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# Literacy Quebec Newsletter

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## February Round Up: Literacy Quebec does Toronto!

On a field trip to the [Reading For the Love of It](#) conference in Toronto. The annual conference is hosted by the East York-Scarborough Reading Association. We learned about new tools for learners of all ages, attended some great sessions on all sorts of things from critical thinking to diversity and representation in books. We made new friends and met some wonderful authors such as *Michelle Good*, pictured above with *Laura, Jessica and Margo* from *LQ*.

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## Welcoming a new member to the LQ team: Ève Buisson St-Cyr - Policy and Partnerships Manager

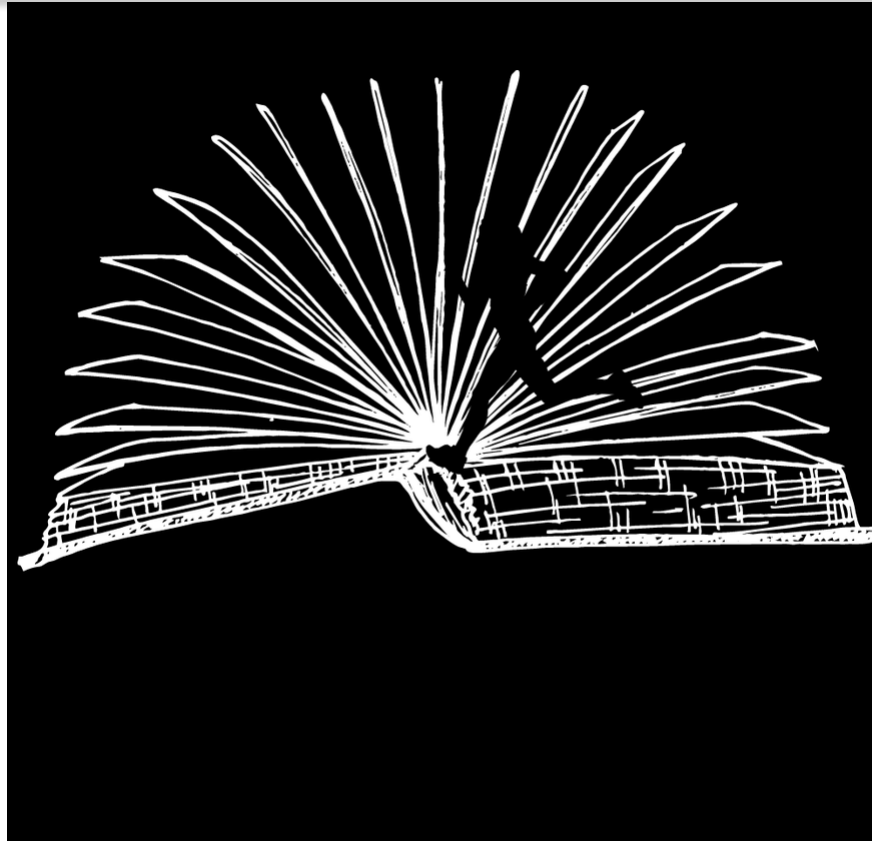


Eve is a communications and research person with many years of national and international experience in policy analysis and conflict management - including systems thinking, community and stakeholder relations, and project management.

A native Montrealer, Eve is rather tall, often hungry, and has trouble sitting or standing still for long periods. An avid problem-solver and snacker, Eve has a generally sunny disposition and can often be presumed to be in the company of her live-in assistant, Bruce, the dog.

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## Charity Challenge - Lace Up For Literacy



## #LaceUpForLiteracy

Each year Literacy Quebec and many of our member organisations sign up for the Canada Running Series, 21k de Montreal to raise funds for literacy in Quebec. Last year we had 30 participants and raised over \$7200.

This year's event is hybrid with virtual and in-person options available in the 5k, 10k and 21k events. The in-person runs/walks take place on April 22 at Parc Jean-Drapeau in Montreal.

The Charity Challenge provides a powerful platform for you to support literacy efforts in Quebec. By signing up or sponsoring a participant, we can work together to promote literacy councils across the province. Funds raised will be dedicated to community literacy initiatives. A society that invests in literacy is more socially inclusive, safer, and creates more vibrant communities! 100% of proceeds from the Charity Challenge will be used to enhance local communities, one learner at a time.

[Register here](#)

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As part of Literacy Quebec's new mental health project, three members of our team attended the Montreal Community Forum on Mental Health #empower, hosted by the Community Health and Social Services Network (CHSSN), last week. Over 100 people were in attendance at the daylong event that included speakers on a variety of topics and introduced us to new research studies and new perspectives on mental health.

It was a great opportunity to meet others from community organizations across the province and share and learn with each other. We're taking many ideas back to our members and their staff, tutors and learners as part of our mental health project and beyond.





# Upcoming Workshop with Éducaloi



## Theme - Volunteers: Rights and Responsibilities

The law has a role to play in making a volunteer experience positive for both the volunteer and the organization — both sides have rights and responsibilities towards each other.

This workshop will cover the basics of:

- The nature of the relationship between a volunteer and the organization for which they're volunteering.
- The rights and responsibilities of each before, during and at the end of volunteering.
- Resources to learn more.

This free workshop is open to learners, staff, volunteers and anyone who would benefit from this information.

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

[Register Here](#)

## #StillWeRise

As part of Black history month in February, we featured some of the books by Black authors and illustrators, new and old, that had piqued our interest recently. We hope you enjoyed that on our social media! We commit to continue featuring Black authors throughout the year as Black History is not just to celebrated in February. This is a year round commitment to explore, learn, share and celebrate together.

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## Upcoming Dates

March - Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month  
March 8 - [International Women's Day](#)  
March 17 - St. Patrick's Day

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“My mother told me to be a lady. And for her, that meant be your own person, be independent.” — *Ruth Bader Ginsburg*

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- The Literacy Quebec Team



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