

The **READ**Saskatoon **READer**

It's more than words. 

Dates to Remember

- Sept. 8** – International Literacy Day
- Sept. 8** – AGM 7:00 Alice Turner Library
- Sept. 11** – *free training*
Intro to Family Literacy
- Sept. 18** – PGI Celebrity Auction
- Sept. 19** – PGI – READ Saskatoon Golf Tournament for Literacy 2008
- Oct. 1** – Volunteer Orientation
- Oct. 2** – Volunteer Orientation
- Oct. 4** – Literacy Tutor Training
- Oct. 8** – Families Together
- Dec. 4** – Tutor's and Learner's Library Tour

PGI - READ Saskatoon

Golf Tournament for Literacy 2008

Celebrity Auction for Literacy

Welcome to the 2nd year of the Celebrity Auction! This event happens the night before the PGI – READ Saskatoon Golf Tournament and is open to golfers and guests. Once again we welcome guest auctioneer Brent Loucks and special guests Jonathan Torrens and Shelagh Rogers.

Here are a few of the packages you will have the opportunity to bid on: Golfing with the Mayor of Saskatoon, An Evening on Stage with the SOAPS, Shoot Shop Package, Rock Your House with Us, A Work of Art, You're One of a Kind, and Golf Like a Pro. Check out the package descriptions and the silent action items at <http://www.nald.ca/readsask/pgi/2008/auctn-ad.pdf>



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Thursday, September 18

Western Development Museum – 2610 Lorne Avenue

Doors Open at 7:00 p.m. Auction start at 7:30

Tickets \$20.00

(PGI – READ Saskatoon Golfers ***free***)

Tickets can be purchased by calling 652-5448.

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READ Saskatoon Golf Day

Join us for a day of great fun and prizes with guests of honour: Jonathan



Torrens aka J Rock who will also be our Poet Laureate and Shelagh Rogers CBC Radio Host. We will also be presenting the Cooperator's Learner Achievement Award. Your golf entry fee includes: golfing, golf cart, charitable receipt of at least \$50, Celebrity Auction for Literacy, awards dinner and prizes. Space is limited so sign up today!

Friday, September 19, 2008

Registration & Continental Breakfast 8:30 a.m.

Shot Gun Tee Off 10 a.m.

Awards Dinner 3:30 pm

Willows Golf and Country Club

For registration information:

<http://www.nald.ca/readsask/pgi/2008/register08.pdf>

READ Saskatoon 30th Anniversary

This is a very exciting time for us. It would not have been possible without the support of our past and present donors, board members, staff and volunteers. To celebrate we are planning a community forum, tutor and family literacy workshops, learner conference and banquet on

February 5-7, 2009. Mark your calendars! More details will follow in our December newsletter and also keep checking our website.

The Star Phoenix Subscriptions

This is a great opportunity for your learner. The Star Phoenix is offering an opportunity for adult learners to receive a newspaper subscription for 12 weeks at no charge. They are also offering a limited amount of online version subscriptions. Please contact the READ Saskatoon office before the end of September for more information.

International Literacy Day

September 8, 2008

The annual celebration is at SIAST Kelsey Campus (front lawn, Idywyld & 33rd St.) There will be a Literacy Day cake, entertainment, public speakers, free books and more. There will also be burgers and soft drinks for sale. Come join in the celebration and promote literacy in our community.



Your presence and interest does make a difference! 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.

READ Saskatoon Annual General Meeting

Monday, September 8th, 2008 - 7 p.m.

Alice Turner Library - 110 Nelson Rd., Saskatoon

Coffee and nutrition provided

What's Happening at READ Saskatoon the Year?

One-to-One Literacy Tutoring Program

A special KUDOS! to the huge number of tutors and learners who continued to



work throughout the summer. If you took a break it is time to begin tutoring again, please call your learner as soon as possible. We wish everyone the best for this year.

READ Saskatoon's one-to-one literacy tutoring program is open to adults (over 18 and out of high school) who wish to improve their literacy skills.

Volunteer literacy tutors meet with adult learners once a week at branches of the Saskatoon Public Library or at the READ Saskatoon office. People interested in receiving free literacy tutoring or becoming a volunteer literacy tutor call Mavis at 652-5448.

