

CELEBRATING

40

YEARS

A collection of scattered, colorful letters including G, K, B, I, T, C, A, F, E, R, M, U, and C, arranged in a non-linear fashion across the lower half of the image.

A society grows  
great when people  
plant trees



whose shade  
they know they shall  
never sit in

Giesek Proverts



*Thank you to all of our volunteers!*

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*Montréal, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021*

Dear Ms. Legault,

As the Member of Parliament for LaSalle-Émard-Verdun, I am proud that Literacy Quebec is based in our riding. Its 40th anniversary is an opportunity to highlight the exemplary work it does, not only in Montreal but throughout Quebec. This past year, as our daily lives unfolded more and more on our computer screens, Literacy Quebec has been able to adapt and continue helping the most vulnerable among us.

Helping people strengthen their literacy skills not only improves their lives, it also contributes to a better, more democratic society. We should all strive for more inclusion, and organizations such as Literacy Quebec are leading the way.

Permettre à plus de citoyens de lire, d'analyser et de comprendre les informations qu'ils reçoivent, c'est aussi leur permettre de participer davantage aux débats qui forgent notre société. Notre démocratie ne peut qu'être améliorée par la participation du plus grand nombre. C'est tous ensemble qu'on avance le mieux.

I am proud to be part of a government that supports an organization that gives a voice to the previously voiceless. I am sure everyone will join me in thanking and acknowledging the dedication of all those who work towards improving literacy skills every day and whose efforts change lives.

Congratulations and happy 40th anniversary!

*The Honourable David Lametti, P.C.*  
Member of Parliament  
LaSalle—Émard—Verdun  
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## Message from the Executive Director

As the creator of the Imagination Library, Dolly Parton once said, “Figure out who you are. Then do it on purpose.” We have applied this philosophy to guide us through our transformation as our organization continues to manage growth. Working hand in hand with our members, we have been able to further develop a sustainable community of practice within our network. Collaboration with key stakeholders has yielded a deeper understanding of the issues and challenges faced by those living with low literacy skills.

Literacy Quebec has been able to significantly increase its reach with a focus on capacity building and network development. Upon my return to work after one year of maternity leave, the World Health Organization announced that the coronavirus outbreak had become a pandemic. Navigating this uncharted territory has been challenging but we have been able to adapt. At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Literacy Quebec was able to position itself at the forefront of matters pertaining to affordable and accessible communications for vulnerable populations. We continue to advocate and work with others to ensure that information reaches as many people as possible. I am extremely proud of everything that was accomplished by Literacy Quebec over the years. Special thanks to Joy, Wendy, Eric, Sia, and Michèle for their continued guidance.

2020 marks the 40th anniversary of our organization. We have evolved, grown and adapted to many situations since our inception. Never could we have predicted that we would be celebrating this milestone amidst a pandemic but, we continue to move forward.

—Margo Legault



## Message from the Board

Happy 40th Anniversary, Literacy Quebec!

Our plans to celebrate this wonderful milestone took a sudden turn when the world changed in March 2020, due to COVID-19. We looked forward to celebratory gatherings, new initiatives and partnerships, and moving Literacy Quebec into the next 40 years. Though change sometimes causes anxiety and fear, this change enabled us to take a step back and look at what Literacy Quebec stands for, and focus our efforts on keeping our mission alive.

Now, our new normal has meant we are needed more than ever to support our members, provide information and advocate for our vulnerable population of learners. We continue to offer support as the members manoeuvre through the changes their own programs required, and provide a network of support and idea sharing.

The Board of Directors works hard every year, but COVID-19 has solidified the team effort, and unleashed a newfound energy to make sure Literacy Quebec becomes a voice for English-speakers struggling with literacy in Quebec, and represents this target population on the Pan-Canadian front.

We are moving forward in a positive light, with great opportunities, projects, ideas and motivation. We remain committed to supporting our members, the community, our networks, but mostly those who need us most: the vulnerable population struggling with low literacy.

Here's to the next 40 years!



