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THE CENTRE IN BLOOM!

MAUREEN SANDERS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Well, it looks as if Summer is finally here. My garden is blooming out all over and we just had the annual plant-out at our community flower garden, which brings all the neighbours together for a little socializing, along with the planting, watering and weeding! At the Centre for Family Literacy we have also planted, tended and watered over the past year and have enjoyed the blossoms of our labours throughout the year.

Like our gardens, all of our programs have continued to thrive and grow - from the Volunteer Tutor Program to the Rhymes that Bind and the Classroom on Wheels.

We also had much work to do for the Parent-Child Literacy Strategy, with fairly tight timelines. In March, we went headlong into Foundational Training as soon as the new Practitioners' Resource had been printed. We trained 50 people from across the province in the foundational underpinnings of family literacy. And in early June we completed another week-long training in Calgary where we trained 75 literacy practitioners in seven different family literacy program models. Both of these training events were very successful and the demand continues to increase for these training sessions.

We have also produced a promotional package for family literacy, along with a great little video produced in-house. There are copies of the video, *Family Literacy: Growing and Learning Together* available for viewing to any groups or individuals who would like to borrow a copy. These promotional materials are also being provided to all literacy programs in the province for use in their own communities. These are just a few of the items we have worked on.

We have also joined in the excitement of the provincial plan to form a new provincial membership organization --Literacy Alberta-- that will help move the literacy cause forward in the province. We have a representative on the Advisory Committee, have participated in focus groups, and have provided feedback on the vision for the new organization. We look forward to the birth of this organization early next year.

With a busier than ever year almost under our belts, our thoughts are now turning to a little vacation time. We have accomplished a huge amount of work at the Centre this year and are well ready for a little rest and relaxation. We wish all of you, too, a safe and sunny summer.

FAMILY LITERACY MODELS TRAINING A GREAT SUCCESS!

SHARON SKAGE, PROVINCIAL SERVICES MANAGER

“LEARNED LOTS FROM THE FACILITATORS, BUT ALSO FROM OTHER PARTICIPANTS.”

“Very useful! Learned lots from the facilitators, but also from other participants. What a nice bunch of people!!!” This comment sums up a great week of family literacy models training, held at the Holiday Inn in Calgary from June 3rd to 7th.

The Centre for Family Literacy has been holding a training institute on an annual basis for the past three years. The institute now alternates between Calgary and Edmonton, in order to make it more accessible to practitioners from across the province. Funding for this year’s institute was provided by Community Programs of Alberta Learning through the Parent-Child Literacy Strategy. Through their grant, cost is kept to a minimum for not-for-profit organizations, and programs funded through the Department have all of their expenses reimbursed.

from other programs in Alberta, and one from Manitoba, offered training in Building Blocks, LAPS, PAL, and Storysacks training. All did an outstanding job, and the evaluations of the sessions and the institute as a whole were very positive.



The Centre for Family Literacy was pleased to work in partnership with the Alberta Association for Adult Literacy to put on this year’s institute. The AAAL found a first-rate facility where we could hold sessions and provide accommodation and meals for participants. According to one participant, “... I have never had such super service at any other conference or institute in Alberta – and I have been to quite a few.” The lovely wine and cheese reception that the hotel treated us to may have had something to do with that sentiment, and we certainly appreciated their hospitality.

Interest in family literacy training is growing by leaps and bounds, which is both a positive indication of how work in the field is progressing, and a challenge for organizations like the Centre for Family Literacy in trying to meet the demand. One thing remains certain: it will continue to be one of the core services offered by our agency.



Sixty-nine participants took part in this year’s event, which included training in eight different types of family literacy programs. Centre for Family Literacy staff offered Books for Babies, BOOKS, Help Your Child to Read and Write, and Rhymes that Bind training. Staff

BOOKS ARE FOR BABIES, TOO!

ANN WYLIE, BOOKS FOR BABIES COORDINATOR

Books for Babies book bags are available to purchase for \$16 each. The purchase of one bag allows one bag to be given to a family. The navy bag with the Books for Babies logo in white is made of a sturdy canvas and has an outside pouch. Great as a book bag or for trips to the pool.

A donation of :

- ❖ \$30 buys a sturdy book bag for one family in the program. Each bag contains 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.

When choosing books for babies look for books with:

- ❖ Bright colours
- ❖ Faces

- ❖ Sturdy pages
- ❖ Familiar objects
- ❖ Things to open or touch
- ❖ Repetition
- ❖ Rhythm and rhyme

Here are some ways to share a book:

- ❖ Let your baby hold the book. Follow her lead on where to go and name the pictures she points to.
- ❖ Talk about the pictures and make up your own story. Your baby loves to hear your voice.
- ❖ Repeat the same idea throughout the book, such as, say “peek-a-boo” for every flap. (even if the story is different)
- ❖ Read or tell the story in your language spoken at home. Sharing books at this age is about finding time each day, making it enjoyable, snuggling with your baby and beginning to find out what books and stories are all about.



“...BEGINNING TO FIND OUT WHAT BOOKS AND STORIES ARE ALL ABOUT.”

Books for Babies thanks...

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VOLUNTEER CORNERSTONE

JUNE HUGHES, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Volunteer Appreciation Event - April 21st – 28th

Our Volunteer appreciation event this year was “ Game Show Mania”. In all about 40 volunteers came to the event, and a super time was had by all.

The event took place at The Sherlock Holmes Pub on Whyte avenue, where we had our very own Game Show, and some great food.

We had lots of laughs, and also realized the importance of reading!!! The questions were varied, and I believe everyone went home with a gift that was donated to the event by the following companies:

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\$67,538.

