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## A MOVING EXPERIENCE

After months of planning and negotiating, we moved in July.

It's amazing how much we had accumulated over the years. But everyone chipped in to pack up their offices and then lend a hand to pack up the library and common areas.

Special thanks to all of our volunteers who came out and helped during the week prior to our move.

In just five hours on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, the movers had all of our furniture and boxes moved out of our old place and into our new home.

Our thanks to still more volunteers who helped us unpack, move furniture around, hang bulletin boards, and generally feel at home very quickly!

We now have an extra 2,500 square feet of extra space, not to mention freshly painted walls, and new carpets, and clean air!

We are also thrilled to have benefited in a big way from United Way's *Gifts in Kind* program. We were able to furnish our offices at a very low cost through their generous support. We also got some terrific new dividers for our tutoring space.

Feel welcome to drop by and take a look at our new digs over the next few weeks. The coffee pot will be on, and you can have a guided tour.



"Not even moving will stop me getting my job done!"  
Shirley Hill



Lyle volunteering his time in the library with



Maureen's new career in the



Volunteers Soon Nam, left, and Brenda,



UNESCO first celebrated International Literacy Day in 1967. In Canada, these celebrations took place at Expo '67 in Montreal.

In 1985, the Canadian government sponsored the declaration of the right to learn at UNESCO's Fourth International Literacy Year by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

1990 was proclaimed as International Literacy Year by the General Assembly of the United Nations.



# Literacy Works

## International Literacy Day

Friday, September 7, 2001

Everyone is welcome to join us in our **Literacy Works** celebration. Students, tutors, families, friends, and supporters are invited to City Hall at Sir Winston Churchill Square

From 12:00 (Noon) to 1:00pm

The program consists of:

- presentations from learners
- family literacy presentation
- Canada Post Literacy awards
- Government speakers
- student writing displays
- Master of Ceremonies, Lynda Steele

Coffee compliments of Starbucks on Calgary Trail  
Cake and light refreshments

### WHAT'S NEW!



The Foundational Training in Family Literacy that we developed for Alberta last year is now going country-wide! In October, 65 people from across the country will attend a Train-the-Trainer event in Pictou, Nova Scotia. Regional teams will be trained to deliver this Foundational Training to family literacy practitioners in all areas of the country.



We're sorry to be saying goodbye to Anne Force who is leaving her position as the Literacy COW bus Coordinator to take a position with Edmonton Public. Anne has been with us for five years in a variety of positions, and we wish her well in her new challenges.

## MAKING CONNECTIONS

“Making Connections,” the Centre’s summer conference, was held at NorQuest College August 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Over 60 people registered in this free conference for tutors, in-school mentors and other literacy workers.

They were treated to a fabulous humour workshop presented by Susan Sneath on Friday evening. On Saturday participants could choose from four choices in each of the three sessions. They took part in Brain Gym, Readers’ Theatre, and Writing Out Loud, as well as learning how to deal with difficult people and what is attention deficit disorder.



Participants had lots of fun in “Writing Out Loud” with Deborah Morgan



Brenda Robinson makes it sound like fun “Dealing With Difficult People”

A delicious lunch was provided by a cappella catering and the afternoon was wrapped up with a presentation by Alberta author, John McLay, who brought copies of his new “On Mountaintop Rock” book to give as door prizes.

Many thanks go to Edmonton Community Adult Learning Association for providing the funding for the conference, and to NorQuest College for providing the space. Thanks also to Starbucks for Saturday morning’s coffee and to The Distribution Centre of Edmonton Public School Board for providing pens, papers and rulers.

Evaluations were so positive that we may have to make this the first annual conference,



Left: “Reader’s Theatre” – How to make it interesting for adult and children learners with Theone Adachi



Left: Susan Sneath kicks off the Conference with a hilarious “Humour Workshop”



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Ann Wylie  
Books for Babies  
Joanne Morgan  
Librarian

## MODELS TRAINING

In the week of August 20<sup>th</sup>, we held a four-day provincial training event in Edmonton. Training in six different family literacy models was offered to about 60 literacy practitioners from across the province.

The Models offered were Books for Babies, Rhymes that Bind, Books Offer Our Kids Success, PAL, Building Blocks, and Storysacks. Literacy and Parenting Skills (LAPS) will also be offered later in September as part of this event.

Participants rated the training highly and we received many positive comments:

- *Really enjoyed the course.*
- *Thanks for all the work and preparation that went into this – love it.*
- *Great job! I loved it all.*
- *The whole thing was just excellent!*
- *Wonderful Job!*
- *Lots of info that I will use. “Meat and potatoes” stuff!*

Participants will now go back to their own communities –from Pincher Creek to La Crete, from Vermillion to Edson—to deliver these programs to families.

### NOTE OUR NEW ADDRESS!

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## Office hours

Monday & Tuesday  
Wednesday & Thursday  
Friday

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
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## Labour Day

Monday, September 3, 2001  
Our offices will be closed

Please call the office for Tutor Training dates as well as starting dates for family literacy programs.

Phone: 421-7323



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