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Mark Your Calendars:

June 14, 15, 16
Book sale at Kildonan Place

Office closed:

Mon, June 23 to Mon,
September 8

June 23 at 6 p.m.
30th Anniversary event
at the Park Theatre
Free dinner and
entertainment

Nov 6
Gala fundraising event
at the Inn on the Forks

Greetings from the Office

Summer is fast approaching and we are busy at the office finishing up the paperwork for the year and getting ready for the combined end of the year party and 30th anniversary event.

I (Terry) am sad to say that I will be leaving Literacy-*WORKS* at the end of June. It has been a wonderful six years that I have been with the organization. I have met some terrific people here: staff, volunteers, tutors and students. I will miss you all but the memories of all the events and time spent together will not be forgotten. I want to thank everyone for their help to make Literacy-*WORKS* the place it is today, each and everyone of you has contributed in some way to this organization.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the 30th Anniversary event at the Park Theatre on the evening of June 23rd. Dinner and entertainment will be provided. Please let us know if you will be attending.

For those of you continuing to tutor over the summer, all the best and have some fun lessons in the outdoors.

For the rest who are going away or taking the summer off, have a great summer retreat.

It's with mixed feelings that I (Sherry) add a piece to Terry's greeting. As she mentioned she will be leaving at the end of June and I'm having a very difficult time letting her go as I'm sure the rest of you are, too. However, I know that she is embarking on a new and exciting adventure and will touch many new lives with her genuine care, compassion, sunny smile and personality.

Even though I've been at Literacy*WORKS* for going on nine years and I know many of you, I'm looking forward to getting to know you better as I step into Terry's position in the fall. I know that you will be patient with me as I work toward being as good a Coordinator as Terry is. Oh how I wish we could just clone her! How she manages all those "other duties" is beyond me! Mind you, she is leaving me a detailed "how to" manual. Right, Terry?

Thank you, Terry, from all



*Thank you, Terry.
We wish you all things wonderful!*

of us who make up Literacy-*WORKS*, for taking care of us and being a positive, loving, insightful teacher and program coordinator, who has enriched many lives and our organization. We wish for you all things wonderful and look forward to hearing about what you are doing and which books you are reading!

Readers—If you would like to add your words of farewell to Terry, you still can until the 19th of June at the office or in person at the 30th anniversary event.

Enjoy the summer and we'll see you in the fall. The office will open again on September 8.

Chairperson's Report



Mary Switek

The 24th of May

I know we're past the Victoria Day long weekend but I just read something that gave me a chuckle and I thought I would pass it along. Despite the fact that there is an official reason for the holiday, I would suspect that most Manitobans regard the "May Long" as the unofficial start of summer. Seasonal businesses, parks and recreation

facilities reopen their doors and cottagers flock to the lake to check and clean the cabins they winterized so many months ago. The optimistic gardener plants his garden and heartily hopes we have seen the last frosty morning.

In many parts of Canada, the Victoria Day long weekend is known as the May Long Weekend or simply the May Long. However,

some Canadians refer to the holiday as May Two-Four. This has two meanings. The holiday always falls near the date of May 24 and a "two-four" is Canadian slang for a case of twenty-four bottles of beer, a common purchase of those planning to celebrate the weekend!

Now there's a useful colloquialism for our EAL learners!

- Mary Switek

What is an ANAGRAM?

Do you know what an **ANAGRAM** is?

An **ANAGRAM** [ánnə gram], according to the Encarta Dictionary, is a "word or phrase that contains all the letters of another word or phrase in a different order." In other words, you take the letters from the word and put them in a different order to make one or more new words. You use up all the letters, but you don't add any new ones. For example the word "ASTRONOMERS" is an anagram of the phrase "NO MORE STARS".

Here we have some other examples of anagrams:

GOD = DOG

CINEMA = ICEMAN

ASTRONOMER = MOON

STARER

DEBIT CARD = BAD CREDIT

SCHOOLMASTER = THE CLASSROOM

HALLEY'S COMET = SHALL YET COME

PUNISHMENT = NINE THUMPS

Can you think about some other anagrams?

