



TVLA



Literacy Times

Fall 2011

TRENT VALLEY LITERACY ASSOCIATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Food Services September 26th
- Outreach program at the **Havelock TEACH Centre**: every Wednesday. Call TVLA for details.
- Thanksgiving, Monday October 10th — TVLA is closed.
- Computer Classes, November 7th

Food Services Returns

Our **Food Services Course** has started again! Students of the Food Services program learn a variety of practical skills for the food preparation, serving and workplace safety. After these classes, students pair with professionals through placements in Peterborough restaurants and catering businesses. Plus of course, students make and enjoy food under the direction of kitchen instructor Edith Storey.



The program covers the following subjects and certificates:

- WHMIS Certification
- Food Handlers Certification
- Smart Serve Certification
- First Aid Certification
- CPR Certification
- Service Excellence Certification
- Experience in an industrial kitchen
- Fundamental cooking skills

The Food Services Course teaches these skills along with general job readiness and the essential skills that go along with it. Students will learn words that are important to their jobs, the routines and expectations of working kitchens, and self-management skills to help them succeed at projects.

This popular program usually only runs twice per year. To be eligible, you must obtain approval from Ontario Works or TVLA. While registration is full for the current course, there may be openings for the next one. To find out more about the Food Services Course, contact Ontario Works, call us at (705) 749-0777 or email programs@trentvalleyliteracy.ca.

From Teresa's Desk

SEPTEMBER! Let's not kid ourselves, that's the REAL "New Year" and we all know it. I know I'm not alone in viewing September, and the beginning of autumn, in this way. So many new learners have come to see us about taking that step that they have (perhaps) long contemplated, identifying that they are ready to make changes in their life and their prospects. At the same time, we've been hearing from wonderful people who are looking to give of themselves; they're stepping up to become volunteer tutors at Trent Valley. Our most recent computer class is under way: folks are expanding their skills and their worlds by acquiring new skills in what is often, for them, a new field of technology. And our "reach" is continuing to expand, too, as our class instructor becomes a regular feature out in Norwood and Havelock on Wednesdays!

I readily identify with these new initiatives. I identify with the excitement, the fear, the unfamiliarity, the new way of doing things. After more than half a century of living, I'm doing something new, too: for the first time in my life, I'm going to act in a play, in front of an audience. And I'm feeling that excitement mixed with fear, I'm remembering what it feels like to be at the beginning, I'm experiencing those stumbles that beginners make, and the questioning of one's self that new experiences tend to trigger.

So perhaps we'll be able to enjoy next January 1st in a more relaxed fashion, those of us who've done the "New Years' thing" now! I know I'll be raising a glass to all of us who chose September as our "new year". Whether it was indicating a willingness to become one of TVLA's trained volunteer tutors, starting a new course of study here with us, or, like me, going way out on a limb to try something radically new, we've got things to celebrate! Rather than waiting to be prompted by the dawn of 2012, we started our new path now, and we deserve a lot of credit for that! Our "New Year" is under way, and we'll have that much more progress to celebrate by next New Year's Day.

Computer Classes Available – Last Chance Before 2012



TVLA's six week computer course will begin again on Monday, November 7th – and it'll be the last session of 2011. The course is free and available to members of the general public who are 19 or older, with preference given to

those seeking skills to help them find work or continue their schooling.

The course covers basic computer skills that would be especially useful in a home, work or school environment. This includes:

- Using a Windows-based PC
- Basic ideas – hardware, software, input and output
- Learning core Microsoft Office basics, including Word, Excel and PowerPoint
- Web browsing with Internet Explorer
- Email with Gmail
- Troubleshooting problems
- Security and viruses

To register for the course, call TVLA at 705-749-0777, email itworker@trentvalleyliteracy.ca, or drop by 139 Douro Street.

Wednesday Havelock/ Norwood Program Continues

In addition to our programs in Peterborough, TVLA now offers small classes and tutoring in association with the TEACH Centre in Havelock. Organized learning occurs every Wednesday, when our instructor Lisa goes to Havelock and Norwood to work with students. In addition, TVLA supports one to one meetings between students and tutors, who may meet on other days.

We're interested in adding both students and tutors to the program. If you live near Havelock and would like to improve your reading, math and other basic skills, or you'd like to help someone get better at them, contact us!

Tutors would work with adults in Havelock and Norwood just as they do at TVLA's Peterborough location.

Ideally, they should have completed TVLA's tutor training. Even though our main program takes place on Wednesdays, we're looking for tutors who can come out on any weekday.

To get involved or find out more, call TVLA at 705-749-0777, email instructor@trentvalleyliteracy.ca, drop by 139 Douro Street, or visit the Havelock TEACH Centre on Wednesdays.

Join Our Board!

The **Trent Valley Literacy Association** (TVLA) is accepting applications for new board members. We're a respected community organization in its 34th year of serving the Peterborough region.

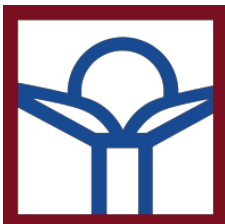
Submit your letter of interest to the following address:

*Trent Valley Literacy Association –
Re: Board Applications*

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