



2007 Lois Hole Learner Award

This award was presented to Linn Pascal for his outstanding commitment to his own learning and participation in the programs offered by the Centre for Family Literacy. Linn was labeled “slow” while growing up in Dominica, a small Caribbean island, because of his inability to learn to read. Fifteen years ago he moved to Canada and he was able to find a low paying job to help support himself and his wife. In July 2005 he decided to get help from the Centre for Family Literacy and joined their adult literacy program. This is where it was discovered Linn has had the added difficulty of dyslexia, which would explain his learning troubles growing up. He has found a way to overcome his dyslexia and focus on words so that they make sense. Three months into his program, Linn applied for and got a new, higher paying job. He was able to complete the application form without any help. He has also taken to reading the newspaper and has found a passion for search-a-word puzzles. Prior to starting his studies with the Centre for Family Literacy, Linn could not even read the grocery lists that his wife wrote for him. Now he can write them himself. Through the Centre’s programs Linn is beginning to see a whole new world open up for him, one where he can reach is true potential.



2007 Lois Hole Community Leadership Award

This award was presented to Dr. Ruth Hayden for her outstanding and ongoing commitment to family literacy in Alberta. Dr. Hayden was instrumental in the founding and funding for the Centre for Family Literacy and is an influential leader in the areas of emergent and family literacy. She has worked tirelessly to advance the cause of family literacy in Alberta. Traveling throughout Alberta, she provides a wide variety of training to front line workers across the province, giving them the knowledge and tools to help them incorporate family literacy into the work they do. Dr. Hayden has also helped the Centre develop numerous training manuals and workshops and has co-authored several Centre for Family Literacy resources for professionals across many sectors. Through her volunteer work with the Centre, Ruth has helped bring the joy and benefits of family literacy to hundreds of Albertans.