



# Roadways



Give what you have. To someone, it may be better than you dare think.  
 ~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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## Cornelia Fischer honoured

As Cornelia Fischer leaves the YLC Board, she is recognized for her outstanding contributions as a volunteer. YLC has chosen Cornelia as the 2010 recipient of the Pat Lafrenière pin, a memorial award to recognize volunteers who “shine”. At Literacy Volunteers of Quebec’s 30th anniversary celebrations, Cornelia was again recognized as a “remarkable volunteer” and received the Freda Hudson Volunteer Recognition Award.



*If the shoe fits...or, in this case... if the pin fits...*

*Congratulations, Cornelia.*



## Work in Progress—YLC pilots new tools!

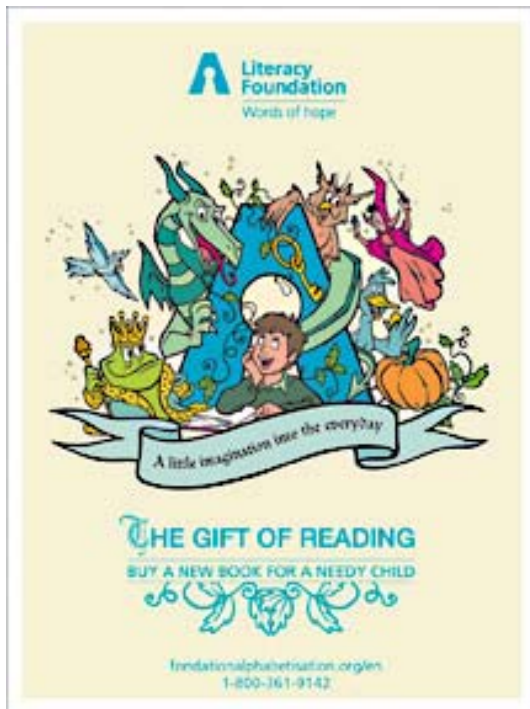
As part of an LVQ provincial project, YLC is piloting some tools designed to capture a student’s progress in the areas of confidence, self-management and self-direction. Thank you to our tutors and students who are piloting the tools and giving feedback; this feedback will be compiled, along with feedback from other literacy councils, and modified tools will be available to all tutors next year.

# YLC YOUTH TUTOR CLUB

YLC received project funding from *Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS)*, for a project aimed at increasing the number of students who graduate from high school. A Peer Tutoring Club is starting up at Massey-Vanier High School, a partnership between YLC, the high school staff and students. The tutoring club dovetails nicely with a mentoring program that the school has initiated, in an effort to foster community participation. In mid-November, YLC trainers began training students who will volunteer as tutors.

*Welcome to our new youth tutors! We look forward to working with you!*

## BUY A NEW BOOK FOR A CHILD



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



YLC is looking for volunteers to walk or ride in the Knowlton Santa Claus parade.

**WHEN:** December 4th, 12:45 pm

**WHERE:** Windmill Plastics

290 Victoria Road, Knowlton

*(We will be sharing a meal together afterward)*

**RSVP:** by November 30th

➡ **YLC's 30th Anniversary in 2011!!!**

*What? 30 years already?!!!*

Do you like parties? Maybe you have been a member of YLC for many years, or perhaps you are new to the game. If you would like to contribute to the planning for YLC's 30th year celebrations in any way, we welcome you. Contact the YLC office.

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

1. Buy a brand new children's book (0-12 years old). Choose entertaining books!
2. Ask locally at the **Gabrielle-Giroux-Bertrand library** (171, rue Principale, Cowansville) or **Attractions Music & Affiches, Inc.** (175, rue Principale, Cowansville) for a donation kit.
3. Write a short message of encouragement for a child on the dedication bookmark.
4. Complete the postcard if you would like to hear from the child who is given your book.
5. Put everything in the bag and place it in the GIFT OF READING® box at the **Gabrielle-Giroux-Bertrand library** or **Attractions Music & Affiches, Inc.**
6. You may also make a donation in the piggy banks or online at [www.fondationalphabetisation.org/en](http://www.fondationalphabetisation.org/en)

# LVQ LEARNING DISABILITIES CONFERENCE 2010

**Keynote Speaker, Rick Green:** Born in Toronto, Rick began his career as a teacher at the Ontario Science Centre, developing programs and plays for the general public and school groups. In 1979 he left that safe Public Service job to become a full-time comedian.



In September 2009, Global Television aired Rick's documentary about Adult Attention Deficit Disorder, entitled, *ADD & Loving It?! (see below)*. The film won Rick the CAMH Foundation's 2009 Celebrity Transforming Lives Award - before it had even aired. The nomination stated, "In one hour this program will transform how Canadians view this disorder." Transforming people's view of ADHD and providing good information is the motivation behind *TotallyADD.com* which Rick launched in December 2009. *TotallyADD.com* is a resource and community for anyone affected by Adult Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

Rick was also co-creator, co-writer and for several seasons the director of *The Red Green Show*. Here he showcased his physical comedy skills as a hapless outdoorsman on 'Adventures With Bill'.