**Joy Fyckes**  
*President*



**Wendy Seys**  
*Vice-  
President*



**Michèle  
Gagnon**  
*Secretary*



**Eric Aubry**  
*Treasurer*



**Sia  
Spanoudakis**  
*Director*



*Literacy Quebec Members Annual General Meeting, September 2018 Front (l-r): Marlene Dagenais, Joanna Bateman, Ruth Thomas Back: Françoise Bravay, Lucy Baum, Joy Fyckes, Darlene Brown, Angelina Leggo, Cathy Nolan, Wendy Seys, and Michèle Gagnon*



# 40 Years of Literacy Quebec



**T**he year was 1980 and the world was undergoing massive change. CNN launched, the Rubik's cube went on sale and the Iran-Iraq war began.

Closer to home, Quebecers voted in a sovereignty referendum to remain part of Canada, while the sports scene saw the Montreal Canadiens fail in their quest for a fifth consecutive Stanley Cup.

But something else historic was also brewing in the province that year: Laubach Literacy Canada-Quebec (LLC-Q), the forerunner of Literacy Volunteers of Quebec, now known as Literacy Quebec.

Inspired by a reading instruction method developed by American missionary Frank Laubach, LLC-Q's goal from Day 1 has been to improve the literacy skills of adult Quebecers. From humble beginnings, it grew steadily and already had 11 member councils by 1984. There was definitely no lack of people who needed help. In 1987, a Southam Literacy Survey found that five million Canadians couldn't read, write or use numbers well enough to function in society.

But it wasn't all smooth sailing for the organization because of financial and philosophical differences, with some members finding the Laubach method of teaching too structured and limiting at times.

In 1993, LLC-Q decided its membership could include all volunteer-based literacy councils in Quebec, not just strictly those organizations that used the Laubach approach.

In fact, Literacy Volunteers of Quebec (LVQ) was officially added to the LLC-Q name in 1994, with the entity becoming known as LLC-Q/LVQ. That was around the time the Quebec government was starting to allocate more money to literacy groups, including LLC-Q/LVQ's members, although LLC-Q/LVQ still did not receive funding. In 1997, the organization received another boost when it was recognized by the federal government.

A major breakthrough occurred in the late 1990s when Quebec awarded LLC-Q/LVQ accreditation, leading to direct provincial funding for the organization in 1999. That allowed LLC-Q/LVQ to hire a coordinator, which led to more organization, increased focus, and stronger relations with the Quebec Ministry of Education.

## **En français SVP**

Another important development proved to be the rapprochement between LLC-Q/LVQ and francophone literacy groups, as well as the ability to communicate directly with the Ministry of Education's staff that manage the envelope dedicated to supporting adult education.

In 2006, LLC-Q/LVQ also partnered with various other groups and some educational not-for-profit organizations. Together, they created the annual Adult Literacy Recognition Awards, which honoured students, volunteer tutors, and teachers in both community groups and in school board programs.

That year also saw LLC-Q/LVQ become a member of the Coalition pour l'alphabétisation, a provincial coalition representing groups that were advocating for further investment into literacy programs.



## What's in a name?

In 2008, the national organization, Laubach Literacy Canada (LLC), closed its doors, resulting in LLC-Q/LVQ becoming Literacy Volunteers of Quebec / Bénévoles en alphabétisation du Québec. Yet another name change occurred in 2014 when LVQ became simply Literacy Quebec. The following year saw yet another landmark for the organization as it launched its first social media campaign, the likes of which are now such a major part of its communication strategy.

The new ideas kept coming and included the creation in 2017 of the Literacy Quebec Family Literacy Toolkit, which was designed to provide resources and advice to community groups and organizations interested in learning how to host a family literacy event.

The technological innovations continued in 2019 with the broadcast of the first episode of Literacy Quebec's podcast.

Literacy Quebec in its many forms has been able to adapt to the ever-changing times over the last 40 years. Still, it remains as important as it was in 1980, and its key mission remains the same: Envisioning a Quebec where everyone has the literacy skills they need to live a fully engaged life.



Cheers To  
40 Years

# Recent Milestones



**2005**

**Joani Tannenbaum** is hired as LVQ's executive director.



**2007**

The first **Freda Hudson Volunteer Recognition Award** is given to Grace Saabas of RECLAIM Literacy.

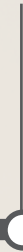


**2008**

**Laubach Literacy Canada** closes its doors. LVQ changes its name from LLC-Q/LVQ to Literacy Volunteers of Quebec / Bénévoles en alphabétisation du Québec.

**2010**

LVQ celebrates 30 years as a provincial organization of community, volunteer-based literacy groups! It proudly represents 14 members.



**2011**

The LVQ office moves to **Montreal**.



