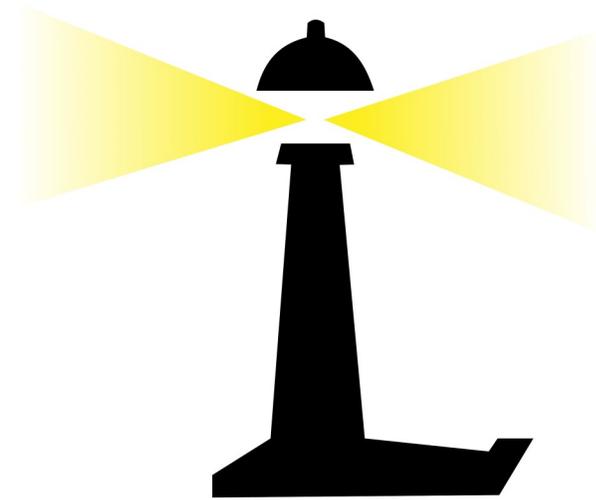


LLO Conference

June 13-15, 2018

Geneva Park



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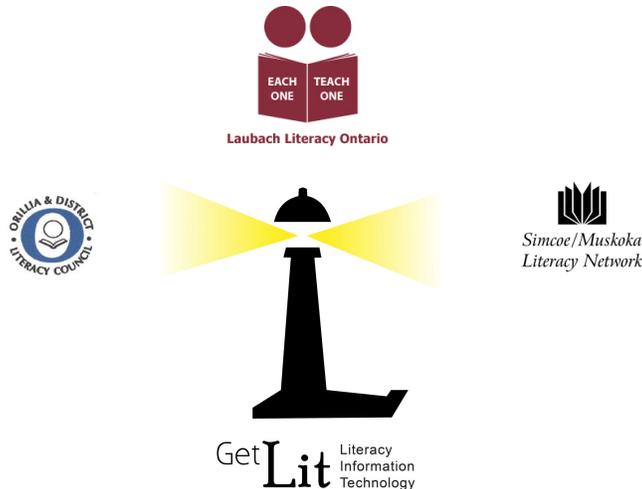


Laubach Literacy Ontario



CONFERENCE BROCHURE

WELCOME AND CONFERENCE OVERVIEW



Welcome to Laubach Literacy Ontario's 36th Annual Conference. Our hosts, Orillia and District Literacy Council and Simcoe/Muskoka Literacy Network welcome you to [YMCA Geneva Park](#). Built on a peninsula on Lake Couchiching, YMCA Geneva Park offers a rare combination of extraordinary natural surroundings and proximity to urban amenities, such as Casino Rama and downtown Orillia.

This is a special conference for Orillia and District Literacy Council and the Council's Executive Director, Cathy Graham. The Council is celebrating its 40th anniversary, and this will be Cathy's last year as LLO's President.

Information about the conference facilities, accommodation, registration fees, descriptions of the workshops being offered, and other useful details can be found in this brochure, but if you have any questions, please contact the LLO office. Presenter biographies and conference updates are available on LLO's website at <http://www.laubach-on.ca/conference/>

We gratefully acknowledge the support of the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development, through its Literacy and Basic Skills Program.

Lana Faessler
Executive Director
Laubach Literacy Ontario

Cathy Graham
President
Laubach Literacy Ontario

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CONFERENCE INFORMATION

CONFERENCE PRICING

Total Package

Members — \$350.00 including HST, Subsidized Students—\$175.00 including HST
Non-Members — \$450.00 including HST

The **total package** is all inclusive and includes Wednesday and Thursday night accommodation, all meals from Wednesday dinner to Friday lunch, and all workshops and events. Please check off your workshop choices—**and all functions and meals you are attending**—on the two-page Registration Form available here: <http://www.laubach-on.ca/conference/> and mail to the LLO Office, along with your cheque.

