

E-Bits

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Greetings

This edition of E-Bits has been put together somewhat hastily. Less than three weeks before the conference I suddenly find that I am going to take a trip to Australia to see my 97 year old mother who is gravely ill. I hope to back to meet with you all at the conference. So, please excuse any errors or omissions.

Yvonne Chard – ABEABC President.

The 2010 ABEABC Conference and AGM

Spring 2010 Conference "Inspiring Skills for Success" at Harrison Hot Springs April 15 & 16, 2010

Register before April 9th.

Registration, workshops and daytime activities will take place at the Harrison Hot Springs Hotel. The Thursday night banquet will be held there, and will be followed by lots of fun with karaoke.

- The ABEABC Conference is nearly upon us. It takes place April 15 and 16. It is possible to register until April 9th. On that date we need to confirm our catering needs.
- The conference schedule is still being finalized. When the details are finalized they will be posted on our website.
- A lot of information on the conference and registration forms can be found on our website: www.abeabc.ca
- We hope you will join us in **Harrison Hot Springs**.

Keynote Speakers for the conference are *Deborah Bartlet and Lauryn Oates*.

Workshop Presenters include: Rahael Koshy Jalan, Sue Phillips, Kathryn Dafos, Maureen Anglin, Zach Zajchowski, Cathy Froist, Bev Hott, Kate

Yoshitomi, Kathy Bell, Betsy Alkenbrack, Suzanne Smythe, Lorette Melanson, Janet FUNGER, Kima Jones, Leonne Beebe, Pete Grinberg, Tonia Gillespie, Dyan Gunnlaugson, Sarah Thorndyke, Jessica Michalofsky, Karen Lightbody,

Cultivating Connections Conference, July 15 - 17, 2010

Registration Now Open! Over 80 sessions to choose from, plus seven remarkable keynote speakers.

Cultivating Connections: Global Perspectives & Practices in Family Literacy is an exciting opportunity for national and international family literacy experts and practitioners to come together and share knowledge, resources, perspectives and experiences.

The conference will take place at the Shaw Conference Centre in **Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, from July 15 - 17, 2010**, with three days of pre-conference training from July 12 - 14.

Keynote speakers include Elsa Auerbach, Snoeks Desmond, Eve Gregory, Peter Hannon, Tomson Highway, Thomas King and Thomas Sticht.

Join with Canadian and international family literacy experts and practitioners to share information and explore opportunities for growth – register now at CultivatingConnectionsConference.ca

We ask that you please forward this important information to your colleagues and networks.

For more information, please contact conference@familit.ca

Carbon Emission Standards In BC

For information on a new study on universities and colleges taking action on carbon emission standards in BC. The son of one of our members, Ashley Webster wrote the report along with SFU Professor Janet Moore. It has relevance to all post secondary institutions across the province.

<http://www.walkingthetalk.bc.ca/files/TakingAction%20-%20Web.pdf>

Education And Professional Development Needs of Adult Literacy Educators In British Columbia

Call for Survey Respondents and Interview Participants

My name is Suzanne Smythe and I work in the Faculty of Education at Simon Fraser University, responsible for adult literacy courses and programs. I am surveying the education and professional development needs of adult literacy educators in British Columbia. I hope that the results of this research will assist educators, employers, policy makers and education institutions to plan and develop education programs for literacy/ABE educators that support their career goals and the development of the literacy field.

You are invited to complete a 13-question survey and/or a 30-minute interview.

The survey should take 15-20 minutes to complete.

<http://websurvey.sfu.ca/survey/50513464>

The survey is located on a server based at Simon Fraser University, in Burnaby, Canada. The survey is anonymous and does not request personal or sensitive information. You may complete the survey online here <http://websurvey.sfu.ca/survey/50513464> and exit from this survey at any time by closing the browser.

If your organization would like to receive hard copies of the survey to distribute to your members, please contact me at sksmythe@sfu.ca. The hard-copy surveys will be collected in blank envelopes to preserve anonymity.

If you would like to participate in a 30-minute interview about your educational and professional development needs as an adult literacy educator, and the needs of the field in general, please contact me at sksmythe@sfu.ca and I will send you information about the interview.

I will share results of my research this summer (2010). If you would like a copy of the report or have any questions, please contact me at sksmythe@sfu.ca or by phone at 778-782-8882. If you have complaints about this research, please contact Dr. Hal Weinberg, Director Office of Research hal_weinberg@sfu.ca, 778-782-6593

From A Mad Internet Rover

Carol Topalian would like to share some internet links with you.

- ▶ The first link is "How do you teach content in adult education?" an annotated bibliography. Basically it is a rich treasure trove of pro-d on exactly what we aim to do: best practice in literacy, numeracy and critical thinking.
- ▶ The second link is Parker Palmer, a hero of heart & mind; master teacher.
- ▶ The final link is courtesy of the AEP's plenary speaker (the Adult Education PSA, sponsored by the BCTF) - an incredible array of links on brain research and teaching.

http://ncsall.net/fileadmin/resources/research/op_content_biblio.pdf

<http://www.couragerenewal.org/parker/writings/good-teaching>

<http://instructordiploma.com/core/Bob/link.htm>

Carol will probably bring you further links in future editions of Groundwork.

Join the ABEABC Board

AT the conference we hold our AGM and each year we look for new people to join the board. Please give some thought to running for one of the vacant positions.

Details of all of the positions are on the website at the bottom of the page <http://www.abeabc.ca/board.htm> in the ByLaws.

The Bylaw states that these positions shall be elected in even-numbered years.

President-Elect (usually the current Vice President)

Treasurer

Secretary

Chairperson of the Groundwork Committee

Regional Representatives:

Metro Vancouver, Fraser Valley and Vancouver Island

We also have a one year vacancy for:

Membership Chairperson

Kootenay-Boundary Regional Representative

Conference/Fundraising Chairperson

Board members commit to attending a Saturday meeting in October, several conference calls, and the AGM at the next conference.