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CONFERENCE 2006 FOR STAFF & STUDENTS

**Thompson Rivers
University is hosting the
2006 ABEABC
conference for both
educators and learners
May 10-13
In Kamloops.**

This year students are being invited to their own conference to be held in conjunction with the traditional conference. Please encourage your students to attend. We are still accepting proposal from presenters, so

please send in your workshop ideas. Look for registration forms and further details on posters in your centre, or on our website. Or, contact your regional representative.

The theme of this year's conference is "A Celebration of Learning".

- Students will have a special price of \$120 for the full conference.
- The educator's price is \$240
- The campus accommodation with linen is \$85 for 3 nights.
- Note that Organizational memberships entitle one employee to the member price.
- Group rates (10 or more) are available. \$10 off per person per day.

Thanks *once again to a hard-working planning committee and our hosts for a wonderful, memorable experience at NVIT in Merritt in may, 2005.*

STUDENT BURSARIES

A Kwantlen College student said "It has always been my belief that those who want an education should not have barriers to access instruction. The cost of schooling is often one of the biggest factors that prevent students from acquiring an education. Scholarships like this one help students achieve the educational goals we set for ourselves...."

Organizations who choose to have bursaries for their students may do so.

Organizational membership fees are due Feb 28, 06.

This year organizations may choose a variety of bursary options, with the base price being \$75 and multiples of 100 available for bursaries.

HERE AND THERE

University College of the Cariboo (UCC) is now officially **Thompson Rivers University (TRU)**. The new university has committed to continuing Adult Basic Education programming

TRU's UPrep will be offering two new courses next year: Psychology 050 and English 051.

Okanagan University College will face dissolution and creation of two new institutions: the University of British Columbia – Okanagan in Kelowna and Okanagan College, with campuses in Salmon Arm, Vernon, Kelowna, and Penticton.

Volunteer tutor literacy programs are offered at Revelstoke, Salmon Arm, Vernon, Kelowna, Penticton, and Oliver/Osoyoos.

Kamloops Community Learning Center, Continuing Education – SD#73 has 33 course offerings available – Grades 10 – 12. Approximately 400 students at present. New course added this year: First Nations 12. Hot lunch/soup program, free for all KCLC students, introduced this year. There are also about 6 adult students at the Victoria Street campus plus 12 adult students at the Four Directions Storefront and about 100 at Kamloops Regional Corrections Centre.

Kwantlen University College has brought all preparatory courses under one virtual umbrella to create curricular pathways that are clearer, and to adopt best practices for student support, acknowledging the unique needs of ABE and ESL learners.

New trades courses at Kwantlen College:

New trades courses were planned for the Surrey Campus for September 2005: Trades English 1 teaches vocabulary and communication skills related to tools, machines and technical processes for entry level trades training. Level 2 provides similar language proficiency skills for entry into appliance servicing, automotive jobs, light warehousing and other technical courses. After completion of these courses, students can enter the technical programs. The new Cloverdale campus, opening in September 2006, will focus on trades education.

A number of Surrey area schools have reported a decline in ESL students.

Surrey Continuing Education says that ABE numbers are good for Literacy and ABE courses.

Surrey Continuing Ed has been running an innovative program of literacy and high school courses for First Nations and youth at risk in the 15-17 age group.

Many new ABE programs available this year through **Surrey Continuing Education** include:

1. A program to help young moms in partnership with community groups;
2. Adult education for workers at Fraser Downs race track;
3. Program at Surrey Pre-trial Centre;
4. A learning group for young women from the street living in a safe house in Cloverdale; and
5. A contract to provide literacy to learners with intellectual challenges

through Clover Valley industries.

Surrey College, a private post-secondary institution which is affiliated with **Surrey School District** is aimed at literacy students, high school grads and adults seeking a career change. Surrey College offers forty career-oriented certificates and diplomas in five locations.

Delta Continuing Education is expanding programs with the Tsawwassen First Nations band.

Selkirk College:

- the Nelson campus, which delivers most courses in a lecture format, is experimenting with having an open classroom open from 8am to 8pm.
- ABE has been more strongly integrated into the college's advertising and PR materials in the past year, focussing on ABE being the gateway into the college and the first contact for many residents in this rural college region.

College of the Rockies:

-Semestered ABE enrollments in Cranbrook are down this year, while enrollments in the Directed Study programs in Cranbrook and Creston are about normal.
-The Cranbrook campus continues to run ABE outreach projects in cooperation with the Salvation Army and the Boy's and Girls Club in Cranbrook.
-The Elk Valley Campus has a new basic Literacy pilot project at the Spardell Trailer Court in Sparwood. All the students are at the Fundamental level and really seem to be enjoying coming to COTR at Geri's Place in the Trailer Court. The trailer for Geri's Place has been set up for 2 1/2 years now. Geri's Place is a safe, warm trailer where coffee is on and people can

chat. COTR entered the scene
this fall and run literacy on

Mondays, Tuesdays and
Thursdays for

3 hours each day between 10:00
am - 1:00 pm

CONGRATULATIONS

Leona Gadsby, COTR Literacy Instructor in Invermere, and the **Columbia Basin**

Alliance for Literacy was the *first recipient of the Council of the Federation Literacy Award* announced by Premier Gordon Campbell August 11th! COTR is very proud of Leona and the work she has been doing to promote literacy throughout our region.

CANADA POST LITERACY AWARDS

The ABEABC was a Finalist in the 2005 Literacy Awards program in 2005.

LITERACY BC

Literacy BC would like to promote these upcoming workshops of interest to Lower Mainland ABE educators.

Celebrate Family Literacy Week, January 22-28, 2006. A flyer listing all the Family Literacy Week events can be viewed at: <http://www2.literacy.bc.ca/documents/FamilyLiteracyWeek06revised2.pdf>

RiPAL-BC is hosting "An Afternoon of Research in Practice" on Tuesday, January 24. Join us for lunch as we discuss research in practice in everyday literacy work, then choose one of four interesting workshops in the afternoon on diverse topics such as teaching adult numeracy, program evaluation, and getting your research off the ground. See a description of the workshops at <http://www2.literacy.bc.ca/documents/Anafternoonofresearchinpractice.pdf>

All family literacy week events are free but registration is required. To register: email family@literacy.bc.ca or phone 604-684-0624 or 1-800-663-1293 toll-free in BC

NEXT ISSUE OF GROUNDWORK

The next Groundwork will contain Bursary recipient information from around the province. Your articles are welcome for the next edition. Contact Nita.

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