Family Literacy

Family literacy is about helping parents understand the value of reading and writing in their children's lives as well as their own. This is especially true today, because literacy weaves through all aspects of family and community life -health, employment, education, social welfare and justice. Literacy is the foundation for all other learning.

If your agency, school or business would like:

- to run a family literacy program;
- to offer learning opportunities for parents or staff (<http://www.nald.ca/readsask/training.htm>);
- a demonstration of our story bags;
- assistance with planning events around National Family Week (October 6-12) or Family Literacy Day (January 27th) please call the office at 652-5448.

Families Together

Families Together brings families from Saskatoon together on a weekly basis to enjoy



reading, writing, cooking, playing, crafting, sewing, singing, and other family literacy based activities. Families Together meets Wednesdays starting October 1 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Radius Community Centre.

Please check our website for the monthly calendar or contact Anita Fengstad at 652-5448 for more information.

A word of encouragement during a failure is worth more than an hour of praise after success.

- Anonymous

Some Key Benefits of Investing in Adult Literacy

At work:

Greater employment opportunities Literacy and numeracy skills improve the chances of individuals finding work and attaining promotions on the job.

Increased workplace safety Understanding safety regulations and procedures leads to fewer injuries. This, in turn, leads to reduced insurance costs and employee downtime.

Enhanced workplace efficiencies Greater understanding of job demands and procedures aids communication and enhances workplace efficiencies.

Increased competitiveness Enhanced literacy skills prepare employees for managerial and technological changes in the workplace, and position the company for greater competitiveness.

More vibrant and engaged workforce When literacy skills are increased, employees are better suited to meet the demands of their job, assume greater responsibilities, and seek promotion. An organization active in offering education and employment opportunities is more likely to retain its employees.

Bolstered Canadian economy A more literate workforce boosts productivity: The C.D. Howe Institute reports that a 1% rise in a country's literacy level, relative to the international average, is associated with an eventual 2.5% rise in labour productivity and a 1.5% rise in the per capita Gross Domestic Product (GDP) [Public Investment in

Skills: Are Canadian Governments Doing Enough?, Serge Coulombe and Jean-François Tremblay, C.D. Howe Institute, 2005]



At home

Better-prepared youth for work and life
Increased literacy levels among parents mean more reading and literacy-building activities in the home, preparing their children for success in school and encouraging a lifelong love of reading and learning.

Enhanced family environment. Establishing a culture of learning encourages an exchange of ideas, enriches family relationships, and bolsters confidence and independent thinking.

Improved health Increased literacy provides the ability to access, understand, and act on health information.

In the community:

Improved healthcare system An understanding of medical dosages means fewer mistakes and interventions. Greater individual autonomy, including among seniors, means less reliance on health-givers. As fewer resources are needed, the cost of the healthcare system is likely to decline.

Reduction of poverty Literacy proficiency improves chances of employment, builds self-confidence and enables discussions and actions that affect the welfare of individuals and their community.

Increased democratic participation Greater understanding of social and political issues means a more informed opinion at the ballot box, better understanding of issues, and greater confidence in discussing them. This, in turn, encourages leadership and engagement in public debate. http://www.abc-canada.org/en/adult_literacy/myths

How can tutors incorporate Family Literacy into their sessions?

Child's health

- Immunizations
- Common childhood illnesses
- Visits to the dentist or doctor

School Information

- Newsletters
- Events
- Report cards

Getting involved in the community

- Leisure Guide
- Community Association
- Public Library
- Play groups and Daycares