One Night Package Deal

Members: \$190.00, students: \$100.00, non-members \$250.00

The **ONE night package deal** includes either Wednesday night dinner, accommodation, breakfast and lunch, and workshops and events **OR** Thursday night dinner, accommodation, breakfast and lunch, and workshops and events.

Indicate on the registration form which night you are staying. **If you do not want to share a suite, add \$30.00 to the cost.**

Pick Your Own Package

The Pick Your Own Package provides individual prices on workshops, meals and events to provide as much flexibility as possible. If you aren't staying overnight, or can only attend some workshops, this option is for you. Please check off your workshop choices—**and all functions and meals you are attending**—on the two-page Registration Form available here: <http://www.laubach-on.ca/conference/> and mail to the LLO Office, along with your cheque.

MEMBER RATE:

If you are an individual or organizational member in good standing of Laubach Literacy Ontario (LLO), Orillia and District Literacy Council and/or Simcoe/Muskoka Literacy Network, you qualify for member rates for Total Package and Pick Your Own Package.

STUDENT SUBSIDY:

If you are a student/learner of a member agency of LLO, you qualify for the student subsidy of \$175.00 for the Total Package.

PRESENTER RATE:

If you are a presenter, and wish to attend other workshops, functions, events and meals, you may do so using the member rates for Total Package or Pick Your Own Package, depending on your preference.

Even if you are only attending the day you are presenting, you **must fill out a registration form** if you want a meal or are attending other workshops or events.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

- ◆ Registration forms are available on our website at <http://www.laubach-on.ca/conference/>
- ◆ Final deadline for registration is **June 4th, 2018.**
- ◆ Make sure you include your email address on the registration form.
- ◆ **A registration form is still required even if you have pre-paid, or are a presenter.**
- ◆ Registrations will not be accepted without payment, unless you have pre-paid, or are a presenter.
- ◆ Some workshops have limited space, and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Please indicate your 1st and 2nd choice for each session in the appropriate section of the two-page Registration Form.
- ◆ There are over 18 workshops to choose from, and Presenters' Bios are on our website in the Conference section
- ◆ Workshop descriptions begin on page 6.
- ◆ Learners can attend any workshops that have "ALL" or "Learners/Students" as the target audience.
- ◆ If attending the Simcoe/Muskoka Literacy Network and/or the LLO AGM, please let us know on the registration form. These events are free.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

2:00 pm— 6:00 pm 4:00 pm—midnight	Conference Registration Room Check-in Centennial Centre
1:30 pm—2:30 pm	Simcoe/Muskoka Literacy Network Annual General Meeting
3:00 pm—5:00 pm	Roundtable Discussions During 2018 MAESD and LBS agencies will be participating in a variety of working tables and reference groups to address recommendations made in the Cathexis LBS evaluation report and the LBS symposium. LLO has been asked to co-chair two of these groups. Join us for a roundtable discussion to learn more about the objectives for each group and to share your thoughts and ideas. Working Table 1: The Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework (OALCF) and Learner Assessment Objective: Building on the recommendations made in the Cathexis LBS evaluation report and at the LBS symposium, review and update the OALCF, learner assessment practices, curriculum resources and develop a strategy for ongoing management and improvement of the OALCF and learner assessment practices. Reference Group 2: Funding and Performance Management Objective: Building on the recommendations made in the Cathexis LBS evaluation report and at the LBS symposium, advise on the development of an LBS program funding model and changes to performance management.
6:00 pm — 8:00 pm	Dinner and Student Awards
8:00 pm — ?	Free time until bedtime

