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PARENT CHILD LITERACY STRATEGY

The Centre for Family Literacy is moving ahead with a number of services that will support family literacy programs around the province. Alberta Learning is providing funding for these activities under the "Parent-Child Literacy Strategy" (PCLS).

There are five areas that we will be providing services in. The first is public awareness. A package including a family literacy video, an information package, and a PowerPoint presentation will be created and made available to family literacy programs around the province. We will also be doing some work to look at what evaluation methods are currently being used, as well as other things programs need to support evaluation work.

A set of good practice statements was created by a committee of family literacy workers a few years ago. The funding from PCLS will allow us to finalize those statements, publish them, and distribute them to programs.

A number of activities will take place to provide support to organizations around the province. The Centre will work with Children's Services' "Home Visitation Program" to deliver family literacy training to their workers, and to help them evaluate four pilot programs. We will also be developing recruitment strategies to help reach families and bring them into family literacy programs.

Finally (last but not least!), we will be offering both foundational training and training in specific program models again in 2002. As well, we'll develop a workshop on a topic not covered by these other training institutes, one that is identified by the field as being needed to support their programs.

It will be busier than ever around here, but it is exciting to be addressing needs that have been voiced by family literacy workers around the province for a number of years! If you would like more information on any of these activities, please call Sharon at 421-7323, ext. 230.

INTER-PROVINCIAL TRAINING

In mid-October, sixty five family literacy practitioners from across the country gathered at a beautiful spot by the ocean, in Pictou Nova Scotia, for Foundational Training in Family Literacy.

The Foundational Training was developed by the Centre for Family Literacy for use in Alberta last year. It has now been re-developed by a

group of twenty authors from across the country. This was the first train-the-trainer session for people from five regions of the country. These trainers, in turn, will train other practitioners in their own regions to give them a common foundation in the theory and practice of family literacy.

It was an intense but very successful week! The reward for our hard work was a week of beautiful weather, as well as great food and hospitality at Pictou Lodge.

The Training manual is now under final revision and will be published by Christmas.



MEET OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMBERS

We welcome **Joanne Morgan**, our new Librarian, to our organization.

Joanne joined the Centre in April 2001. She has over 10 years of experience in libraries. She is having a wonderful time reorganizing The Centre's collection in our spacious new setting. Not only is Joanne our Librarian, but she has also taken on the job of Webmaster. Joanne has spent the last 4 to 5 years developing her skills as a web master/designer and she enjoys combining her 2 occupations.

Joanne is originally from Ontario (Burlington and Toronto) and, into her third year in Edmonton, is finally becoming (a little) accustomed to our cold and dry winters.

Meet **Darrell Giraldeau**, our new C.O.W. (Classroom On Wheels) Coordinator.

After graduating with a Bachelor of Education, majoring in early education, Darrell ran a daycare for twelve years. She then taught Kindergarten at a private school for three years before taking the position of coordinating the C.O.W. Literacy Bus. This position brings together her two great loves, children and books. Being married to a career military man has allowed Darrell to experience living in many cities across Canada. Since taking this position she has added three new sites, McCauley, Youngstown, and Canora.

Our new Learning Together Coordinator is **Lori Nash**. Lori takes over this position from Sharon Skage who has taken on the Provincial Services Manager position. Lori has an M.A. in philosophy and has been working in the social services for the last 7 years. She recently moved to Edmonton with her partner Brad. Prior to moving to Edmonton, she lived in Vancouver and worked at an agency that provides support, information and education to families who have adopted children with special needs as Education and Volunteer Program Coordinator.

Lori has also lived and worked in Calgary and London, Ontario. In Calgary, she supervised staff who worked with individuals with developmental disabilities. In London, she coordinated and facilitated services for individuals who had suffered a traumatic brain injury. Lori also taught continuing education courses at the University of Western Ontario and was a volunteer literacy tutor.