A good way to play with the words and find out anagrams which they may have is the following: write a word on a piece of paper, cut the letters individually and then start playing with them just like building a puzzle. When you find an anagram write it on a piece of paper, make a list. Soon you are going to have your own anagram dictionary!

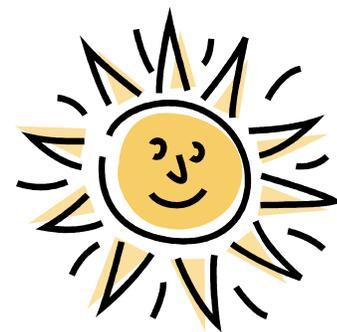
Here are two words to start you off:

RUSTIC

TRASHED

Have fun, and save your answers until September so you can let us know how you did!

- Eliude Cavalcante



Hurray for summer!

Websites



Freerice.com
—an online word game for a good cause

freerice.com

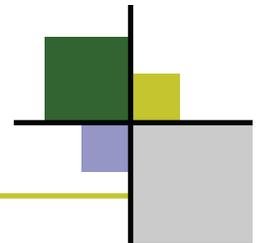
- This is a highly addictive website for those who love words. Try to guess word definitions and donate 20 grains of rice to the UN World Food program to help end hunger for each correct word.



Used Book Sale

Volunteer Openings

- Volunteer opportunities are filling up fast at our annual used book sale, but there is still a chance to volunteer on Sunday, June 15.
- Call the office at 786-1212 for more information.



A “Startling” Puzzle?

Can you change this nine-letter English word into a one letter word? The order of the letters stays the same, but you take out one letter each time. We are giving you the starting and ending words to get you started.

Adapted from a word riddle emailed by tutor Doug Kilgour, from WordRiddle.wmv.

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Do you know what “startling” means?

- ☺ It comes from the word “startle”
- ☺ Creating sudden alarm, surprise or wonder; astonishing.
- ☺ From www.dictionary.com—go to the website, search for the word and click on “audio help”.
- ☺ Or see dictionary.com for more definitions.

Summer Literacy Programs for Students



Summer literacy programs for learners

Do you and your learner have to stop lessons for the summer, but your learner would prefer to continue? Here are two quality programs your learner could attend:

The Salvation Army Stages Education Program

The Salvation Army is again offering a summer program. This is to ensure that learners don't lose their basic reading and writing skills during the summer break. They realize it can be frustrating to spend the first

few weeks of September relearning skills from June!

Program runs: July 14 to Aug 22, 2008

Where? 324 Logan Ave.

Phone: Mandy at 946-9141 or e-mail: literacystep@mts.net

Contact by: June 27, 2008

You will be learning some valuable skills in: Creative writing, short story writing, paragraph and sentence structure, poetry, increasing your vocabulary, using the computer to finish reading and writing assignments.

Aboriginal Community Campus

Want to upgrade your literacy skills or take upgrading classes during the summer?

Program runs Mon to Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Where? 403-181 Higgins Ave

Phone: 989-8860 (to book appointment)

Registration: Testing is Mon or Wed and takes 3 hours bring your SIN card.

Nouns and Verbs

Words are the tools of communication. The more we know about how words work, the better we will understand what we read and how to write.

Some tutors have asked for information about nouns and verbs, so here is a quick look at these two parts of speech. (By the way, there are 8 parts of speech. The other 6 are: pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, prepositions, conjunctions and interjections.)

Everything that we see or talk about must have a name. Those are nouns.

Nouns can be a **person**, **place** or **thing**. Here are some examples:

- Person could be a soldier, Jane, friend, Canadian
- Animals such as ant, mouse, horse, aardvark
- Places can be: home, Brandon, camp, factory, etc.
- Objects could be a desk, picture, computer, hammock
- Substances such as iron, air, water, food, fire
- Qualities could be kindness, heroism, beauty, faith, etc.
- Measures: year, centimeter, day, gram

Verbs tell what someone or something **does**, or what someone or something **is**.

