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NWT Literacy Council

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## Teaching Reading to Adults: An Electronic Conference with Dr. Pat Campbell

The NWT Literacy Council invites you to take part in the first of its online electronic conferences for adult educators and literacy practitioners in the NWT. This is professional development you can do right from your home community - all you need is access to the Internet!

Pre-conference: April 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
Conference: April 19<sup>th</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
Week 1: Assessment  
Week 2: Teaching Reading  
Facilitator: Dr. Pat Campbell  
Place: North of 60, electronic conferencing

Space is limited, so please register early. Contact [dmulders@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:dmulders@nwtliteracy.ca) to register.

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004

**About the Facilitator:** Pat Campbell, the President of Grass Roots Press, has worked in the field of adult literacy since 1985. Through the years she has been a program coordinator, curriculum developer, researcher, writer, facilitator, consultant, and sessional instructor at the University of Alberta. Her most recent publication is a set of videos and a textbook called *Teaching Reading to Adults: A Balanced Approach*. She is also the co-author and editor of several publications, including *Participatory Practices in Adult Education*, the *Canadian Adult Reading Assessment*, *STAPLE*, *Learning for our Health: A Resource for Participatory Literacy and Health Education*, and *Reading and Learning: A Handbook for Adults*. Pat recently delivered a two-day *Teaching Adults to Read* conference in Yellowknife.

**How does an electronic conference work?** First you have to register for the *Teaching Adults to Read* electronic conference with the NWT Literacy Council. Once you are registered, you will get a 'user id' and 'password' for North of 60, an electronic bulletin board used by educators in the NWT. After that, it's as easy as going to the website ( <http://n60.learnnet.nt.ca/> ) and taking part in the discussion. You can join the conference anytime of day - all you need is access to the Internet.

### **The workshop will highlight:**

- How do you assess students with reading difficulties?
- Are some assessment tools better than others?
- What kind of information can these assessment tools provide?
- How can assessment inform instruction?
- How do you administer and score the Canadian Adult Reading Assessment?
- Why do some students have difficulty decoding text?
- What strategies are effective for students who have difficulty with word recognition?
- Why do some students have difficulty comprehending text?
- What strategies can you use with students who have difficulty understanding text?
- What is the best way to teach a beginning reader?

## **New Toll-Free Service**

Contacting the NWT Literacy Council just became a little bit easier with the start of our new toll-free service. If you are looking for information about the Council's services, programs, training opportunities or resource, you can call us toll-free at 1-866-599-6758.

## **Conferences**

### **Destination Success 2004: Learning Disabilities in Post Secondary Education - Exploring Best Practices - May 10 - 12, 2004**

Georgian College Centre for Access and Disability Services

**Place:** Orillia, Ontario

**Date:** May 10, 2004 to May 12, 2004

**Description:** Destination Success 2004 is sponsored by Georgian College. The conference is three days of exciting, informative and thought provoking presentations, programs, exhibitors and events. For 2004, the conference will focus on Exploring Best Practices. Sessions will be relating to: Learning strategies and student success ;Universal Instructional Design - implementation and application; Specialized counseling;Evaluating student success to improve services and programs; Technology and student achievement; Career preparation and school to work transition programs; Employer accommodations and support; Personal stories of success.

Presentations and workshops will be delivered from a variety of student, learning and instructional perspectives. Everyone, including high school, college, and university students will participate as speakers, presenters and attendees.

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### **Strengthening the Learning Circles: June 20 - 24th, 2004**

The Nokee Kwe Professional Develop Institute is offering this conference for Aboriginal literacy practitioners in London, Ontario. "Strengthening the Learning Circles" is a 5-day professional development training institute focused exclusively on the learning needs of aboriginal literacy practitioners. The registration fee \$200 and includes accommodation, all meals and institute materials. Substantial travel subsidies will also be available to registered participants.

For more information, contact [bernice@nokeekwe.ca](mailto:bernice@nokeekwe.ca)

### **Aboriginal Literacy Gathering 2004 - Sept. 27 - 29th, 2004**

The second Aboriginal Literacy Gathering will be held on September 27, 28, and 29, 2004 at Echo Valley Conference Centre at Fort San, Saskatchewan. Registration is limited to 225. The opportunity is open to elders, learners, practitioners, youth, political leaders, interested community members, and others.

For information, contact: Carmen Bussiere at (306) 934-2632 or email [aboriginal.literacy@sasktel.net](mailto:aboriginal.literacy@sasktel.net)

### **Second Canadian Conference on Literacy and Health - October 17 - 19, 2004**

Second Canadian Conference on Literacy and Health, co-sponsored by the Canadian Public Health Association and the National Literacy Secretariat, taking place in Ottawa, October 17 - 19, 2004.

The goal of the conference is to provide a national forum to discuss what is being done to improve the health of Canadians with low literacy skills. The attached document outlines the themes and the general format for the event.

We are very interested in the perspectives of people with literacy barriers, understanding the impact these barriers can have on achieving health and accessing health services. Sessions will be action-oriented and will give practical tools to all participants including learners, low literacy health consumers, health and literacy practitioners, researchers and policy-makers.

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## **Parent/Child Activities for April**

Check out the Parent/Child Activities for April at the Peel District School Board's website. It has new parent/child activities for all ages: preschool, elementary, middle and secondary school children.

<http://www.peel.edu.on.ca/parents/activities/act.htm>.

## NEW Websites

### **Climate Change North** - <http://www.climatechangenorth.ca>

Climate Change North is an educational website created for northerners by northerners.

It's about understanding how climate change affects us, and what we can do about it.

On the Climate Change North website, you'll find [Backgrounders](#), [Lesson Plans](#), [Curriculum Links](#), [Resources](#), [Glossary](#), and a [Student Exchange](#) where students can post their work and see what others have done.

Materials cover all subject areas for learners K-12. Developed for Yukon, NWT and Nunavut.