Project READ Literacy Network



Annual General Meeting 2020 - 2021 Thursday, November 18, 2021 4:00 pm

Thank You to Our Funders and Sponsors!



- Lyle S. Hallman Foundation
- Regional Municipality of Waterloo
- Ontario Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development
- Government of Canada Summer
 Students Program

Thank You to Our Core, Program and Project Staff

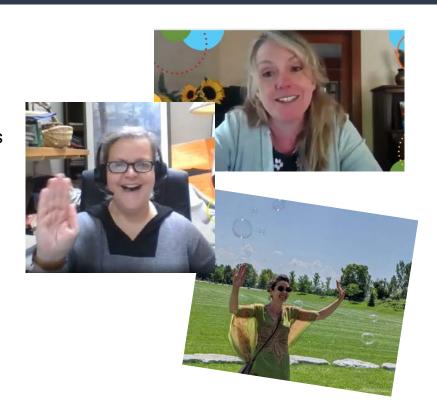
Jane Tuer,
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Marian Baron, Bookkeeper

Ginny Carnevale Program Assistants

Todd Turnbull,
Administrative Support



Robin Crank, Project Manager

Jennifer Hewitt, Family Literacy Program Manager & Facilitator Certification & Training Program Coordinator

Nadia Muhammad, Get Set Learn Program Coordinator & Facilitator

Thank You to our Board and Committee Members

Governance Committee

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Lorri Sauvé, President

Laura Weeks, Vice-President

Eric Karn, Treasurer



Louise Bruns
David Critch
Aimee Jeffrey
Molly Kimpel

Website/Tech Committee

A Special Thanks to our Website/Tech. Committee Members!

David Critch

Chelsea Crank

Laura Weeks

Robin Crank











Project READ's Community Committees!

- Baby Connections
- Children and Youth
 Planning Table Waterloo
 Region
- Community Employment and Literacy Committee
- Early Learning & Literacy
 Alliance of Waterloo
 Region
- Family Literacy Day
- Guelph-Wellington
 Employment and Training
 Committee

- Guelph-Wellington Literacy
 Service Planning Committee
- Learning Networks of Ontario
- Parenting Alliance of Waterloo Region
- Program Advisory Committee- LBS Conestoga College
- Waterloo Region Literacy Service Planning committee

Community Support projects

We received a Community Support grant from the **Lyle S. Hallman Foundation** to continue the work from our Families First project and support Project READ in our work.

In the past year, we:

- developed the online learning management system for our Family Literacy Training & Certification programs
- offered our Family Literacy Training & Certification programs online
- continued to offer our Family Literacy Peer program
- rebranded Project READ and GSL to launch our new website
- supported the work of ELAWR by offering backbone support
- provided Professional Development opportunities for practitioners



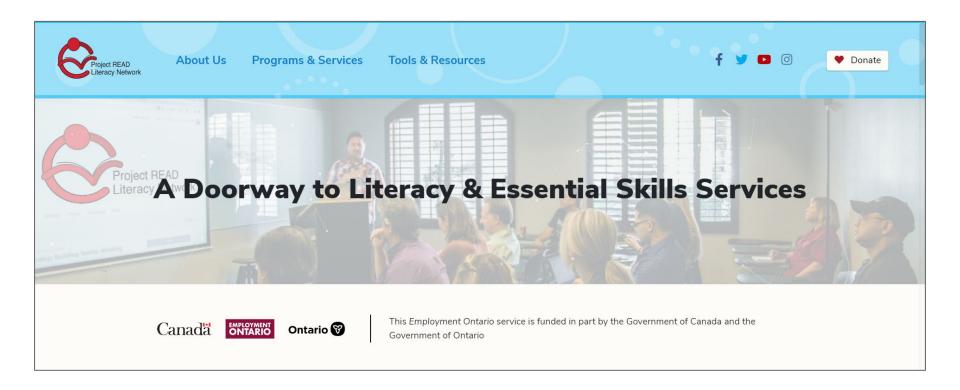
Family Literacy Certification & Training

The Family Literacy Certification & Training programs:

- are designed to be sustainable through a Social Enterprise model
- are designed for online, independent learning
- are aligned to the OALCF and "How Does Learning Happen?"
- support other community agencies to deliver a Get Set Learn program and/or to incorporate family literacy in their practices
- create opportunities for connecting with other participants through discussions,
 projects, and a live session with the facilitator

We had facilitators from **Early Years**, **Libraries**, **and Adult Literacy programs** register to take the first session of our Family Literacy Certification.

Re-branding Project READ





Get Set Learn Family Literacy program

- 40 families including 47 children participated in Get Set Learn in 6 virtual programs.
- For the first time, we took Get Set Learn online!
- Our *award winning* peer program was integral to the success of this pivot
- Project READ offered Get Set Learn through funding from the Lyle S. Hallman Foundation and through the ELAWR/ELLA project, the Face to Face Initiative
- The Newcomer Families Learning Together program was adapted from the GSL program and offered virtually by parent volunteers

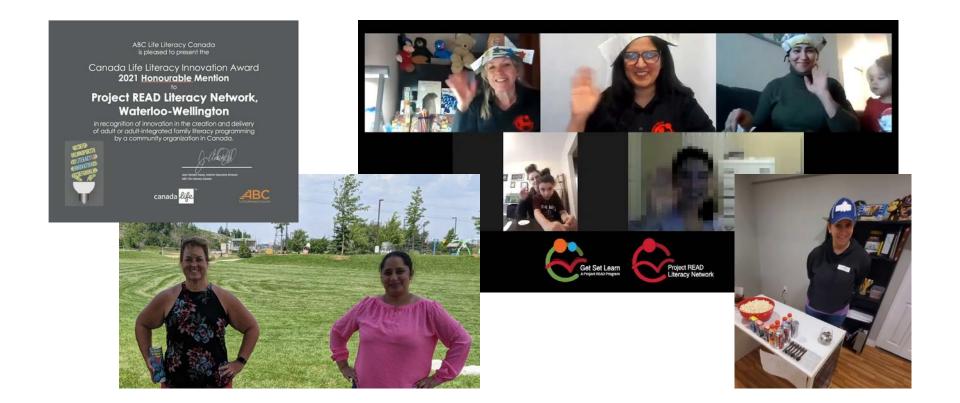
Family Literacy works!