**2012**

**Margo Legault** is hired as LVQ's executive director. Her experience advocating for Human Rights makes her the ideal candidate.



**2014**

With a new vision for the organization, LVQ changes its name to **Literacy Quebec (LQ)**.



### 2015

LQ celebrates its **35th Anniversary** and launches its first ever social media campaign.

### 2017

Literacy Quebec launches its **Family Literacy Toolkit** for community groups and organizations.

### 2018

The Minister Responsible for Relations with English-Speaking Quebecers **awards funding to Literacy Quebec** to expand upon its core functions.



### 2021

Launch of the provincial **Literacy Helpline**, an LQ initiative.

### 2016

LQ increases **awareness about literacy issues**. The Minister of Education announces a significant increase in funding for literacy groups.



### 2020

Celebrations for Literacy Quebec's **40th Anniversary** are postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

### 2019

Broadcast of the first episode of the **Literacy Quebec Podcast**.



*Freda receives an award from the Yamaska Literacy Council (2001)*



# Freda Hudson Volunteer Recognition Award

## About Freda Hudson

Literacy Quebec inaugurated the Freda Hudson Volunteer Recognition Award in 2007, in memory of a remarkable volunteer. It is presented annually to an active volunteer who has made a significant contribution to literacy.

Freda Hudson was instrumental in forming and supporting Literacy Quebec, serving as a Director and Chairperson for many years.

Freda was active on the national level, as a Director for LLC. Her contributions included authorship of several Canadian publications, many of which are found in the libraries of the literacy councils today.

Freda's student, Trudi Brown, like her tutor, is a remarkable woman with a remarkable story to tell. With Freda's support and encouragement, Trudi wrote *A Rose of Courage*, the story of her mother's life.

## Designing the Award

- **Roots:** Freda's initials are worked into the roots to honour the foundation that she laid in our literacy community and to emphasize that many of the developments we have gained are "rooted" in her literacy work.
- **Flower:** It suggests an open book: a symbol of knowledge, learning, and literacy.
- **Leaves:** They are designed to suggest wings, a symbol of freedom that we gain from having knowledge and skills.
- **Silver:** As Freda was indeed a precious individual who shone brightly and reflected her brightness, silver was chosen as the material for her commemorative pin. The piercing technique used (cutting the design into the metal) honours the wearer of the pin as it allows the colour and texture of their own clothing to show through and interact with the pin, thus highlighting their own individuality and connecting them to Freda at the same time.



*Freda Hudson Volunteer  
Recognition Award*

# Freda Hudson Award Recipients



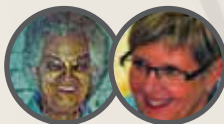
**2007**

**Grace Saabas**  
*RECLAIM Literacy*



**2009**

**Mona Arsenault**  
*The Learning Exchange*



**2011**

**Ed Chaffey**  
*RECLAIM Literacy*  
&  
**Lillian Hartley**  
*South Shore Reading Council*



**2013**

**Valerie Sauriol**  
*The Learning Exchange*

**2008**

**Martha Shufelt**  
*Yamaska Learning Council*



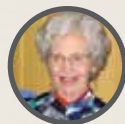
**2010**

**Cornelia Fischer**  
*Yamaska Learning Council*



**2012**

**Beryl Kerrison**  
*Western Quebec Literacy Council*





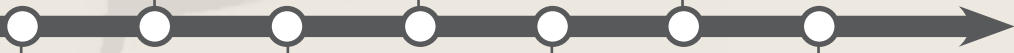
**2015**  
**Jim Eames**  
*Quebec City  
 Reading Council*



**2017**  
**Rick Valin**  
*Western Quebec  
 Literacy Council*



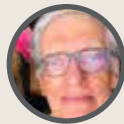
**2019**  
**Gordon Cook**  
*The Learning  
 Exchange*



