's Hospital](#). Funds will purchase books for the children and create literacy handouts for families on [Family Literacy Day](#). The Centre in collaboration with the Montreal Children's Hospital developed Lire/Imagine/Read to integrate literacy promotion and the love of reading into health care for children. It is adapted from [Reach Out and Read](#) in the U.S.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Centre is a national centre of expertise with national board representation. A seat on our board has become vacant and we are seeking a board member from outside of Quebec. Details on our nomination process can be found on our website <http://www.centreforliteracy.qc.ca/about/leadership>. Criteria for the new member will be posted later this month.

## FRIENDS

Our annual Friends campaign is coming to a close for 2012. Needs are great as funding shrinks on many fronts. If you have not yet donated or have end-of-year funds available, [please contribute before the end of the year](#). We use these funds to support all our community projects.