



August 2016 Newsletter

Good morning everybody,



The summer is almost over and with the leaves soon turning all colors we are bringing you the August newsletter.

The summer has been quieter than normally at the Literacy Society with ESL students taking a two week break from their classes. They have however returned all fresh the second week of August and we were pleased to welcome quite a few new students.

Our volunteer tutors still continued to meet and work with their learners regularly. We would like to thank everybody who has been putting effort in helping the low literacy and ESL learners over this summer. It's not always easiest to find the time, but we do realize that every hour counts and every hour can make a difference.

Saying that, we always need new tutors so if you know of anyone willing to volunteer and spend their time doing something rewarding, please refer them to us. Our next Tutor Training workshop will be held this fall (dates to be announced). Tutor training is a great opportunity for all existing and new tutors to learn more teaching techniques and tricks as well as receive a certification.



What's NEW?

We were sad to wave good bye to our teacher Kara-lee, leaving for an adventurous trip to Europe (we are so very jealous). She finished off here in style with potluck with her students as well as farewell lunch with Literacy society Board of Directors.



However, we are now pleased to welcome Adam to the team of Literacy Society.

Here is Adam's introduction:

'Hi everyone! My name is Adam Kelderman and I am the new Program Coordinator and lead ESL teacher for the Fort St John Literacy Society. I'm originally from Nova Scotia, but I've lived in Fort St John for ten years. I am super excited to have begun teaching here at the Literacy Society. It's my first teaching job and I am so happy to be contributing to the local community. My students have been attending classes regularly and make the teaching experience positive and encouraging. I am happy to be part of such a diverse and safe learning environment. Being lead teacher and program coordinator is an opportunity for me to enrich and foster the community we all live in. The two programs I coordinate are the LINC program (Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada) and the CALP program (Community Adult Literacy Program).



I am so happy to be a working part of the Fort St John community, promoting literacy and assisting newcomers to Canada and adults who strive to strengthen their language skills.'

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