

**In 2007 at
READ
Saskatoon**

half of the adult learners seeking assistance are newcomers to Canada. Countries most represented by our learners are China, Japan, Mexico, Taiwan, South Korea, Kenya and Iran. Today we see a significant increase of adult learners from Philippines and Ukraine.

Thank You MACU!

If you have an issue of awareness, you have an issue of access.

- Leslie Gosselin, SaskEnergy

Marketing Association for Credit Unions (MACU) is a non-profit organization supporting and enhancing the professional development of credit union marketers through education, networking and recognition and they have gifted READ Saskatoon the marketing opportunity of a lifetime.

Each year, Credit Union Marketers from across Canada gather for their conference and a fun marketing competition. Randomly selected teams of marketers compete to create unique and effective marketing and communication material for non-profit organizations that need help moving their causes forward. Teams work throughout the day and submit their entries to a panel of judges who will choose which team has created the award-winning submission.

In addition, Pattison Outdoor Advertising has gifted us with billboard and bus shelter advertising. What a wonderful way to continue to raise awareness about the importance of literacy and the value of volunteering.

CAN YOU READ THIS?
Which One Of These People Can't?
All of Them.
We Need Your Help CALL US (306) 652-5448
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READ Saskatoon provides:

- free literacy tutoring to adults;
- free family literacy programs;
- free family literacy support and coordination to schools, community based organizations and businesses;
- training to groups interested in building their skills in adult and family literacy;
- group adult learning opportunities. Our holistic classroom connects adults into further education and skill enhancement programs;
- alternative points of accessing literacy supports. Our Good Book Bins, distributed in public waiting areas in Saskatoon, encourages families to choose a book from the box and read it together, take it home, bring it back at the next visit, replace it with another, or keep it;
- *Grow Your Own Training:* an award winning workplace literacy model that supports lifelong learning on the job;
- research to the literacy community in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and Canada.

READ Saskatoon PGI Golf Tournament for Literacy
Friday, September 18, 2009
The Willows Golf & Country Club

To increase awareness of low literacy levels in Canada, Peter Gzowski founded the first PGI Golf Tournament in 1986. Since that time, the PGI has blossomed into a high profile event, celebrated in every province and territory.

READ Saskatoon, with the help of a creative, dynamic volunteer committee, and a supportive Board of Directors, is hosting the third year of this event on Friday, September 18th. This fundraiser has raised over \$40,000 for READ Saskatoon's literacy free programs and has made a significant difference to the agency's capacity to continue to meet the needs of partner agencies and our community.

Registration 9:00 — Shotgun Start 10:00

Literacy Awards Banquet- 4 :00

Additional banquet tickets \$30

Hole Sponsor (includes one golfer) \$500

Golf Team \$550 — Single Golfer \$150

(includes lunch, banquet & \$50 charitable receipt)

Call 652-5448 for more information.



Upcoming Events at READ Saskatoon

- READ Saskatoon Board Meeting — Monday, August 31, 7:00 p.m., READ Saskatoon office
- International Literacy Day — Tuesday, September 8, SIAST/Kelsey Campus front lawn, 10:00 — 12:00 p.m.
- READ Saskatoon Annual General Meeting — Mano's #200-1820 8th Street East), *rsvp required by calling 652-5448*, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- READ Saskatoon PGI Golf Tournament for Literacy — Friday, September 18, Willows Golf and Country Club
- Adult and Family Literacy Volunteer Orientation - Wednesday, September 23, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., READ Saskatoon office
- Adult and Family Literacy Volunteer Orientation - Thursday, September 24, 1:00 — 3:30 p.m., READ Saskatoon office
- Literacy Tutor Training — Saturday, September 26, 9:30 — 4:30, Radius Community Centre (#6 Bateman Crescent)
- Saskatoon Region Family Literacy Advisory Group Meeting — Tuesday, September 29, 4:00 p.m., READ Saskatoon office
- READ Saskatoon Board Meeting — Monday, October 19, 7:00 p.m., READ Saskatoon office
- Introduction to Family Literacy Certificate Training - Thursday, October 22, 9:00 — 4:00 p.m., READ Saskatoon office
- Adult and Family Literacy Volunteer Orientation - Monday, November 2, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., READ Saskatoon office
- Adult and Family Literacy Volunteer Orientation - Tuesday, November 3, 1:00 — 3:30 p.m., READ Saskatoon office
- Saskatoon Region Family Literacy Advisory Group Meeting — Tuesday, November 10, 4:00 p.m., Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Board office
- Introduction to Family Literacy Certificate Training - Thursday, November 12, 9:00 — 4:00 p.m., READ Saskatoon office
- Literacy Tutor Training — Saturday, November 14, 9:30 — 4:30, Radius Community Centre (#6 Bateman Crescent)

