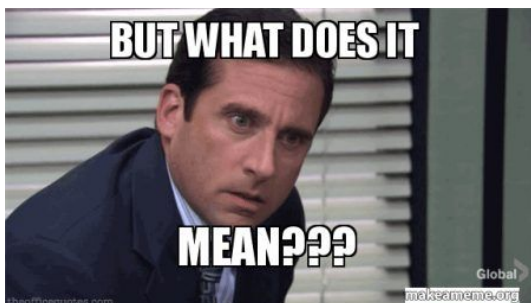


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Literacy Quebec Newsletter

-February 2024-



Hello, lovely subscribers!

We have some exciting announcements we're thrilled to share! To give you some clues, LQ Academy, fundraising, free stickers, and workshops are some of the things they cover. So what could these announcements be? You'll only know for sure if you keep reading!

Now Available: LQ Academy's Family Literacy Course!

LQ Academy's Family Literacy course is now available through our website. This free online course is designed for those who interact with families, such as educators, librarians, social workers, daycare staff, and other community workers. This course will help you understand family literacy as a practice and provide you with easy-to-implement family literacy activities for your programs or services.



[Family Literacy Course](#)

Lace Up for Literacy!



Do you believe literacy is a fundamental human right? We agree with you!

To raise funds for literacy councils across the province, LQ is registered again for this year's 21k de Montréal. You can choose from three options: **21k, 10k, or 5k**, and participate **virtually or in person**. The in-person event is scheduled for April 20th at Parc Jean-Drapeau, and you have from April 1st to May 31st to complete your virtual run or walk wherever your feet desire! If you would like to join our team, please use the referral link below to register! As a bonus, you will receive some fantastic swag by us, such as T-shirts, toques, and other goodies!

The Montreal 21K half-marathon is now 75% full! If you're planning to run this distance, don't delay in registering to guarantee your spot!

Referral link: <https://raceroster.com/78955?aff=K9XX2>

For more information, please email laceup@literacyquebec.org. We look forward to lacing up for literacy with you!

SAVE THE DATE: CHSSN Montreal Meeting

Webinars- Online

We're thrilled to announce the last two webinars as part of our project with CHSSN! If you would like to be registered to one or both of them, please contact info@literacyquebec.org.

Active Listening Workshop – presented by Vent Over Tea
February 27, 2024- 2pm to 3pm

Suicide Awareness-raising Webinar – presented by Montreal Suicide Prevention Centre
March 7, 2024- 10am-11am

This workshop is made possible by: CHSSN and the Public Health Agency of Canada.

FREE Heart Sticker Giveaway!



'Tis the season for love and... heart stickers?

As our subscribers, you will have a first-hand opportunity to order FREE LQ Heart Stickers in celebration of Valentine's Day, Book Giving Day, and Library Lovers' Day, which all fall on February 14th. Supplies are limited, so place your request as soon as you can! For more information, please contact info@literacyquebec.org.

Please note that we will only be accepting requests from Quebec residents.

Request Form

Introducing LQ's New Team Members: Heather Sakowski & Lily Pollock!

Heather Sakowski recently joined Literacy Quebec as Program Manager. She has over a decade of experience managing programs for the state and county governments in the U.S., including successfully running a sewer and water program in Pittsburgh, PA. An original anglophone from the U.S., Heather is thrilled to leave the world of sewer lines behind and return to some of her passions, which include literature and English language minority rights.

Lily Pollock is the new Office Assistant at Literacy Quebec. She has been volunteering for LQ's helpline since 2022 by providing phone support to those who need assistance with literacy-related tasks. Lily is in her third year at McGill University, studying linguistics, psychology, and communications. She is excited to join the team and learn from those around her. Coming from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Montreal has become a wonderful new home for Lily to grow and develop as a young professional. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, reading, and exploring the nature that Quebec has to offer.

New Podcast Episode!



In this episode of *What's Literacy?* themed around Black History Month, Jessica chats with Greg Birkett, an educational consultant, educator, author, slam poet, and playwright based in Ontario. Greg discusses the significance of teaching Black Canadian History in school curriculums and ways to expand our knowledge of Black History beyond the classroom.

[Listen here](#)

CBC's *Being Black in Canada*

Check out CBC's website *Being Black in Canada*. It highlights news and programming surrounding the Black Canadian experience throughout February and year-round. They have something for everyone: book recommendations, podcasts, documentaries, the arts, and more!

[CBC's website](#)

Events Calendar

If you would like to see more from our Member Organizations, you can check out the Events Calendar on our website!

[Calendar](#)



Literacy Helpline

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1-888-521-8181

The Literacy Helpline is a FREE service that provides information and support for tasks that require reading, writing and/or digital literacy skills. English-speaking Quebecers aged 16 and over can call 1-888-521-8181 for assistance. You can also reach us by email through help@literacyquebec.org.

For more information about our Helpline, click the button below.

Helpline Information

Upcoming Dates

February 14- [Valentine's Day](#), [International Book Giving Day](#), and [Library Lovers' Day](#).

February 28- [Pink Shirt Day](#).

March 8- [International Women's Day](#).

March 17- [St. Patrick's Day](#).

March 18- [Global Recycling Day](#).

March 19- [International Read to Me Day](#).

March 20- [World Storytelling Day](#).

"Never underestimate the power of dreams and the influence of the human spirit. We are all the same in this notion: The potential for greatness lives within each of us."- Wilma Rudolph

Wishing you all a lovely February!

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