Thursday, June 14, 2018

9:00 am — 11:00 am 4:00 pm—midnight	Conference Registration Room Check-in Centennial Centre
9:00 am — 10:00 am	Breakfast & Opening Plenary — Dining Room, Geneva Court
10:15 am — 12:15 pm	Session 1 Workshops (see page 6) — Geneva Court or Centennial Centre Annual Student Meeting
12:30 — 1:15 pm	Lunch/Draws/Announcements — Dining Room, Geneva Court
1:30 pm — 3:30 pm	Session 2 Workshops (see page 7) — Geneva Court or Centennial Centre
4:00 pm — 5:00 pm 4:00 pm — midnight	Conference Registration Room Check-in Centennial Centre
4:00 pm — 5:00 pm	LLO Annual General Meeting
4:00 pm — 5:00 pm 	For those not required to be at the LLO AGM. 1. Outdoor activities, downtime or networking—no need to register. 2. Scavenger Scrabble—please register. Jack Osborne from Literacy Nipissing is once again planning a fun-filled Annual Student Scavenger Hunt with a twist for learners. This will be a fun, relaxing time for learners to get to know each other.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

Thursday Evening, June 15, 2018

6:00 pm — 7:00 pm	Dinner, Celebration of Orillia and District Literacy Council's 40th Anniversary Cash Bar
	<p>Guest Speaker—Jo Cryderman, Secretary, Laubach Literacy Ontario</p> <p>Jo was the first paid staff of the Orillia and District Literacy Council.</p> <p>She was Program Manager for the Orillia and District Literacy Council for 9 years and Student/Tutor Coordinator for the Literacy Society of South Muskoka for 20 years. She was also an LBS instructor for Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) Gravenhurst Alternate Education & Training Centre.</p> <p>Jo implemented a 3 month pilot project for TLDSB at Fenbrook Correctional Institution working with inmates on PLAR. She, along with Jane Tuer, also started a literacy program at Warkworth and Beaver Creek correctional institutions. She has trained secondary school students in Huntsville as volunteer tutors for elementary school students for the past 16 years.</p> <p>Jo has received the Queen's Jubilee Award for her contribution to literacy.</p>
7:30 pm—8:00 pm	Annual Student Recognition and Awards
8:00 pm — bedtime	<p>Bonfires, guitars, singalongs, group hugs</p> <p>(bring your own musical instrument and join in!)</p>



Friday, June 15, 2018

Before 11:00 a.m.	Room checkout
9:00 am— 10:00 am	Breakfast — Dining room—Geneva Court
9:00 am— 11:00 am	<p>Conference Registration—day people</p> <p>Centennial Centre</p>
10:15 am— 12:15 pm	Session 3 Workshops (see page 8)
12:30 pm — 1:15 pm	<p>Lunch/Closing Plenary</p> <p>Conference Evaluation Draw</p>

