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Literacy Quebec Newsletter

-May 2024-



Happy May, everyone!

We hope you've all been enjoying the extraordinarily sunny weather we've been having. It sure feels like summer is already here. And what better time to catch up on some much needed reading than outside in nature while basking in the sun (with some SPF on, of course). Or in the shade. Whatever works best for you!

We also have some exciting announcements that you can read about below!

Lace Up for Literacy: \$5371.41 raised so far!

Our fundraising efforts for our annual Charity Challenge are well underway. Together, teams Literacy Quebec, Gaspésie Literacy Council, RECLAIM Literacy,

are thrilled to announce that we have surpassed our goal of \$5000.

These funds will support literacy councils across the province that provide free tutoring services, resources, book giveaways, and more to English-speaking communities. A huge thank you to all of our fundraisers for their amazing efforts, and a heartfelt thank you to all those who donated to help make a difference in the lives of those with varying literacy skills.

Fundraising will close on **May 31st**. If you would like to donate, please visit the following link: https://racerooster.com/events/2024/78955/21k-de-montreal-2024?locale=en_CA

This event is part of the 21k de Montreal, the flagship event for the Canada Running Series in Quebec.



Pictured: Stephanie (LQ team)



Pictured: Fiona (RECLAIM Literacy team)



Pictured: Carolyn (LQ team)



Pictured: Enza and Adam (LQ team)

Decoda Literacy Conference Recap

In April, the LQ team had the opportunity to attend the Decoda Literacy Conference in Richmond, BC. This biennial 3-day event invites various literacy practitioners and industry leaders to network, share in professional development, and inspire one another. This year's theme was "Literacy: The Ripple Effect," focusing on how low literacy impacts communities.

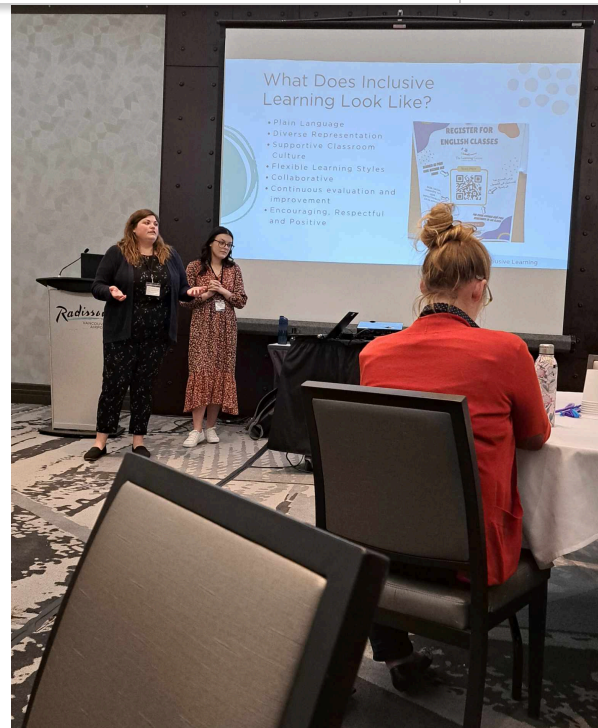
The conference was a wonderful opportunity to connect with other literacy professionals and attend a variety of workshops offering a



to implement new tools and methods into our work, especially in the planning of professional development workshops open to our members and the public.

Highlights included a BC Literacy Strategy Panel Discussion and keynote speakers: Canadian economist Craig Alexander and Marine Detective Jackie Hildering.

Thank you to [Decoda Literacy Solutions](#) for organizing such an educational and inspiring event.



Pictured: ECALA presentation on using AI-powered tech tools

Social Media Highlights

Get Caught Reading Month!



Pictured: Jessica (LQ) reading Stellaluna



Lily (LQ) reading Art Detective: Spot the Difference!

May is Get Caught Reading Month, a campaign reminding people of all ages that reading can be fun! Whether it's diving into a graphic novel, finding inspiration in poetry, or exploring a cookbook for new recipes, reading literature in different forms and through various mediums is a great way to utilize your literacy skills.

As pictured, LQ staff members got caught reading at the office. Jessica read *Stellaluna* by Janell Cannon, a childhood classic near and dear to her heart. Meanwhile, office assistant extraordinaire, Lily, got caught reading "*Art Detective: Spot the Difference!*" She had a lot of fun spotting the differences between an original painting and one that was forged.

Be sure to visit our [social media](#) for more Get Caught Reading posts. If you'd like to participate in our campaign, feel free to send us a picture of yourself reading something you enjoy to info@literacyquebec.org, and we'll feature it online.

May is Asian Heritage Month!

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May is also Asian Heritage Month, an opportunity for us to learn more about the diverse culture and history of Asian communities in Canada, as well as to acknowledge their many achievements and contributions.

To celebrate, we have highlighted children's and young adult books by Canadian authors of Asian heritage. Be sure to check out these book recommendations on our [social media](#).

To learn more about this important month, [click here](#).

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.

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Upcoming Dates

June - [National Indigenous History Month](#) & [start of Pride season](#)

June 1 - [Intergenerational Day](#)

June 5 - [World Environment Day](#)

June 7 - [World Food Safety Day](#)

June 8 - [World Oceans Day](#)

June 21 - [National Indigenous Peoples Day](#)

June 27 - [Canadian Multiculturalism Day](#)

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together for the good of humanity and the Earth, we can accomplish great things." - David Suzuki

~ The Literacy Quebec Team



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