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Literacy Quebec Newsletter

-September 2023-

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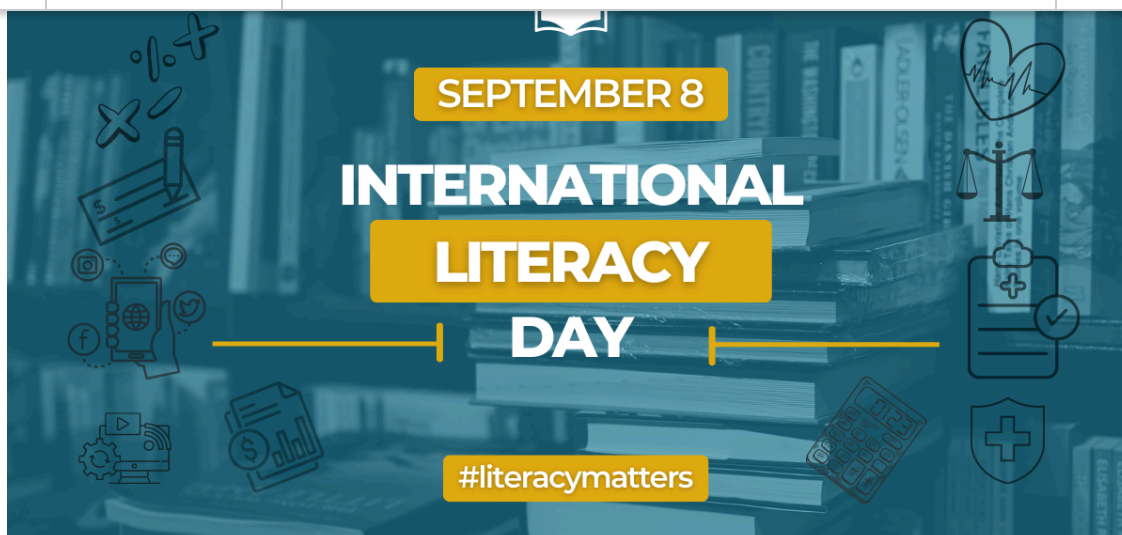


And we're back!

For those returning to school or studies or beginning a new learning journey, we wish you all the best!

While the summer months are less jam-packed for us, we were still busy with schedule planning, podcast interviews, book distribution and general admin and advocacy here at Literacy Quebec.

International Literacy Day 2023



International Literacy Day is on Friday this week, September 8 and we are very excited to share and celebrate all things literacy with our network and friends. This year's theme: **'Promoting literacy for a world in transition: Building the foundation for sustainable and peaceful societies'** Click the UNESCO button to learn more about Literacy Day.

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The launch of LQ Academy



In time for International Literacy Day, Literacy Quebec has launched LQ Academy, a collection of eLearning courses.

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Literacy Québec has split its original **Literacy and Clear Language** term into three foundational courses with added content.

The foundational courses are:

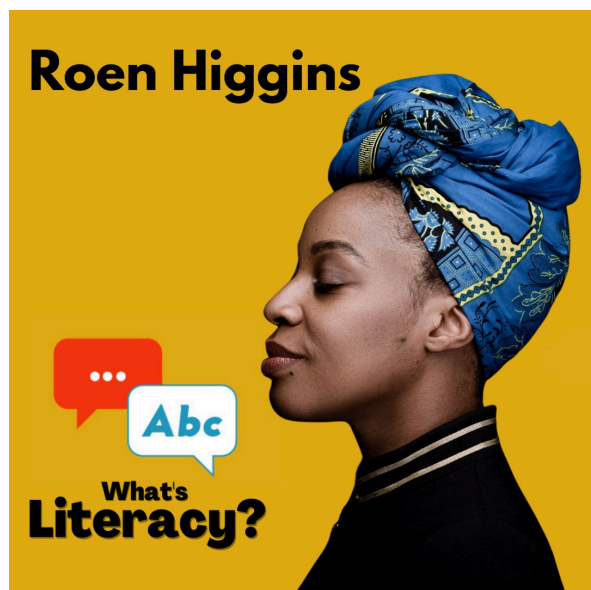
- **Lit 101: Exploring Literacy**
- **Lit 102: Supporting Adults with Low Literacy Skills**
- **Lit 103: Practising Clear Writing and Design**

More courses will be added in the coming months.