WORKSHOPS—SESSION 1

Thursday, June 14th ~ 10:15 am—12:15 pm

<p>W1</p>	<p>Student Annual Meeting and Curriculum Feedback Discussion Learners/Students</p> <p>All students/learners attending the conference are welcome to attend and provide input into literacy issues. Robyn Cook-Ritchie, LLO's Project Manager, will be asking for your input into some ideas around new learning materials she is creating as a result of a project LLO has been funded for.</p> <p>Learners from LLO member agencies will be voting for the student representative on the LLO Board of Directors, if there is an election.</p> <p>As in past years, Diana White and Mary Anne Baker, staff of LLO, will be on hand to lead the election, and to provide support.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Practitioners, including volunteer tutors</p>
<p>W2</p> <p>Two-part workshop</p>	<p>Part 1: Learning Disabilities—what are they? Administrators, Coordinators, Practitioners, including volunteer tutors</p> <p>a. What are learning disabilities? - What do they affect? How do we classify them? b. Identifying Learning Challenges Markers—Checklist c. Learning Challenges Pre-Screen d. Learning Challenges—Examples</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sarah Gill Executive Director, Adult Basic Education Association, Hamilton</p>
<p>W3</p>	<p>TLG's Sustainable LBS Programming Triad: Tutors, Modular Programs and Digital Technology Administrators, Coordinators, Practitioners, including volunteer tutors</p> <p>An exploration of how The Literacy Group of Waterloo Region (TLG), has incorporated Tutors, Modular Programs and Digital Technology to create a sustainable and flexible model of programming that has learners, tutors, partner programs and MAESD knocking on their door to participate.</p> <p>Includes a round-table discussion on how other programs can integrate these elements into their programs.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Lisa McArthur Program Manager, The Literacy Group of Waterloo Region</p>
<p>W4</p>	<p>HANDS ON, SKILLS UP! Administrators, Coordinators, Practitioners including volunteer tutors, Other EO Service Providers</p> <p>Employment-Related Experiential Learning in Ontario's Literacy and Basic Skills Organizations</p> <p>Community Literacy of Ontario conducted research into employment-related experiential learning opportunities in Literacy and Basic Skills programs in Ontario. We received survey responses from 66 LBS agencies and conducted 26 key informant interviews. We also collected a variety of success stories. Now, we are eager to share the resulting knowledge of experiential learning in LBS with you!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Joanne Kaattari, Co-Executive Director Community Literacy of Ontario (CLO)</p>
<p>W5</p>	<p>Finding Our Learners—Meeting Them Where They Are At Administrators, Coordinators, Volunteers, including Directors on Boards</p> <p>This session takes a look at recruitment of learners and outreach to them. Many agencies struggle with how to find the learner.</p> <p>This session introduces you to the learner, from a perspective of where to find them, how to recruit them and what brings learners to your agency in today's society.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Dennis Chippa Chippa Communications</p>
<p>W6</p>	<p>A Mindful Way to Manage Stress and Take Care of Yourself ALL</p> <p>This workshop will be experiential and include mindfulness practices helpful in managing stress and promoting self care. We will examine how stress shows up in our body, including determining our personal warning signs. Topics will include Compassion Fatigue as well as internal and external factors which increase or lower our vulnerability to the effects of stress. We will take stock of what we are carrying and leave with the beginning of a personal plan to maintain a sense of well being in our lives.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Karen Davis UBC certified Stress Management and Resiliency Facilitator</p>
<p>W7</p>	<p>Online Privacy ALL</p> <p>A review of online practices used to glean information.</p> <p>This workshop explores how to be aware of how personal information is gathered by social media and other on-line organizations.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Shari Menard, Principle, Canadian Privacy Institute</p>

