

30 YEARS OF CHANGING LIVES

- On October 20 – despite the nasty weather – fifty people attended our wine and cheese celebrating 30 years in the community. This event brought together past and present volunteers, learners, staff and supporters. Afterwards, the West Island Chronicle wrote a great article entitled “Literacy Unlimited marks three decades of helping West Islanders” and The Hudson Gazette printed a photo.

PROGRAMMING

- We are off to a great start with all of our learner/tutor teams back at work on their literacy and computer skills.
- The **School Literacy Program** is once again operating in four area high schools and helping 30 students.
- We are looking for **two volunteers** to become familiar with our **new educational software** and to teach other tutors how to use it. If you are interested, please contact Karen.
- The **ESP (Extra Skills Practice)** group is in full swing on Tuesday mornings and even had a field trip to the Morgan Arboretum. There is still room if learners would like to attend.
- **Math Magic** is held on Wednesday mornings for learners to work on numeracy skills.
- The **Computer Drop-In Centre** is open Thursday mornings and Monday evenings for tutors and/or learners to explore our educational software, practice their keyboarding skills or check their e-mail.
- In October we held two info sessions for potential tutors, and a basic tutor training where 13 new tutors were trained.
- A **Library Workshop** will be held on November 21 where we will unveil our new reading level system which will make it easier for tutors and learners to find books.
- Learners, don't forget to enter our **Financial Literacy Contest** by submitting a tip for saving money. You could win a book (deadline is November 25).

IMPORTANT PARTNERSHIPS

- We welcome **Cowan International** as a new financial partner.
- Thank you **Chapters Indigo, The Wellesley Retirement Residence, and IMS** for organizing fundraisers to benefit Literacy Unlimited.
- Thank you **Richard DiStilio** for donating two Montreal Alouettes football tickets and **YMCA Quebec** for donating a one-year membership.

DIRECT MAIL CAMPAIGN

- Our **Direct Mail Campaign** is in full swing. Donations can be mailed, dropped off at the office, or made online through our website.

DOES YOUR EMPLOYER HAVE A GIFT GIVING PROGRAM?

- Many employers have gift giving programs, where they will match charitable donations made by their employees, or give grants to organizations where their employees volunteer. If you would like to support Literacy Unlimited in this way, contact your company's Human Resources Department for details on their gift-giving programs.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 21	Library Workshop (7:00 p.m)
Nov 25	Dix Mille Villages Fundraiser (6:00 – 9:00 p.m)
Dec 8	Holiday Social at Clio Bookstore (6:00 – 8:00 p.m)
Dec 26 to Jan 6	Office closed
Jan 9	Office re-opens

The Literacy Unlimited Team

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