



ONLC Fall 2008 Conference

Well, our annual training event is over for another year and by all accounts it was a very good conference. We do not have the final evaluation report in yet but here are some of the comments we heard from those attending.

"The best conference I've ever attended - and I've been to a lot of them over the years!"

"There was a feeling, a spirit, running through the conference that started with the keynote speaker and then wove in and out of the whole weekend. It just felt like the whole thing flowed together."

"Inspirational key note speaker!"

"Throughout the conference there was such a positive vibe! Everyone was so welcoming and supportive - I'd definitely come back again."

"I was the only person from our program that came this year but I will definitely be back next year with at least three more of my colleagues."

"What a treat to come to a conference and actually go home with information I can use right away. Thank you!"

In all we presented a total of 20 choice sessions, 3 plenary sessions, and held the Annual General meeting as well.

While the weather throughout the rest of Ontario was stormy and snowy, the conference had nothing but blue skies, sunny days and crisp starry nights. Unfortunately a few of our delegates were not able to get to Elmhurst because of the weather but we still had a great turnout from our programs. This year we also had a large number of people join us from a variety of literacy and educational organizations in Ontario, outside of the Native LBS stream. We also had a delegate join us from Iqaluit in Nunavut, four people from the Kativik Regional Government in Kuujjuaq, Quebec and two representatives from the National Indigenous Literacy Association (NILA) in Winnipeg.

Thanks to everyone who came and made this conference such a wonderful event. We couldn't have done it without you!


PROJECT UPDATES


ONLC Presents Professional
Development
It's FREE, FUN, ONLINE!
Enhancing the Capacity for
Excellence in the Native Stream
Phase II

If you haven't been online with us yet to take part in this exciting training that focuses on teaching tips, don't worry. You can register for the remaining sessions by contacting Pam Linklater at the ONLC Office 1 800 971 2255 or email onlcinfo@bellnet.ca for live session registration.

We realize that you are very busy and cannot always attend the live sessions so we record all the sessions. You can view all or parts of sessions which is really handy given your demanding schedules. Contact

Linda Wright at 905 635 5839 or 289 439 5839 or lindawright@cogeco.ca to get signed into the recorded sessions.

See the list of upcoming sessions and recorded sessions below.

This training series provides two learning opportunities. One is the live sessions where you get lots of opportunities to participate in the great learning that's available AND post session you can check out the Moodle website where you will find companion lessons. Activities and resources are set up on that website so you can revisit some of the topics covered and pick up some excellent related resources.

We are excited to be able to offer this two-faceted method that provides support to the field.

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**Check Out These Upcoming Centra
Sessions and Register today!**

Tuesday January 20th, 2009 3:00–5:00

Literacy and Learning Part 1.

What is the connection between literacy and learning?

Award winner Michelle Eady will present a two-part session on this topic. The date for the second part will be announced later as Michelle is currently in the Australian Outback!





PROGRAM UPDATES



News from Sioux Hudson Literacy

Sioux Hudson Literacy Council is set for 2009 with a full slate of e-Channel courses. We had a very successful year in 2008, and are looking forward to starting another year of new courses, instructors, and of course, new learners. To participate in these on-line courses, the learners need to have an internet connection, a headset, and microphone.

The courses are ready to begin January 19th and 20th, and the deadline for registration is JANUARY 16TH.

UPCOMING COURSES ON E-CHANNEL

Essential Skills of the Heavy Equipment Operator
January 19, 2008 --- Monday AND WEDNESDAY 2-4 PM
EST
(8 WEEKS)

Pre-GED Math
January 19, 2008 --- Monday and Wednesday 10-Noon
EST
(12 WEEKS)

Pre-GED Reading
January 19, 2008 --- Monday and Wednesday 2-4 PM
EST
(6 WEEKS)

Pre-GED Math
January 19, 2008 --- Monday and Wednesday 7-9 PM EST
(12 WEEKS)

English Upgrading
January 20, 2008 --- Tuesday and Thursday 10:30-Noon
EST
(12 WEEKS)

Pre-GED Social Studies
January 20, 2008 --- Tuesday and Thursday 2-4 PM EST
(6 WEEKS)

English Upgrading
January 20, 2008 --- Tuesday and Thursday 7-9 PM EST
(12 WEEKS)

To register online, please go to
www.siouxhudsonliteracy.com

Or, you can register over the phone by contacting
Sandra at 1-866-550-0697.



News from Betty Anne Shankar

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Things have been busy as usual at Nokee Kwe Literacy Centre. I had another student (Talon Doxtator) who got his GED in September of this year (3rd learner who reached his goal this year). I have four other learners that are ready to write their GED in January 2009. Student enrolment numbers are climbing steadily for individuals who are eager to continue their education and development for an alternative career goal. I would like to share this with you, the link for our third interview with the London Free Press titled "FIGHTING WORDS: Beating Adversity a Common Goal."

<http://lfpres.ca/perl-bin/publish.cgi?x=articles&p=250251&s=fightingwords>

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News from Lynn Mooney

The Chippewas of Georgina Island Native Literacy Program and the Georgina Island First Nation Public Library hosted a family literacy day. We invited the organization Jungle Cat World, they brought a variety of wild animals and reptiles. The presentation of wildlife was an interactive experience and the children were interested and eager to participate. Just to name a few of the wildlife they brought were a baby wolf, skunk, tiger cub, tarantula and a lizard as well as snakes. When they brought out a large boa constrictor you should have seen some of the adults

vacate the premises very quickly, as if the snake could catch them! The children were much braver as they assisted in holding the snake.

Our event was a good example of partnerships. We invited Nanabush Trails staff to sell a lunch with refreshments. The money raised from their lunch is to support the upcoming Powwow which is happening on October 4th.

We had people from our community as well as neighboring communities to attend this event. People were talking for days that they had a good time and that the food was great. This was our second year to hold this event and both times was a success.

Another example of the good partnership between the literacy and library programs is our monthly scrabble/potluck. Our visitors are the Sutton Public Library scrabble club. We are sharpening up on our spelling as well as our vocabulary, not to mention the excellent cooking skills of everyone involved. We are working towards building positive relationships between our communities.



F.Y.I.



2009 Canadian Aboriginal Writing Challenge

The Challenge is a creative writing contest for young Aboriginal Canadians (ages 14-18 and 19-29). Participants can showcase their talent and creativity and win great prizes!

If you know an aspiring young writer or group of young writers who you think should participate, please encourage them to do so.

For more information on guidelines and prizes please contact 1-800-701-1867 or email at

staff@dominion.ca

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Wishing everyone a safe and pleasant Winter Season!!



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**Seasons
Greetings**