Earl Nault is another new member of our team and is the new C.O.W. bus driver and is a wonderful addition to the program. His background with vehicles is a great asset to the C.O.W. program and often helps out with shelving books. Earl enjoys reading to the children and keeps the cow puppet on hand to welcome children to the bus.



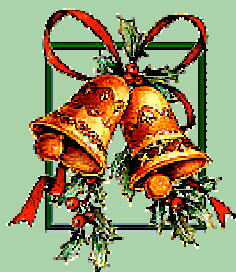
JOANNE MORGAN



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CHRISTMAS.....a time to share

We would like to take this time to thank all of our donors and funders for supporting our work. This year has been a very busy year and in these times of cutbacks we are fortunate to have the continued support we need to continue our Family and Adult Literacy programs.

Many of the families who participate in our family literacy programs struggle with the day-to-day needs of providing shelter and food for their young families. These parents are committed to providing the best for their children. They participate in programs such as Books for Babies, Rhymes That Bind, and B.O.O.K.S (Books Offer Our Kids Success) to ensure their child will have the opportunity to succeed at school and build a love for learning.

The following programs are where our greatest needs are. We welcome any donations to assist us in providing services for our families:



"My child has his favourite book and we take it wherever we go." (Parent)

BOOKS FOR BABIES

\$30.00 buys a sturdy book bag with contents for one family in the program. The bag includes four quality, age-appropriate books, a Shaw teddy bear, "read to your baby" fridge magnets and easy-to-read information on choosing books for babies and ways to share books.

\$100 will pay for one family to participate in a four week program.

"I always thought my baby was too young to enjoy it, but I was told they love it and he did. Otherwise I probably would not have read to him until much older." (Parent)

"Being in the program has brought me and my son together. Books for Babies has make our relationship better." (Parent)

RHYMES THAT BIND

\$150 provides a 10 week program for one family.

This program focuses on oral language development and positive parenting. Parents and small children enjoy rhymes, songs, and stories together in a group setting. The program also provides a meal or nutritious snack.



"This program creates a greater bond between parent and child. Helps parents to occupy and distract children in a positive manner." (Agency)

"When I sing to her, she tries to make more sounds than she used to." (parent)

B.O.O.K.S.

(BOOKS OFFER OUR KIDS SUCCESS)

\$125 helps one family to participate in a 10 week program, enrich their relationships with their children through book sharing, and learn the importance of reading and writing within the home.

"Parents really look forward to what is going to happen on the next BOOKS day. What a super change in attitude towards books." (Facilitator)

"The parents really enjoy receiving books with aboriginal content – very affirming of their culture." (Agency)

"I like how they give the children free books because books are so expensive." (Parent)

Stocking Stuffer!

Buying baby books for Christmas? Why not put them in a "Books for Babies" book bag? They are now available for sale at **\$16.00** each. The navy bag is made of sturdy canvas, has an outside pouch and is stenciled with the "Books for Babies" logo.

All sales go to support the program. Bags are available at the Centre.



VOLUNTEER'S CORNER.....

Congratulations, and Thank you to the following people who have just finished Volunteer Tutor training.

Deborah Barber

Jocelyn Brown

Amanda Cassegrain

Guy Cohoon

Justin Elbrink

Dianne Gillespie

Wim Hendriks

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Dennis Mc Donald

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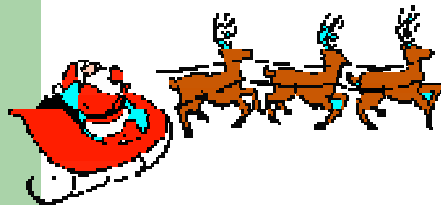
We are currently looking for Tutors available in the day-time who would be interested in going into the Remand Centre to work with male and female Inmates.

Call June at 421-7323 to Volunteer

“Thank You!!”

We are coming to the end of “The Year of the Volunteer”, and I would like to take this opportunity to say a Special thank you to all of our Volunteer tutors who make such a big difference in the lives of others.

