



TVLA



Literacy Times

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TRENT VALLEY LITERACY ASSOCIATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

- TVLA reopens January 3rd
- TVLA closed to public on Fridays starting January 6th, 2012
- Classes begin January 9th
- Computer Classes begin January 16h
- ESL Classes begin January 17th

A New Year, New Literacy Programs at TVLA

In addition to our computer, classroom, tutoring and employment skills programs, 2011 saw us develop new literacy programs and plan changes to traditional core programs. 2012 marks the period where we'll be making those adjustments.

The biggest change in 2012 is the Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework, or OALCF. The OALCF will update how TVLA performs intakes, assessments, referrals and even day to day work with tutors and students. TVLA will be implementing OALCF methods gradually, as we adapt them to our traditional programs with the goal of completing the transition by April.

2012 also marks a strengthened commitment to ESL services at TVLA. In 2011, we were pleased to participate in an ESL capacity building project with the Peterborough Partnership Council on Immigrant Integration. This year, we plan to hold regular ESL classes to be conducted by the New Canadians Centre, and help coordinate ESL services throughout the Peterborough community.

Other plans for 2012 include exploring options for new employment skills programs similar to our successful Food Services and CWLES courses. The main challenge is to find the right combination of instruction, funding and scheduling.



Finally, as 2012 rolls out TVLA will explore ways to communicate and deliver instruction online. In all cases, these initiatives work together, and we look forward to finding a balanced way to help our learners reach their full potential.

From Teresa's Desk

Hello again, and Happy New Year!

In celebration of my 3rd Anniversary as Executive Director here at TVLA, I have consented to a brief interview that may turn up some interesting details! Let's see, shall we?

Where were you born? Toronto (like many people in Peterborough!)

Favourite form of social networking? Blogs, because they are personal, tell us a lot, and don't stagnate.

Favourite colour? ORANGE!

Favourite thing about TVLA? I struggled with this one, but I would have to say, AWESOME PEOPLE! (and that includes those who work here, and all our volunteers, as WELL as the folks who come to learn here!)

Worst character trait? I don't think I have sufficient objectivity to respond to this one!

Where do you see TVLA going in three more years? I think you'll see **more** of us, as we reach out more and more to meet people's needs.

Thanks for reading, and thanks for taking an interest in Trent Valley Literacy; you are one of the many reasons why I'm so proud and pleased to be a part of TVLA!



Remember: We're Open Late for Tutors and Students on Tuesdays and Thursdays!

Can't meet during the day? Remember that you can book time at TVLA until as late as 8 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

To meet late in the evening, you must make arrangements with our staff ahead of time. Just ask at the front desk and we'll record the day and time you would like to meet. Remember to do this *every* time you want to meet, at least one business day in advance. Otherwise, we may close at 5 PM if we don't see any bookings.

Tuesday and Thursday nights are for scheduled groups only. We are not open to the general public at this time. If you need to drop by TVLA, please come before 5 PM from Mondays to Thursdays.

TVLA to Close to the Public on Fridays

Effective immediately in 2012, TVLA's offices will be closed to the public on Fridays. TVLA staff will be available to receive messages, but will devote their time to administration and program development while they are in the office.

TVLA made this change for three reasons. First, staff will be preparing TVLA's programs to work with the new Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework (OALCF).

Second, these new guidelines require additional work to track learners, tutors and activities, so TVLA staff will devote Fridays to meeting these requirements.

Third and most important, we want to ensure that learners remain our primary focus, and get our full attention whenever they come in.

If you have any questions about our new hours, please call or email us.

Literacy Class Ready for New Students



TVLA's literacy class is open for new learners! The class helps students learn in a small group. Class instructor Lisa helps them learn at their own pace. Students have gone on to complete their GEDs, PLAR assessments, enter trades, and go to colleges like Sir Sanford Fleming.

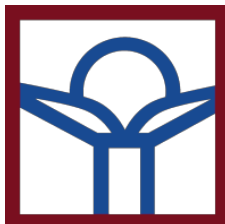
The class meets from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM (noon) on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Classes take place in our downstairs classroom. Join up if you would like a regular schedule and the ability to work with other learners. To become a part of the class, call us at 705-749-0777, or drop in at 139 Douro Street. If you would like to speak to the class instructor Lisa, call or visit before 12:00 PM on Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays.

Winter Closures

Unfortunately, there are times when bad weather makes it impossible for us to keep TVLA open. This happens when winter weather makes it dangerous to drive, or keeps our learners' children home from school. We try to keep closures due to bad weather to a minimum, but they sometimes still happen.

TVLA typically posts closures on our website at www.tvla.ca by 8 AM on the day of closure. We usually close when busses for the Kawartha Pine Ridge School Board have been cancelled. We also contact the following radio stations:

- Energy 99.7
- 100.5 Kruz FM
- 101.5 The Wolf
- Country 105



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(HINT: It's probably easier just to search . . . We have a Facebook page, too!)