**2014**  
**Mary Chuprun**  
*Laurentian  
 Literacy Council*



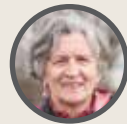
**2016**  
**Warren Law**  
*The Learning  
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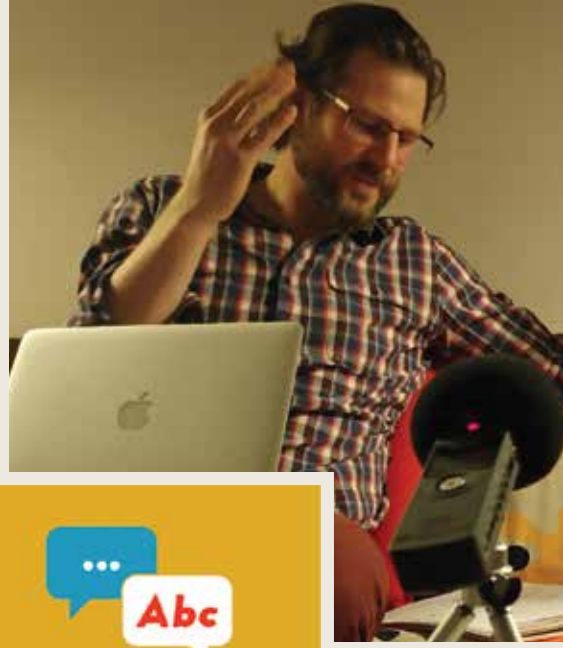


**2018**  
**Maureen Floen**  
*RECLAIM Literacy*



**2020**  
**Kathy LePoer**  
*Yamaska  
 Literacy Council*

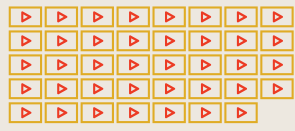




**6** Complete Seasons



**39** Episodes



*Approximately*  
**31.5**  
Hours of Content



**73** Guests



Listeners in  
**Canada**  
**US**  
**Ecuador**  
**Hong Kong**  
**Brazil**  
**Australia**  
**France**  
**Mexico**



## The Podcast

# What's Literacy Got to Do With It?

In 2019, LQ launched a community-based podcast for English-speaking, lifelong literacy learners in Quebec. Now starting its 7th season, hosts Chris Shee and Jaimie Cudmore continue to explore topics around community building, lifelong curiosity, and the multiple types of literacy. It's incredible what we can learn from each other!

In the very first episode, they defined literacy; it is more than just knowing how to read and write—it's about being able to interact with the world around you to your fullest potential.

Since then, they've covered a variety of topics; family, financial, and health literacy. They have had discussions on how to create a podcast, they've explored the power of storytelling, and more recently, they've looked at the challenges faced by Canadians in order to get connected and have access to affordable high-speed internet.



*Chris Shee (top) and Jaimie Cudmore (bottom)*

# Literacy Helpline

The Literacy Helpline is a **FREE** service that provides information and support for tasks that require reading, writing and/or digital literacy skills.



## CALL IF YOU NEED HELP TO:

Print forms and essential information



Understand written instructions including health & government information



Learn how to safely use digital devices and access online programs & services



Improve reading and writing skills



## HOW TO GET HELP

Call **1-888-521-8181** and speak to a volunteer or leave a message.

You can also reach us by email [help@literacyquebec.org](mailto:help@literacyquebec.org)



Literacy Quebec

# Literacy Helpline

In February 2021, Literacy Quebec unveiled a free Literacy Helpline (1-888-521-8181) to help adult English speakers connect with their provincial network of literacy organizations.

The helpline was developed as an easy first access point for those who had been struggling to connect with services and programs online for work, learning, or life in general.

As the pandemic unveiled inequalities across various aspects of life from senior care to wages for essential jobs, so too has the issue of literacy become more apparent. With so many isolated at home, some even without internet access, obstacles to accessing available resources, such as filling out a form online to receive the Canadian Emergency Response Benefit, became even more difficult.

While created to meet the challenges of the pandemic, the Helpline will be a long-term Literacy Quebec service. This program was brought to life through a collaboration between LQ, the Government of Canada's Emergency Community Support Fund and the Foundation of Greater Montreal.

“The digitization and automation of services have made it increasingly difficult for some to stay informed and to perform daily tasks. The helpline will be available to direct people who are struggling to reading, writing, numeracy and digital literacy programs.”

—Margo Legault, Literacy Quebec Executive Director

# Verdun Stories Project

In 2018, Literacy Quebec teamed up with Verdun creative literacy and arts program Suspicious Fish to publish a book that celebrated all things Verdun. Verdun, a “magical” neighbourhood in Montreal, has been home to the Literacy Quebec office since 2017.

Funded by the New Horizons for Seniors Project Grant, this intergenerational anthology allowed community members the opportunity to share and revisit some of their most interesting, most unusual or most challenging experiences through creative writing workshops, interviews and exchanges.