Every sentence must have a verb.

Some common action verbs are: go, walk, drink, play, start, finish, buy, have, talk, fix, study, try, learn, run, look, move, hear, etc. Other verbs are linking verbs. Remember the famous line from Shakespeare, "to be or not to be"? "To be" is the linking verb. Other forms of this verb are: am, is, are, was, were, been, being, etc.

There are some good books at the office, with activities to help learn nouns and verbs, plus other grammar. Here are (verb) the names (noun) of a few:

Basic English Grammar,

Educational Design, Inc.

Practical English: A Complete Self-Correcting Course, Career Institute.

Verbs, Verbs, Verbs, Scholastic Inc.

And a much more in-depth book about grammar:

The Bare Essentials: Form B, Harcourt Brace Janovich.

Drop in to the office to look at these and other books on grammar.



Nouns: person, place or thing
Verbs: "doing or being"

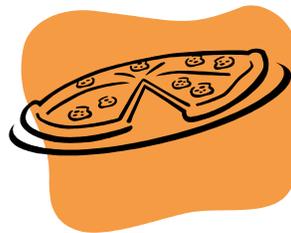
A “Startling” Puzzle?—Answers

Here are the answers to the puzzle on page 3.



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Events Donations



Panago Pizza
570 Portage Avenue.

Thank you, Panago, for your generous donation to our February project workshop evening. Students and tutors enjoyed the pizzas!

Welcome!

New learners

Daiva, Katie

Returning tutor

Cheryl

**Thank you to the companies in our neighbourhood who have so generously donated to Literacy-
WORKS!**

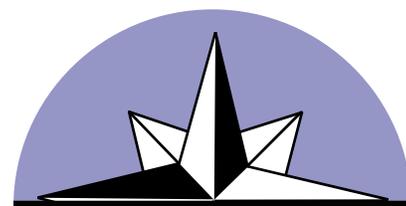
We Love Volunteers!

Take a look at the following volunteer opportunities that are available with us. If you would like to help out or know anyone that would enjoy volunteering with us, please share the information with them. We will also need more tutors in the fall.

Other volunteer opportunities at LiteracyWORKS:

- Website design
- Newsletter layout in MS Publisher
- Gala committee
- Volunteer Program Coordinator Assistant

Call the office for more information.



**Make Your Student a
Star!**

**Encourage them to
submit a story for
“The Write Stuff”
column of the
newsletter.**

**The Write Stuff will
return in the fall
edition of
LiteracyWORDS.**



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OFFICE HOURS

Mon & Wed 1-8 pm

Tues & Thurs 9-4pm

Shopping got you down?

Stumped as to what gift to buy for that special occasion? Consider honouring the recipient of your well wishes with a donation to LiteracyWORKS in their name. You will help a student improve his/her literacy skills, receive a tax deductible receipt for your gift and know that you've given the perfect gift. Your recipient will also receive a card announcing that a gift has been given in their honour and for what occasion (if you wish).

Please contact the office for further details.

We're on the web

www.litworks.ca

LiteracyWORKS provides people with essential literacy skills to enhance self-sufficiency and quality of life.

TUTORS—Remember to share this newsletter with your student!

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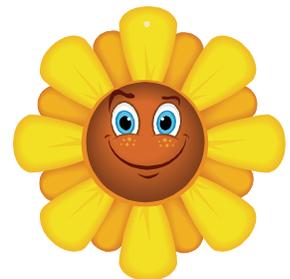
Please Remember to ...

Reply by June 9 to your 30th anniversary invitation

Return books from our library that will not be used over the summer by June 19

Remind your student to also return books that they have signed out

Phone, mail, or email your **volunteer hours** for each month



Grow where you're planted!