

Milestones in LVQ History



- 1980** Adult education coordinators at each regional school board initiate the establishment of a volunteer literacy council in each region by recruiting, training and supporting volunteers.
- 1982** Laubach Literacy Canada – Quebec (LVQ) is formally incorporated, with Louise Caron Orr as the first president.
- 1983** The first national Laubach Literacy Canada (LLC) conference is hosted in Lennoxville, Quebec, by LVQ and the Quebec school boards. Comedian Dave Broadfoot performs.
- 1984** Freda Hudson, along with five other volunteers, gets her tutor training at a workshop in Cowansville. For more than two decades she would be dedicated to advancing the volunteer literacy movement in Quebec.
- 1986** The first literacy conference for LVQ's students and tutors is held at Domaine St. Laurent.
- 1988** LVQ reports there are 248 active students throughout 11 councils in the province.
- 1989** LVQ and Quebec's school boards host a national Laubach conference in Montreal, including a banquet dinner and tour of the Montreal Gazette.
- 1991** LVQ reports there are 413 active students in 12 councils in Quebec.
- 1993** After much discussion LVQ agrees to include all volunteer-based community literacy groups in its membership, not just those affiliated with Laubach.
- 1995** Councils across Quebec begin receiving regular core funding from Quebec's education ministry.
- 1999** Quebec's education ministry gives accreditation to LVQ, resulting in regular core funding for the organization.
- 2000** Goals and values are discussed and agreed upon when LVQ develops a strategic plan.
- 2001** Lillian Hartley, a literacy tutor and president of the South Shore Reading Council, becomes LVQ's provincial coordinator.
- 2003** LVQ defines itself as the voice for community anglophone literacy groups in the province as it participates in the education ministry meetings, and talks directly with its francophone counterparts.
- 2005** Joani Tannenbaum is hired as LVQ's executive director, after a decade of volunteering at Yamaska Literacy Council.
- 2007** The Freda Hudson Volunteer Recognition Award is created.
- 2008** Laubach Literacy Canada closes its doors. LVQ changes its name from LLC-Q/LVQ, to Literacy Volunteers of Quebec / Bénévoles en alphabétisation du Québec.
- 2010** LVQ celebrates 30 years as a provincial organization of community, volunteer-based literacy groups! It proudly represent 14 members.