Over 6 months, they collected memories, jokes, artwork, pictures and poems from local artists and aspiring authors. The results were published in a 63 page anthology. On March 2, 2019, we hosted the official launch of *Verdun Stories* at Café le 5e in Verdun with over 150 attendees.

**“The richness of this project came from the fact that we were not looking for professional writers. We wanted to provide an opportunity for community members to tell or share their stories. We made participation as accessible as possible by allowing people to simply share their stories. Some told their stories into a tablet that turned their audio into text. Others wanted us to help them with their spelling and grammar. It was a very inclusive and community driven project. One that we are extremely proud of.”**

—Margo Legault, Literacy Quebec Executive Director



*Gary Purcell, Anna Evangelista and Margo Legault at the launch of Verdun Stories*





*Greg, Marion, Alex, Chris and Jade at Scotiabank Race 2019.*



# Scotiabank Charity Challenge

Literacy Quebec first participated in the Scotiabank Charity Challenge in 2019, recruiting 18 runners / walkers who earned a total of \$2,509 in race donations! With the pandemic hitting in 2020, the race became virtual. In 2021, we participated in the virtual race again with a goal of 50 runners raising \$5000 for literacy councils across the province.

Thirty-five runners / walkers signed up with Literacy Quebec and their local literacy councils and raised over \$9750! We plan to continue this new springtime tradition for many years to come.

“ Getting people out running or walking for literacy is so rewarding and worthwhile! It’s a win/win/win situation where people can act healthy, 100% of the financial support goes to their local literacy council, and the benefit goes directly to the adult learners! ”

—Chris Shee, LQ Race Administrator

# Volunteers

Our network has over 550 volunteers who give more than 30 700 hours of their time each year. These wonderful, generous people help our member organizations run programming and services.

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# Our Members



Literacy Quebec currently represents 13 community-based literacy organizations which serve English-speaking families and individuals. Our members are located across the province and offer various forms of literacy services including one-on-one tutoring, small group instruction, and learning centres. Each member organization runs their own programs and activities to cater to the needs of their communities.

## Member Services

- Book Club
- Book Drop-Off
- Computer Skills
- Family Literacy Day
- Entrepreneurship
- Employment Skills
- Tutoring
- Math Skills
- Reading Circle
- Family Activities
- Referral Centre
- Resources
- School Activities
- Help with Forms
- Scribe Services
- Study Skills
- Peer Tutoring
- Workshops
- Technology



## Literacy Quebec Member Organizations

### **Chateauguay Valley Literacy Council (1982)**

*Serves Kahnawake and the Chateauguay Valley*

Offers one-on-one tutoring, computer courses, educational outings and a weekly class. CVLC is most proud of its students' many achievements, including winning Canada Post Literacy Awards, the Bleu Metropolis Learners Award, finding work, becoming Canadian citizens, and more. The council is also very proud of its volunteers who work thousands of hours each year to help students achieve their goals.



*Senior Chit Chat Circle at Chateauguay Valley Literacy Council.*



*Personalized tutoring at Chateauguay Valley Literacy Council.*

## **Gaspésie Literacy Council (1984)**

*Serves Gaspé coast, North Shore (Baie Comeau) and Magdalen Islands*

The Gaspésie Literacy Council commits itself to deliver services and providing resources. They offer this to everyone interested in improving their reading, writing, numeracy, computer, and teaching skills. Their vision is to provide leadership in promoting awareness of the increasing importance of literacy in our modern world. During the past twenty years, they have served community groups by providing workshops in tutor formation, family literacy, learning disabilities, and provided services to the English-speaking and First Nations communities across the massive Gaspé region.



*Chelsea Flowers (left) and Cheryl Henry-Leggero (right) from Gaspésie Literacy Council.*

## Laurentian Literacy Center (1981)

*Serves Argenteuil region*

As the Laurentian Literacy Centre enters its 30th year of official operation, the challenges are unprecedented and the Centre's services just as relevant. Laurentian Literacy Centre aims to support and empower Anglophones in the Laurentian region by providing a one-to-one tutoring service in elementary and high school math, reading & writing, document help, and basic computer, tablet, and cell phone support. Accessing services as a minority language within the Laurentian region can be overwhelmingly challenging. The Laurentian Literacy Centre networks with community partners to sensitize and promote access to English services within the community.