LQ Academy is designed for anyone who wants to explore a wide range of literacy-related topics. If you interact with the general public, create communications material, or are just curious about literacy, you should check them out!

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‘What’s Literacy?’ Podcast



Episode 70 Roen Higgins

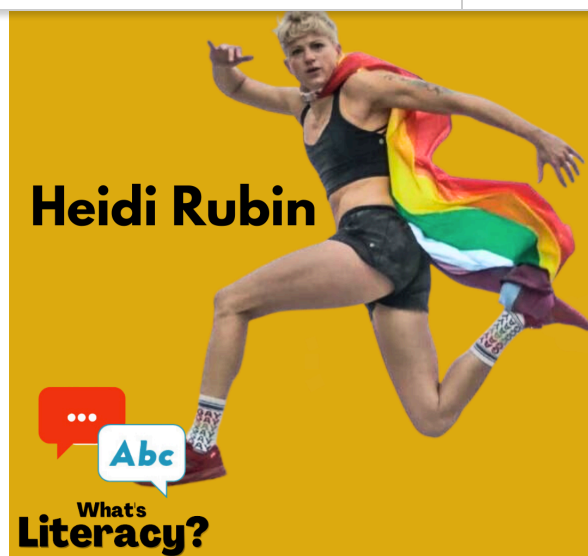
Award-winning Poet, Youth Educator, Inspirational Speaker, and Impact Coach, **Roen Higgins** joins us again for some spoken word poetry.

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Episode 71 Heidi Rubin

Laura spoke to **Heidi Rubin** about inclusive spaces and their experience creating one in Verdun, Montreal.

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Freda Hudson Volunteer Recognition Award



Linda Marier, Freda Hudson Award winner.



Pat Downing, Kim Lloyd, Linda Marier, Madelaine Labonté and Marlene Dagenais

We are delighted to announce that the 2022 recipient of the Freda Hudson Volunteer Recognition Award is **Linda Marier**, a remarkable volunteer from **Laurentian Literacy Centre**. Volunteering for 26 years as a tutor, Treasurer, Financial Consultant and benefactor, the longevity and versatility of Linda's

Literacy Quebec Down Under

It's good to have friends around the world! The Australian Council for Adult Literacy (ACAL) mentioned us in their June newsletter as their president Jo Medlin reflected on her time with the tv series, "Lost for Words" and her 2022 podcast interview with us on "What's Literacy Got to do with it?"

"In 2022, the Canadian literacy organisation Literacy Quebec ran three podcasts about the 2021 SBS television production Lost for Words (Cuell, 2021) as part of their series called What's Literacy got to do with it? (Now known as What's Literacy?) The first podcast (Episode 50) featured host Jay Laga'aia, the second was with teachers Adam Nobilia and Jo Medlin (Episode 51), and the third saw the return of Jo and Adam, along with two of the students, Makere and Mike (Episode 55). In this article Jo reflects on the third podcast titled "Celebrating Adult Learners with Lost for Words"."

[Full article here](#)

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September 8 - [International Literacy Day](#)

September 10 - [World Suicide Prevention Day](#)

September 21 - [Skills for Success Day](#)

September 23 - [International Day of Sign Languages](#)

September 28 - [International Day for Universal Access to Information](#)

September 30 - [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation + Orange Shirt Day](#)

October - [Health Literacy Month](#)

October 23-27 - [Media Literacy Week](#)

“You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.”

- *Dr. Seuss*

All the best for the new academic year!

~ The Literacy Quebec Team



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