June Hughes
Volunteer Coordinator



A special thanks also goes to our volunteer
Board of Directors.

Our board has guided us through the dissolution of
Prospects Literacy Association to become the new
Centre for Family Literacy.

We have redesigned our logo, we have moved to a new
location, and we have continued to expand our programs and
deliver family literacy training workshops. We couldn't have
done all of this without the guidance, commitment and dedica-
tion of our Board Members.

Thank you, from all the staff at the Centre.



Our Thanks to **Home Depot**

We'd like to say a special thanks to Rocky Salame and his co-workers at the 137 Ave and 133st branch of Home Depot. Rocky very kindly donated several sets of blinds as well as some lighting for our new space. We very much appreciate these donations as well as the installation of the blinds. We look forward to continuing this partnership with Home Depot.

Our thanks also go out to Shawn Kaminski, Owen Procter and their staff at **Starbucks Coffee Company** who volunteered their time during Read In week. They helped to cook and serve hot food to the many families who came out to McCauley School and gave away many prizes. Starbucks head office in turn rewarded them for their volunteer efforts by making a donation to the Centre of \$510.00 through their "Make Your Mark" Volunteer Program.

These same volunteers also helped us prepare and host our Christmas Open House. Thanks again for your hard work and your kind donations of coffee for our events this past year.



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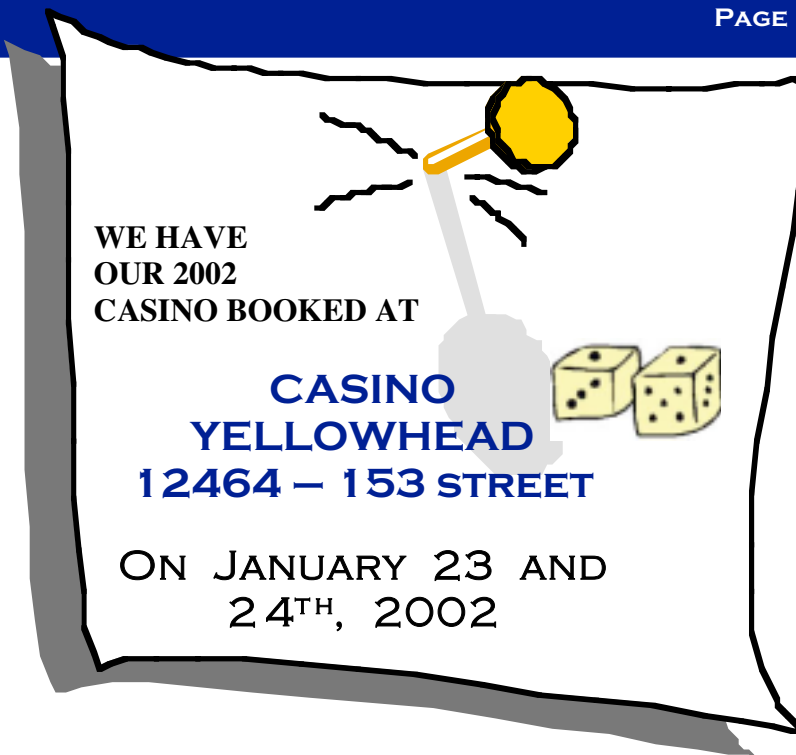
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Wheels)
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Learning Together



We really need you to work this **Casino** if you can... It can be great fun, a super way to meet new people, and a wonderful way to help to support our organization. Volunteers working a full shift are provided with lunch or supper, and there are always beverages and snacks in the volunteer room. We can provide transportation if needed.

Sign up early to get the shift you want by calling June or Wendy at **421-7323**, Faxing to **421-7324**, or Emailing to june_hughes@aaal.ab.ca.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Please note our offices will be closed on December 21st for the Holiday Season and will reopen January 2nd



Office hours

Monday & Tuesday	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday	8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Friday	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Please call the office for Tutor Training dates as well as starting dates for family literacy programs.
phone: 421-7323



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