*Fun with Laurentian Literacy Centre: Their fantastic team, September 2019 (top); Literacy Day 2020 (bottom left); Digital Technology Assistance at Rouge Valley Day, Harrington QC (bottom right).*



“ Literacy Quebec is instrumental in advocating for literacy and Anglo Literacy Centers in Quebec. The training, networking opportunities and ongoing support by Literacy Quebec is essential to our survival. Thank you Literacy Quebec in helping to build a stronger network of Literacy Centers across Quebec. ”

- Laurentian Literacy Council

## The Learning Exchange (1989)

*Serves Laval area*

The Learning Exchange (TLE) is a not-for-profit literacy organization providing free, one-on-one or group tutoring to adults in need. TLE is committed to lifelong learning and the promotion of literacy awareness. As a leader in the literacy community, TLE promotes dignity, autonomy, and privacy in the delivery of its services.

“ Since becoming members of LQ, The Learning Exchange has benefited greatly through participation in a diverse range of projects, training sessions and conferences offered. Thanks to LQ, members of TLE have had numerous opportunities to share and discuss key literacy initiatives with other literacy providers across Quebec. ”

—The Learning Exchange



*The wonderful team at The Learning Exchange, standing (l-r), Christiane, Sarah, Diko, Kristina, Valerie, Darlene, Lorraine, Gordon and Vidya in the front.*

## **Literacy in Action (1980)**

*Serves the Estrie region, including Coaticook, Des Sources, Granit, Haut-Saint-Francois, Memphremagog, Sherbrooke, Val Saint-Francois*

Literacy in Action is proud of its unique training for tutors, its quality one-on-one tutoring for adults, and its community partnerships. Special projects have included the Summer Reading Camps, the Learning Wall, drop-in high school tutoring, a fun early literacy booklet for parents, a “Let’s Read” book bag, and a Clear Writing and Design Handbook.

## **Literacy Unlimited (1981)**

*Serves from Verdun all the way to the Ontario border*

Literacy Unlimited offers free one-on-one tutoring for English-speaking adults who want to improve their basic reading, writing, and math skills. They also have a computer skills program, an in-school literacy program, and they participate in Family Literacy Day activities.

## **Quebec City Reading Council (1980)**

*Serves the Quebec City region*

Volunteers are the backbone of QCRC. Without their endless hours of dedication and commitment, QCRC couldn’t reach as many adults and families as they currently do. They offer one-on-one tutoring, help getting back to school, computer and internet skills, help filling out forms and understanding important documents.

*Meghan Radden and Michelle Osbourne from Quebec City Reading Council (top); LQ Executive Director Margo Legault visiting Cathy Nolan and Meghan Radden at the Quebec City Reading Council (bottom).*



## **RECLAIM Literacy Council (1980)**

*Serves Montreal Metropolitan area*

RECLAIM provides free and confidential literacy services to the English-speaking population of greater Montreal. Using trained volunteers, their main program focuses on providing tutoring services tailored to adult individual learners' needs in an understanding and supportive environment. They are also involved in the community providing a variety of services to seniors, youth and families to support their literacy needs. In 2020, their focus shifted to being able to provide their services in an online format.

“ LQ is a dedicated support network to RECLAIM by providing an efficient and effective network for professional development, networking, and communicating. The support given in terms of interpreting government programs and funding has proven to be invaluable to our members. ”

—RECLAIM

## **South Shore Reading Council (1980)**

*Serves Montreal's South Shore communities*

The South Shore Reading Council is a non-profit Anglophone organization dedicated to offering free literacy programming. They offer one-to-one literacy tutoring for adults, peer-tutor support for high-school students, a Care-Share Program for adults with developmental delays, a read-aloud program for disabled adolescent students, and the Mother Goose Pre-Literacy Music Program for parents and their infant children (ages 0-3). They are committed to life-long learning. They are committed to improving the quality of life through transmitting basic literacy skills. They are committed to building community through individual interactions and committed volunteerism.