Locations and Bus Routes

Topics of Parenting

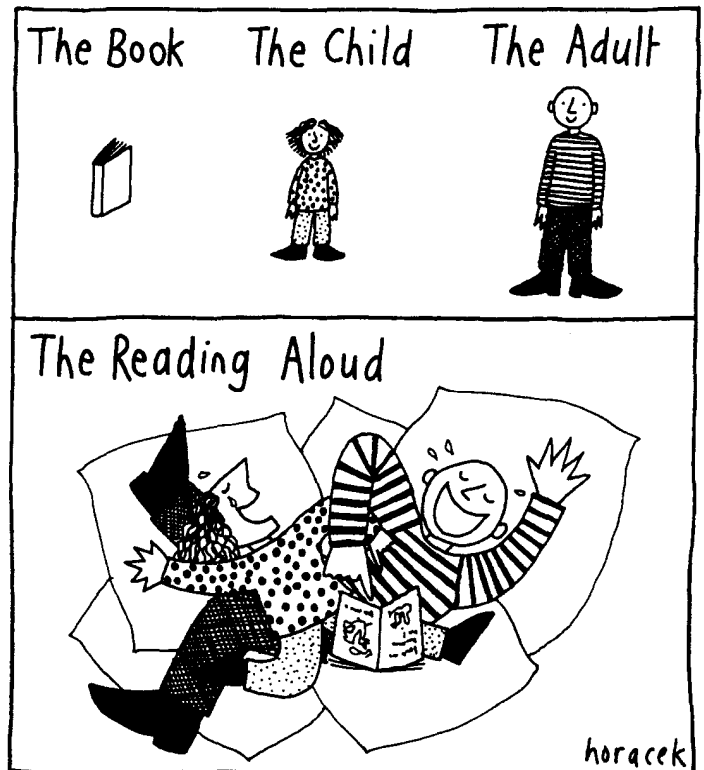
- Social practices

Nutrition

- Revised Canada Food Guide

Why is reading to your children important?

- Encourage parents to read to their children every day- in English or in their own language.
- Books as tools for parenting
- Modeling
- Builds relationship
- Passes on culture
- Fun!



Fox, Mem. *Reading Magic*. New York: Harcourt Inc., 2001.

Telephone Activity

The following sentences are three mixed up telephone calls. Cut them out and have your learner sort them out into the different conversations.

This is Sara speaking.

I'm sorry, but you have the wrong number.

No. She went out for lunch. Can I take a message?

Not it's 736-3224.

Hello. Is Jenny there please?

Hello. Is Sara there please?

Hi is Kevin there please.

Hi. Sara. My name is John I'm calling about
the ad in the newspaper.

She just stepped out.

Is this 736 -2334?

Yes, tell her to call Dave please.

Will she be back soon?

www.bogglesworldesl.com

Check out our website! Take part in this fun contest as you explore.

1. Where are the previous issues of The READER located on the READ Saskatoon website?
2. Where do you find a list of important upcoming events on the READ Saskatoon website?
3. Where do you find a list of four components a quality family literacy program should include on the READ Saskatoon website?
4. Name the four other literacy organizations, listed on the READ Saskatoon website, located in Saskatchewan.

How to Play:

- Email the answers to readsaskatoon@nald.ca
- Copy and paste the webpage links into the email and/or type the answers.

Please include your information in the email so that we can contact the winner. The winner will receive (2) Cineplex Odeon Movie passes.



Brain Groaners

Brain Groaner #1

Some months have 30 days. Some months have 31 days. How many months have 28 days?

Brain Groaner #2

While on my way to St. Ives,
I met a man with seven wives.
Each wife had seven sacks;
Each sack had seven cats;
Each cat had seven kittens.
Kittens, cats, sacks, wives;
How many were going to St. Ives?

- <http://www.rinkworks.com/brainfood/p/groaners1.shtml>

Check your answers on the pg. 7 of The READER

Tutor Tips

Focus on Numeracy *Focus on Basics* issue (volume 9, 2008) is all about numeracy and includes an article on page *Changing Practice, Changing Minds* by BC educator, Kate Nonesuch. *Focus on Basics* is a free journal that links literacy research and practice, available at <http://www.ncsall.net/?id=31>

The Directory of Canadian Adult Literacy Research in English is Back The Directory of Canadian Adult Literacy Research is being updated! Send your completed or in progress research to them for inclusion. View the Directory at <http://www.nald.ca/crd> To find BC research, click on "Research Site" and then select "BC."

Keeping Track of Literacy Statistics NALD provides access to the full-text of Statistics Canada publications relating to literacy at <http://newswire.nald.ca/feed/3>

15 Million Adult Canadians with Low Literacy by 2031 Almost half of all Canadians face literacy challenges today, and this proportion will remain virtually unchanged through 2031, according to a Canadian Council on Learning study. The June 2008 study, *Reading the Future*, looks at the human face of literacy and offers potentially effective solutions. Visit <http://www.cclcca.ca/ccl/reports/readingfuture/index.htm> and link to the *Projections of Adult Literacy-Measuring and Moving (PALMM)* tool to run projections. You will also find videos, fact sheets, a research summary and the full report.