WORKSHOPS—SESSION 2

Thursday, June 14~ 1:30 — 3:30 pm

<p>W8</p>	<p>Words of inspiration that light your way ALL</p> <p>Painting rocks with words of inspiration and making your own candle holders.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Laura Lee and January Fraser, Orillia and District Literacy Council</p>
<p>W9</p> <p>Two-part workshop</p>	<p>Part 2: Learning Challenges—Strategies for the Classroom Practitioners, including volunteer tutors</p> <p>a. Strategies, Accommodations and Assistive Technologies b. Direct Instruction c. Strategy Development Exercise d. Further Resources</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sarah Gill Executive Director, Adult Basic Education Association, Hamilton</p>
<p>W10</p>	<p>Market Clearly Administrators/Coordinators/Practitioners/Volunteers</p> <p>No matter what you are trying to communicate, you need to be clear. Clear Writing is more than just writing—it is presenting information in a way that is easy for your audience to read and understand. In this introductory workshop you will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • learn the basics of Clear Writing, as applied to promotional materials, websites • practice applying what you have learned • take home tips, resources and ideas to help make sure your materials can be easily understood by your target audience. <p style="text-align: right;">Stephanie Hobbs, Certified Clear Writing Consultant Executive Director, Simcoe/Muskoka Literacy Network</p>
<p>W11</p>	<p>Succession Planning LBS and ES Providers/Practitioners</p> <p>As many Literacy and Basic Skills managers consider retirement, the issue of succession planning becomes increasingly important. Being proactive by implementing a succession plan will allow even very small LBS agencies to continue to serve learners through a thoughtfully pre-considered staff replacement that has resulted due to retirement, transition, or unforeseen circumstances.</p> <p>In this workshop you will learn how to ensure your agency has a succession plan in place and receive a variety of tools to help you achieve that goal.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Robyn Cook-Ritchie, RCR Consulting Project Manager, LLO</p>
<p>W12</p> <p>Two-part workshop</p>	<p>Basic CPR—Part 1 Learners</p> <p>This is a basic CPR course for participants. The course will be skills based and take in Check Call Care, Choking, Medical emergencies and CPR on adults and babies. Successful candidates will be given a valid CPR card from Canadian Red Cross</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Dennis Chippa Chippa Communications</p>
<p>W13</p>	<p>Google Home and Google Assistant—make Google do it! ALL</p> <p>We often see Google Home and Google Home Mini ads but what are they all about? How do they work? How can they assist you at home or maybe even at work? Join us for a fun, informative and interactive session to find out!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Monika Jankowska-Pacyna AlphaPlus</p>
<p>W14</p>	<p>Moving Beyond The Classroom: Blended Learning for the Adult Literacy Learner Practitioners Including Volunteer Tutors</p> <p>As literacy teachers, it can be difficult to create curriculums and learning experiences that effectively integrate both traditional pencil-to-paper learning experiences and digital literacy. It can be difficult for adult literacy learners to navigate the digital learning environment as well as their literacy learning goals. This workshop will provide some strategies and blended learning concepts that can be integrated into literacy curriculums for the adult learner. After the presentation portion, the interactive portion of the workshop will include creating a literacy lesson that integrates digital literacy, experience content-complete online literacy programs, and use free online tools and resources to create a blended learning lesson. Participants will receive a package of blended learning resources, tools, strategies and tips to consider integrating into their curriculums and programs.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sarah Maloney, Educator, Columbia International College, Hamilton</p>

WORKSHOPS—SESSION 3

Friday, June 15th ~ 10:15 am—12:15 pm

<p>W15</p>	<p>Let's Get Crafty! ALL</p> <p>Learn how to make, and then take home for yourself or as gifts:</p> <p>A calendar/planner A bookmark A tea lantern</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Patricia McFerran LLO Student Representative Niagara West Adult Learning Centre, Beamsville</p>
<p>W16</p>	<p>Get in the Game: Using gaming motivation to inspire learner success ALL</p> <p>When playing board or video games, being motivated to improve performance and succeed at the goals of the game is something that comes naturally. How can that natural drive to try, fail, and try again until you succeed be encouraged in other environments? That's the question asked by gamification. It's a word you've probably heard before, but what actually does it mean—especially in the context of adult training and employment programs?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Summer Burton, Literacy Link South Central</p>
<p>W17</p>	<p>TLG's Sustainable LBS Programming Triad: Tutors, Modular Programs and Digital Technology (repeat of W3) Administrators, Coordinators, Practitioners, including volunteer tutors</p> <p>An exploration of how The Literacy Group of Waterloo Region (TLG), has incorporated Tutors, Modular Programs and Digital Technology to create a sustainable and flexible model of programming that has learners, tutors, partner programs and MAESD knocking on their door to participate.</p> <p>Includes a round-table discussion on how other programs can integrate these elements into their programs.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Lisa McArthur Program Manager, The Literacy Group of Waterloo Region</p>
<p>W18</p>	<p>So I Joined a Board of Directors...Now What? Board Members, particularly new to the role</p> <p>This workshop is an introduction and refresher on the role and responsibilities of the board of directors of a non-profit organization, building effective committees, succession planning and board recruitment.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Frances Yarbrough Executive Director of North Simcoe Victim Services Founder of Yarbrough Consulting and Training Services</p>
<p>W19 Two-Part workshop</p>	<p>Basic CPR—Part 2 Learners/Students</p> <p>This is a basic CPR course for participants. The course will be skills based and take in Check Call Care, Choking, Medical emergencies and CPR on adults and babies. Successful candidates will be given a valid CPR card from Canadian Red Cross</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Dennis Chippa Chippa Communications</p>
<p>W20</p>	<p>Cultivating Healthy Habits Through Yoga and Meditation ALL</p> <p>Learn about addiction and how Kundalini Yoga techniques can help to free you from unwanted habits and thought patterns. This workshop will include breathing exercises, yoga, and meditation designed to promote detoxification, healing and recovery. Participants will receive a hand-out for home practice. Become your best self!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Hayley Mundy Certified teacher of Kundalini Yoga</p>
<p>W21</p>	<p>It's more than just books! Library Learning—Using Library Tools to Teach Literacy to Adults Practitioners, including volunteer tutors</p> <p>This collaborative workshop will present library tools to assist and enhance the adult literacy learning experience. The workshop will explore library tools including <i>Literacy Collections, Digital Literacy Tools, Supportive Literacy Learning Tools and Motivational Literacy Tools (such as the Golden Oak Award)</i>.</p> <p>The workshop will begin with a round table discussion. Participants will work together to identify library resources they are most familiar with. Presentation of library tools to teach literacy to adults with emphasis on 3 of the most supportive tools for the reading and writing curriculum. Interactive Experience. Participants will create a brief lesson plan with objectives and add literacy tools to support learning for adult learners. Participants will engage in interactive experience of the tools. Participants will leave the workshop with a library literacy toolbox to integrate in their curriculums and classrooms.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sarah Maloney, Educator, Columbia International College, Hamilton</p>