*Long-time tutor Sandra working with her student, Norman, at the South Shore Reading Council office.*

“ LQ has provided South Shore Reading Council (SSRC) with critical information on grants, policies and the ministry’s current thinking. This information is invaluable since SSRC relies heavily on the [Ministry of Education]’s grants for funding. If LQ did only that it would be worthwhile, but it does much more. If not for LQ, I would have virtually no contact with other English speaking community based literacy providers. I would not have the opportunity to learn and share information with people who share my concerns and do the same work as I do. I also benefit from projects undertaken by LQ, these would not be accessible to me otherwise. ”

*—South Shore Reading Council*

## **Western Quebec Literacy Council (1984)**

*Serves Outaouais region*

The WQLC delivers literacy services across its vast territory, serving both remote rural locations, as well as urban Gatineau. Trained volunteer tutors work one-on-one with English-speaking adult learners to help them improve their reading, writing, math or computer skills. WQLC also hosts family literacy activities, special literacy-themed events and works to promote literacy throughout the community.

## **Yamaska Literacy Council (1981)**

*Serves Brome-Missisquoi and Haute-Yamaska*

Providing free one-to-one literacy services to adults in Brome-Missisquoi and Haute-Yamaska since 1981, YLC also offers family literacy programs, health/digital/financial literacy workshops, and has a prison literacy program.

“ LQ provides excellent professional development workshops for literacy practitioners. ”

*—Yamaska Literacy Council*



*Tutor training at Western Quebec Literacy Council with Andrea and Mary (top); Yamaska Literacy Council's Pam Dillon, Kayla Soule, Emily Beerworth (standing), Lillian Hartley, Meredith Mackeen serving beer (for tips for literacy) at the big Brome Fair (bottom).*

## Associate Members

### **Deaf Anglo Literacy Council (2002)**

*Serves Montreal and surrounding suburbs*

Provides basic literacy, communication and computer skills for deaf anglophones. Instructors are deaf and workshops are in American Sign Language.


### **Frontier College (1899)**

*Serves Montreal, Quebec City, Sherbrooke and over 20 Indigenous communities in Northern Quebec*

Literacy support and activities for children and adults include one-on-one tutoring, essential skills development and upgrading and literacy camps. With over 50 community partners and 300 volunteers yearly, FC offers leadership opportunities for youth: volunteer tutoring, contract and summer positions, internship opportunities, as well as the sharing of expertise (trainings, workshops and resource development).



“Literacy is a fundamental human right.”



If plan A  
doesn't work,  
the alphabet has  
25 more letters.

*Claire Cook*



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# Designing the Cover

**T**he cover of our book was designed by Anna Evangelista. We thank Anna for providing such a beautiful piece of art to help us celebrate this incredible milestone. Here is what Anna had to say about her work:



“I decided to use the book and letters as universal symbols which everyone can understand. I drew an open book with pages fanning out and I echoed this openness by drawing more pages above it, floating up as if reaching towards the sky.

I included fourteen letters which, when unscrambled, spell out the name of the organization, Literacy Quebec. I scattered them around to show that literacy is a confusing issue for those who face it. The letters are spread across different paths to suggest how each person takes their own direction or approach to literacy. I used primary and secondary colors to enhance the feeling of joy, celebration and success for the 40th anniversary issue.”

—Anna Evangelista, [evans\\_grace@hotmail.com](mailto:evans_grace@hotmail.com)

## About Anna Evangelista

**Born:** Frosinone, Italy. Canadian visual artist working with print media, drawing and painting. Prize from National Congress of Italo-Canadians. Lives in Montréal, Québec and works at Atelier Matrix with her research into the practice of non-toxic printmaking processes.



**Training:** B.F.A.-Concordia University-Painting/Graphics, recipient of the Walter Stenhouse Bursary for painting. Diploma in Education-McGill University, Montréal, QC. Certification from the Ministère de l'Éducation, Québec City. D.E.C. Institut des arts appliqués: Arts Plastiques-CEGEP du Vieux-Montréal.

### Cultural Projects:

- Participation in over 100 exhibitions, juried/non-juried, nationally and internationally in more than fifteen countries. Artwork found in public and private collections.
- Recently invited to two important events: Global Print 5 (2021) & the 11th International Printmaking Biennial Douro (upcoming 2022) in Portugal, both curated by Nuno Canelas.
- Honoured for her outstanding contribution to the Arts plastiques programs (Culture in Schools *Arrimage* and Creative Kids *Artists Showcase Montreal West*) and has been teaching professionally for over twenty years.
- Co-founder of the Beaconsfield Artists' Association in 1984, Honorary Member, President 2000-2002, and has held several positions on the Executive Board since 1984, City of Beaconsfield Cultural Services, QC.



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