A List of Idioms by Dennis Oliver

A:	- as easy as pie	M:	- make a mountain out of a molehill
B:	- be a piece of cake	N:	- not on your life
C:	- call it a day	O:	- on the dot
D:	- down in the dumps	P:	- pop quiz
E:	- an eager beaver	Q:	- quite a few
F:	- far-fetched	R:	- rain cats and dogs
G:	- get out of hand	S:	- sleep on it
H:	- hard feelings	T:	- take it easy
I:	- in over one's head	U:	- under the weather
J:	- jump the gun	W:	- What's up?
K:	- keep one's fingers crossed	Y:	- You've got to be kidding
L:	- lend someone a hand	Z:	- zilch

Go to www.eslcafe.com/idioms/ for their full list of idioms and detailed explanations of their meanings. Have your learner make sentences using the idioms to demonstrate their meaning.

Idioms with Body Parts Matching Game

The sentences on the left contain common idioms. Match them up with the meanings on the right.

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| <p>_____ 1. You did it. You have to face the music.</p> | <p>a. You have to memorize it.</p> |
| <p>_____ 2. Yes. You hit the nail on the head.</p> | <p>b. You're experienced.</p> |
| <p>_____ 3. You two don't see eye to eye.</p> | <p>c. You have control of the situation.</p> |
| <p>_____ 4. You have to learn it by heart.</p> | <p>d. You don't want to take the risk.</p> |
| <p>_____ 5. You are an old hand at teaching.</p> | <p>e. You have to accept the consequences of your actions</p> |
| <p>_____ 6. That's great! You keep everything under your thumb.</p> | <p>f. You don't agree with each other.</p> |
| <p>_____ 7. You don't want to stick your neck out, do you?</p> | <p>g. You're absolutely right.</p> |

Go to <http://a4esl.org/q/h/vm/m-body.html> for more quizzes for esl learners.

Brain Groaner Solutions: 1. All of them. 2. One. The rest were travelling from St. Ives.

READer Family Fun Page

JELL-O Jigg-o-Lantern Dessert

Ingredients: 1 pkg JELL-O Orange Jelly Powder
1 cup boiling water
2 cups vanilla ice cream, softened
Assorted candies

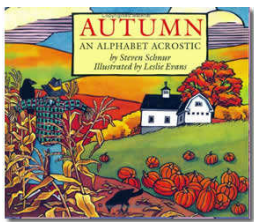
1. DISSOLVE jelly powder in boiling water. Cool to room temperature.
2. ADD ice cream by spoonfuls, whisking until smooth
3. POUR into dessert dishes. Chill until set, about 30 minutes
4. MAKE pumpkin faces on jelly with candies.



Tip: Decorate with candies no more than 1 hour before serving or candies may “weep”.

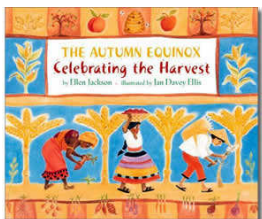
<http://www.kraftcanada.com/en/recipes/jell-o-jigg-o-lantern-dessert-85970.aspx>

Fall Reading



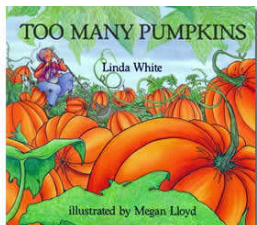
Autumn: An Alphabet Acrostic

by Steven Schnur, Leslie Evans (Illustrator)



The Autumn Equinox

by Ellen Jackson



Too Many Pumpkins

by Linda White, Megan Lloyd (Illustrator)

Back to School Bookmark Craft

Kids who are hooked on chapter books can mark their reading progress with personalized bookmarks, which are easy to make, sturdy and may even speed up page turning.

MATERIALS

- Construction paper or poster board
- Scissors or pinking shears

OPTIONAL

- Tassel, ribbon or braided material
- Stickers
- Rubber stamps and ink pad
- Magazine cutouts
- Markers or colored pencils
- Spare personal photographs
- Glue
- Glitter
- Clear, self-adhesive paper



For each bookmark, begin with a piece of construction paper or poster board 6 inches long and 1- to 2-inches wide. For wavy or jagged edges, cut the paper with pinking shears. You can cover the bookmark with clear, self-adhesive paper for a glossy finish. You also can punch a hole in the top of the bookmark and tie on a tassel, ribbon or colorful braid.