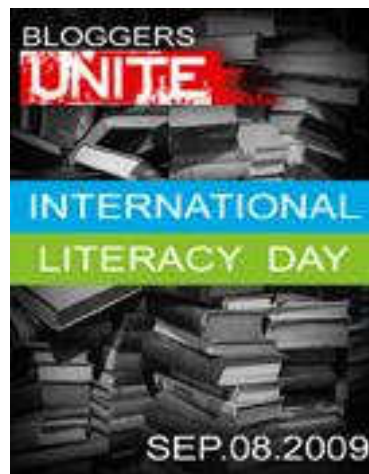
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PGI Golf Tournament for Literacy

PGI Founded by Peter Gzowski

A Fundamental Right



Education is a fundamental right as enshrined in Article 26 of the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Every person, regardless of race, gender, ethnic or social origin, age or ability, has the right to access to education.



On International Literacy Day each year, UNESCO reminds the international community of the status of literacy and adult learning globally.

Across Saskatoon and around the world, adult learning and literacy festivals and events share a common purpose – they are advocacy tools for raising the profile of adult learners and lifelong learning; they mobilize individuals to take advantage of the multitude of learning opportunities open to them; and they serve as a reminder that adult learning can be a powerful instrument for change.

September 8 was proclaimed International Literacy Day by UNESCO on November 17, 1965. It was first celebrated in 1966.

As the movement for lifelong learning continues to expand in Canada, the Canadian Commission of UNESCO continues to work with a growing number of partners across the country. These include federal, provincial and municipal governments, literacy organizations, the education community and a myriad of professional, social, environmental and cultural organizations.

Working together, the Commission and its partners aim to ensure that adult learning will become a reality in the challenging years ahead. They play an active part in an international movement

On September 8th Celebrate International Literacy Day!

that recognizes that literacy is a human right, a tool of personal empowerment and a means for social and human development. Educational opportunities depend on literacy.

A good quality basic education equips pupils with literacy skills for life and further learning; literate parents are more likely to send their children to school; literate people are better able to access continuing educational opportunities; and literate societies are better geared to meet pressing development .

Internationally, one in five adults is not literate and two-thirds of them are women; 75 million children are out-of-school and many more attend irregularly or drop out (www.unesco.org/en/literacy/).

The Missing Jacket

When he realized the jacket was missing, the man began to panic. The palms of his hands started to sweat. His knees felt weak. What was he going to do? It shouldn't be too hard to find, he tried to reassure himself. The jacket was an unusual design with bold checks and leather patches on the sleeves. But he had to find it before the ocean liner docked, otherwise it would be gone forever, taking his future with it. Perhaps someone had picked it up accidentally, but surely they would notice the excess weight in the pockets and look. He could not stand to think of the consequences.

He decided to retrace his footsteps over the ship. But the jacket wasn't in the dining room. Or hanging on a hook in the men's room. He decided to look on the back of the deckchairs. He'd been on the deck earlier in the day. Surely the jacket must still be there. He climbed the



stairs to the deck, trying to feel optimistic. It was almost dark.

Just as he felt fresh air in his face, the man saw his jacket flying through the air, over the rail and into the sea. He rushed to the rail, only to see it sink and disappear under the waves like a stone. So the pockets had not been emptied of their precious contents and someone had merely thrown the ugly jacket overboard for a joke. As he looked along the deck, there was no sign of the person who had thrown it. The man turned from the foaming sea, his head stooped in despair.

