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Literacy Quebec Newsletter

-September 2024-

We're back!

Hello everyone,

We hope you had a wonderful summer! After a brief hiatus, we're excited to be back sending newsletters with information on workshops, events, and other literacy-related news.

As summer winds down, many students have already begun their school year, which means new learning opportunities! Did you know September is **International Literacy Month**? You can learn about this important time below.
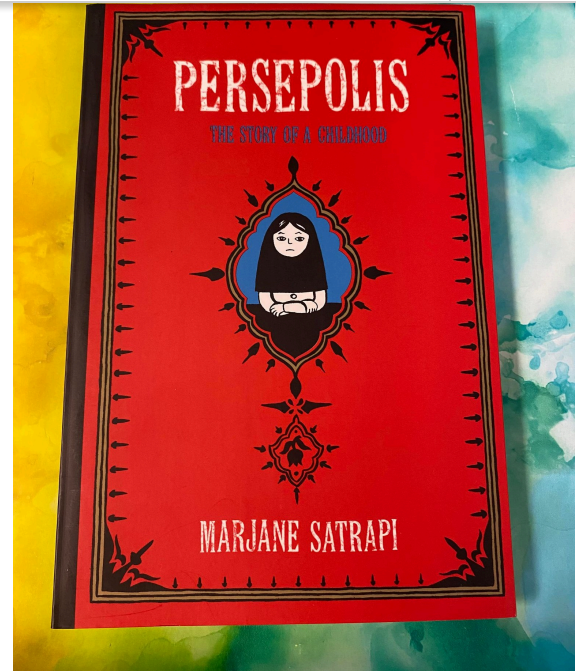

International Literacy Day and Month!

International Literacy Day took place on September 8th, and we are excited to continue the celebration all month long! Since 1967, International Literacy Day has highlighted the importance of literacy in creating a fair, just, and peaceful society.

Literacy is more than just reading and writing. Without even realizing it, we use literacy skills all the time. Some examples include navigating the internet, understanding food labels, and knowing how to vote. If you want to learn more about different types of literacy, check out this post from Gaspésie Literacy Council here.

Want to celebrate International Literacy Month? Visiting your local library, volunteering for a literacy council, and raising awareness about the importance of literacy are some things you can do now and all year round!

Update: ILD Graphic Novel Giveaway!

Thank you to those who participated in our International Literacy Day Graphic Novel Giveaway contest on social media! This is just an update that the winner has been selected to receive two FREE graphic novels: *Living with Viola* by Rosena Fung and *Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood* by Marjane Satrapi. Stay tuned for more giveaways in the future!

Bill 25 Workshop

Bill 25 with presenter Katy Stoneburner
Monday, September 30, 11:30 AM EST via Zoom
[**Registration Form**](#)

This workshop will be open to Literacy Quebec members and the public, and will give an overview of Bill 25 in the context of online privacy safety and compliance for both individuals and organizations.

Katy Stoneburner is an experienced educator and communications professional with a strong background in journalism, web design, and technology integration. They currently work as an IT web designer and educator, equipping individuals with the skills to navigate and understand the digital landscape. With a focus on online privacy legislation, Katy is dedicated to educating others about the importance of safeguarding personal information in the digital age.

This workshop is part of the Community Mobilization Project, a collaboration with [Éducaloi](#) to provide free legal information workshops to learners, staff, and the general public.

This workshop is made possible with the financial support of the Secrétariat aux relations avec les Québécois d'expression anglaise.

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New Podcast Episode with Literacy Expert, Brigid Hayes!

On the latest episode of "What's Literacy?", Wendy Seys, president of LQ's board and Executive Director of [Yamaska Literacy Council](#), takes the microphone for a special International Literacy Day-themed episode. She leads an enlightening conversation with Canadian literacy expert, [Brigid Hayes](#), about the importance of literacy, myths about those with low literacy, and more. Be sure to give it a listen below!

Listen here

Volunteer for a Literacy Organization Today!

Would you like to make a positive impact in the lives of those with varying literacy skills? Literacy Quebec represents literacy councils across Quebec that support English-speaking Quebecers. These organizations are always looking for volunteers with various skills in tutoring, administration, and more. Click the button below to apply.

Apply here

Check out LQ Academy!

LQ Academy is a collection of free eLearning courses designed for anyone who wants to explore and learn more about 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!

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

Special topics courses:

- **Assessing Health Literacy**
- **Family Literacy**

Visit LQ Academy

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

Literacy ❓ℹ️ Helpline

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.

[Visit website]

Upcoming Dates

September 30th - [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation & Orange Shirt Day](#)
October 1-31st - [Health Literacy Month](#), [Learning Disability Awareness Month](#), [Canadian Library Month](#), [Cyber Security Awareness Month](#)
October 5th - [World Teachers' Day](#)
October 10th - [World Mental Health Day](#)
October 13th - [International Plain Language Day](#)
October 21-25th - [Media Literacy Week](#)
October 23rd - [Digital Citizen Day](#)

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you." -B.B. King

~The Literacy Quebec Team

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