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

ACCOMMODATION

- ◆ Each suite and bathroom is shared. If you do not want a suite-mate, it is \$30.00 more per night.
- ◆ There are no refrigerators in your suite, so bring a cooler if you want cold drinks. However, there are **free** hot and cold beverages at the beverage stations.
- ◆ **Amenities:** Desktop fans, coffee maker, telephone, private 4-piece washroom, (10) wheelchair accessible rooms available; (4) with roll-in showers

All bedrooms are supplied with:

- ◆ Two pillows
- ◆ Blanket and linens
- ◆ Facecloth, hand towel and bath towel

Free WIFI throughout the venue!

Things you might want to bring:

- ◆ Hairdryer
- ◆ Extra clothes hangers
- ◆ Umbrella
- ◆ Money for pop machine, cash bar
- ◆ Alcoholic beverages, glasses, cups
- ◆ Snacks

RULES

Alcohol

You must be 19 years of age to drink alcohol.
There is a cash bar at the Thursday night banquet only. Non-alcoholic drinks will be available both nights.

Smoking

Smoking is only allowed in designated areas outside.

Food & Drinks

You are free to bring in snacks and drinks for use in your suite.

Room Check-in and Conference Registration

Room Check-in and Conference Registration is in the Centennial Centre

Room check-in time is 4:00 PM on scheduled day of arrival.

Check conference schedule of events on page 4, for conference registration times.

Check-out

Final room checkout time is at **11:00 AM** on scheduled day of departure.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

GETTING THERE

At the time of the printing of this brochure, the link <https://ymcaofsimcoemusokoka.ca/contact-us/> to the YMCA Geneva Park map was not working.

[YMCA Geneva Park.](#)

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YMCA Geneva Park Leadership and Conference Centre is a simple 90-minute drive north of Toronto, just on the outskirts of the City of Orillia. YMCA Geneva Park runs along 3 kilometers of shoreline overlooking beautiful Lake Couchiching.

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Laubach Literacy Ontario is a non-profit, charitable organization, one of four sector support organizations funded by the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development. Operating since 1982 and incorporated since 1992, LLO operates under the guidance of an elected Board of Directors, including an adult student representative.

LLO provides training, resources and services to meet the changing needs of its members and adult students to create a stronger, more literate Ontario.



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