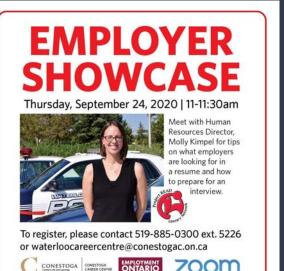
Parents who participate in Get Set Learn show

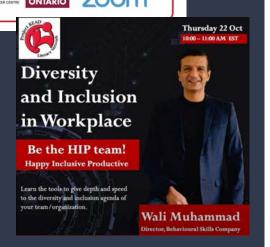
- higher frequency of reading, writing and math activities with their child(ren) at home
- increased confidence & more positive attitudes towards learning and school
- increased awareness of how Essential Skills are used at work, home, and in the community



GSL Family Literacy Peer Program







Professional Development with Project READ

In our work to support our Adult Literacy programs, we offered the following professional development opportunities for practitioners:

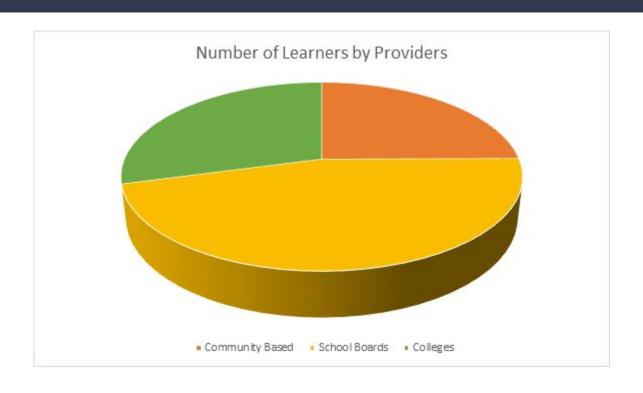
- Bibliotherapy
- Compassion Fatigue
- Diversity & Inclusion in the Workplace
- Employer Showcase with Conestoga

Project READ also developed training modules for learners living in poverty that will be shared across Ontario for Literacy practitioners to use with their learners

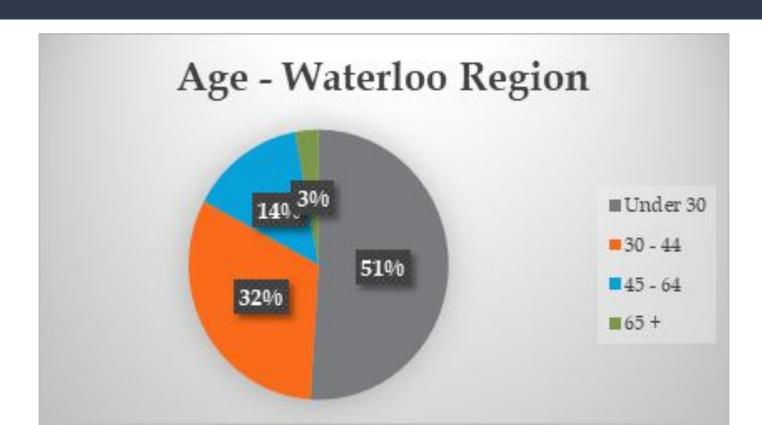
Educational Assessments



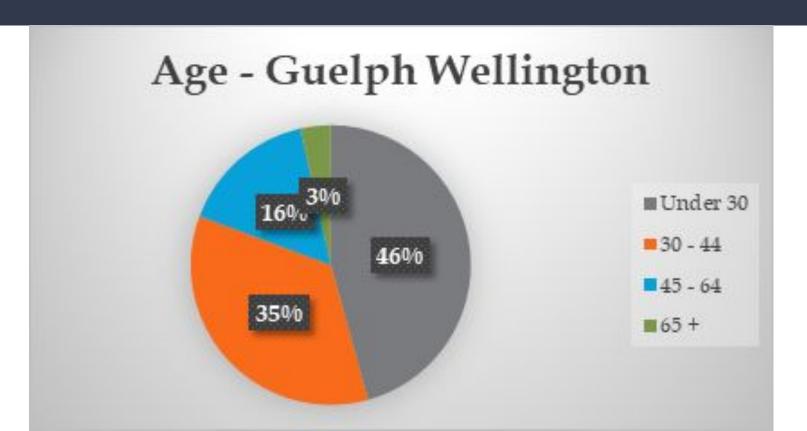
Literacy Services



Who are the learners in Waterloo Region?



Who are the learners in Guelph-Wellington?



Fundraising Committee

A Special Thanks to our Fundraising Committee Members!



Lorri Sauvé Sandy Coghlin Molly Kimpel Robin Crank

Jane Tuer





Reading Rumble!

Book Trivia Fundraiser





The winning team:
WRPS Word Wizards! Stephanie Weber,
Molly Kimpel, Diane Kelly, Deb Stillar

We hosted our first online Reading Rumble Book Trivia team event in March 2021 with:

- 31 participants
- over \$7,000 raised
- 10 volunteers

Pandemic

- Assessments
- Family Literacy
- Lyle Hallman Foundation
- Supporting Programs
- Future

Thank You!!