The jacket continued to plummet towards the bottom of the sea, its pockets weighed down with cutlery from the ship's dining room. And further along the deck out of sight,

another man was smiling as he patted heavy ingots of gold he had transferred to his own pockets.

Activities:

- Summarize this story in less than five sentences.
- Underline new words in red and interesting or difficult spellings in blue.
- Find words in the story passage with silent letters. Write them down using the colour red to show their silent letter. For example, the silent letter in **psalm**, is **p**.
- Write the word or words that have these meanings in the passage:
 - started,
 - opposite of strong,
 - by mistake,
 - opposite of pessimistic,
 - knives, forks and spoons
 - fall rapidly

Myth: Canada does not have a literacy problem.

Fact: Almost half of all Canadian adults (48%) have low literacy skills.

Myth: Adult literacy in Canada will improve over time as more people acquire higher education.

Fact: The proportion of Canadian adults with low literacy skills remain virtually unchanged through 2031.

Reading the Future <http://www.ccl-cca.ca/ccl/reports/readingfuture/index.htm>



Prefixes and Root Words

Knowing how prefixes and root words work helps us with both spelling and vocabulary. For example, the meanings of prefixes helps us understand the meanings of new words.

Did you know that:

- Prefixes are word beginnings.
- Many but not all words have prefixes
- The root word is a word that can stand alone; it does not need a prefix attached to it.
- Prefixes alter the meanings of root words.
- Most prefixes are not words when they stand alone.

i Only 1 out of the 3 prefixes next to a root word is right for that word. Choose which one you think is correct and write the new word in the space provided, as in the example.

Prefixes	Root word	Correct word
un / dis / sub	pick	unpick
de / im / un	fraud	_____
il / in / re	legal	_____
mis / trans / un	even	_____
anti / re / in	play	_____
in / dis / un	certain	_____
un / in / mis	fortune	_____
il / un / in	direct	_____
de / pre / mis	behave	_____
re / mis / im	possible	_____
il / un / in	wrap	_____
ir / im / in	regular	_____
dis / de / re	name	_____
inter / mis / un	view	_____
un / in / dis	afraid	_____
in / il / im	moral	_____
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il / un / im	equal	_____
un / dis / re	honest	_____
de / mis / un	use	_____



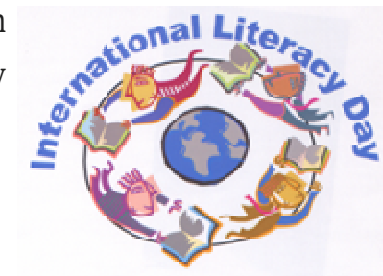
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Think Globally, Act Locally

September 8 is a special day for Saskatoon literacy organizations, adult and family literacy learners and the community of Saskatoon.



The Saskatoon Literacy Coalition and its members, including READ Saskatoon, will mark the special day with book giveaways, prizes, speakers and fun. The annual celebration is at SIAST Kelsey Campus (front lawn, Idylwyld & 33rd St.). There will also be burgers and soft drinks for sale.

In addition, every school, business, organization and citizen in Saskatoon is invited to drop everything and read for 15 minutes at 1:00 pm. Register your participation by emailing READSaskatoon@nald.ca with the name of your organization and number of people participating.

Come join in the celebration and promote literacy in our community. Your presence and interest does make a difference!

READ Saskatoon PGI Golf Tournament for Literacy

All our sponsors and supporters are committed to making a difference to the health and success of our community!



Saskatoon Public Schools, West Wind Aviation – Express Air, Paradise Leisure Scapes, TCU Financial Group, TKB Law PC Barristers & Solicitors, Vaughn Wyant Automotive Group, Andy Iwanchuk - MLA, AREVA Resources Canada Inc., Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, Pelican Media, Radius Community Centre, Hon. Rob Norris — MLA, Roy Pegg Management, Ministry of Education, ProPrint, Supreme Basics, Globe Printers, Saskatoon Business College, PGI Printers, North Ridge Development Corporation, U of S President's Office

How can there be a literacy problem in Canada, when most adults can read and write?

Many people misinterpret low literacy as illiteracy.

In fact, very few Canadian adults are truly illiterate

(unable to read or write).

The main concern is regarding the millions who possess

some literacy skills, yet who are below the internationally-

accepted standard for coping in a modern society.

Reading the Future <http://www.ccl-cca.ca/ccl/reports/readingfuture/index.htm>

Be careful

not to overwhelm your learner with prefixes and root words. Start with ones previously studied in regular reading materials. Work on just one or two prefixes or suffixes at one time.

New ways to say "good".

You've got it made.

You're on the right track now.

You're very good at that.

That's much better.

I knew you could do it.

Now you've figured it out.

Great!

You make it look easy.

Now you've grasped it.

Terrific.

Looks good.

Awesome.



Getting Organized: why you need a daily "to do" list

Getting organized is hard, staying organized is even harder. Here are some tips for getting and staying on top of things.

Many mistake a master list for a daily "to do" list. A master list is everything you need to do. This list can consist of 20, 30, 40 items or more. A master and daily "to do list" are two separate lists.

A daily "to do" list is your way of knowing the tasks and demands on your time for TODAY. Many of the items on a daily "to do" list will come from this master list. Others will be the result of what has taken place the previous day.

Your list is a way to input into your daily schedule those actions required to meet the deadlines to accomplish your goals.

A daily "to do" list works for both your business life and your personal life. Review each item on your list, and ask yourself, "Will this get me where I want to be next month, next year, five years from now?"

If your answer is 'no' to the above, either eliminate it from your list, or be certain you know why it is staying on your list at all.

Your goal is to select the most important tasks that give you the maximum results in the shortest period of time.

Each day will change, depending upon what other activities are taking place at any given time.

Learning how to quickly prioritize is one of the most effective tools of organization.

Your daily "to do" list will constantly change

because each day brings new and different priorities.

It is important not to have so many items on your list that it is overwhelming, and there is no room in your day for the unexpected events that inevitably come up.

If you have an unusually quiet day, you may even cross off all items on your daily "to do" list and go looking to your master list for more to do. But that probably won't happen too often.

By keeping your daily "to do" list short, you will frequently complete all items, which gives you a good feeling of accomplishment.

For more information on how to better organize visit www.pilestfiles.com

Fun Fall Literacy Activities for your family

Sharing language and literacy experiences with your children will help support their learning and their school success.

Go for a walk and play games such as *I Spy* to take note of what you see outside. On windy days, draw attention to the cloud patterns and on nice days, notice the clear blue sky.

Día de la Raza (October 12): Practice map skills by tracing



Columbus' trip across the Atlantic. Use the map scale to figure the approximate number of miles he traveled.

Ask the older kids to come up with a scavenger hunt for the little ones - give them paper to write the clues on, and bags to collect the finds in.

Encourage your child to list five reasons she likes popcorn. Help her write a paragraph using the reasons, indenting, capitalizing, and putting in punctuation where

necessary. Pop some corn and enjoy it together.

Help your child make a list of words that have to do with computers and help him look them up in a dictionary.

Visit the library or use the internet to help your child find information about fall holiday celebrations. Ask your child to share one interesting fact she has learned with a friend or family member.

For more fall fun visit www.familit.org

At READ Saskatoon

female adult

learners stay

longer than men.

The average time

is almost double

their male

counterparts.

At READ Saskatoon

more than half of

men enrolled in

the programs are

there to improve

their literacy so

they can improve

their job

opportunities.

Your contribution means everything to us!

Learn more about the difference you are making to Saskatoon. Meet others involved in adult and family learning. Come to READ Saskatoon's Annual General Meeting.

Monday, September 14, 2009 — 6 to 8:00 p.m

Mano's Restaurant (back room) 200 — 1820 8th Street East

RSVP by Wednesday, September 9th by calling 652-5448

appetizers and refreshments included