**New!** in the  
*Freda Hudson Reading Room!*

## **ADD & Loving It?!**

**Documentary DVD**

ADD & Loving It?! is a ground-breaking blend of humour, hope, and science that dispels the myths about a controversial disorder – Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

Comedian Patrick McKenna seeks a diagnosis for Adult ADHD and learns the facts from an impressive array of experts (some of whom have ADHD themselves!) including medical researchers, psychiatrists, psychologists, professors, and award-winning authors. Along the way Patrick reveals how his life as a husband and father are affected by ADD and even shares candid moments as he and his wife Janis work on the steps toward his diagnosis.



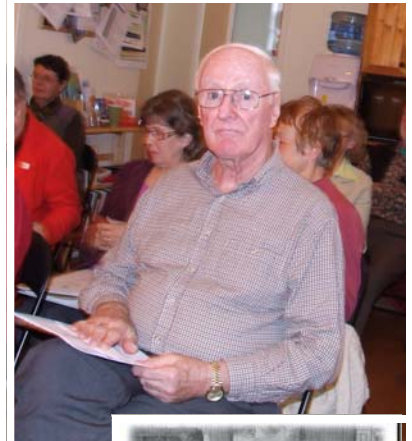
### **LEARNING DISABILITIES WEBSITES:**

[www.totallyadd.com](http://www.totallyadd.com) is an on-line community website for adults who have or are living with *Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD or ADD)*.

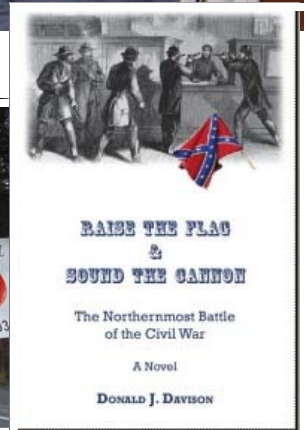
[www.ldandwholelifelearning.ca](http://www.ldandwholelifelearning.ca) is a place for adult educators to share ideas and resources to support adult learners. For an extensive list, click on the Resource Section of their Homepage.

# DON DAVISON RETIRES FROM YLC

Don Davison, an active member of YLC since 2002, has retired from YLC to pursue his golf game. As a tutor, director, Treasurer and Vice-President, Don was a great contributor to YLC activities. He tutored 3 students during his YLC career, sat through countless meetings, marched in parades, and promoted the council and its services at various community events—all the while skiing, golfing, acting and directing with local theatre, and publishing his book, *Raise the Flag & Sound the Cannon*.



*Thank you Don, you make elf ears look great!*



# Do you know “La Bouquinerie”?

*Le Sac à Mots*, the francophone literacy council in Cowansville, is also a used book store—“*La Bouquinerie*”. They have a large inventory of over 20,000 volumes from classics to novels—in both French and English; books about cooking, psychology, literature, health, history, biographies, bestsellers, etc.

They are happy to accept donations of books in good condition (*They do not accept encyclopedias, Readers Digest books, text books older than 5 years, etc.*).

All profits are used to support *Le Sac à Mots* and their services.



**Hours:**

Monday CLOSED  
 Tuesday to Saturday 10 am—5 pm  
 Sunday 12—4 pm

**Address:** 94 South St., Cowansville

**Questions?** 450-266-3766

*Visit the store,  
 there are treasures to discover!*

# YLC Annual General Meeting



## WELCOME TO YLC'S NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

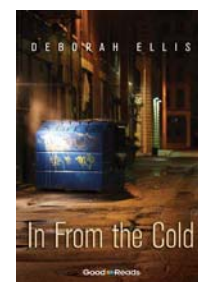
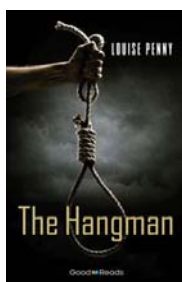
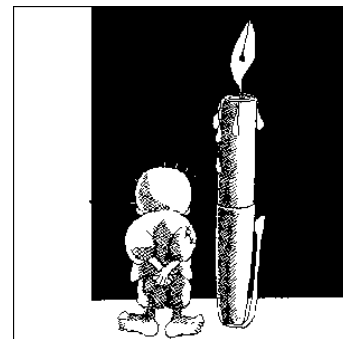


**YLC's Board of Directors for 2010-2011** (Year 30) is: (back row) Alan Ross; Susan Syberg; Martha Shufelt, Vice-president; Jane Patrick, President; Marie Watier; Gillian Lortie, Secretary; (front row) Donna Woodard, Student Representative; Susan Reininger, treasurer; with Bogar, Search & Rescue dog extraordinaire!



## SEEKING LEARNER BOOK REVIEWS

QELA has received the **GOOD READS** books which we are pleased to distribute to adult literacy learners. QELA has a **special offer for learners** to write a short review (approximately 100 words) of one of the books for the QELA blog. Each selected review will receive \$25 as an incentive to keep reading! This is a great way for learners to practice their reading and writing skills. Members interested in receiving books for learners can contact Carolyn at [qelamail@gmail.com](mailto:qelamail@gmail.com).



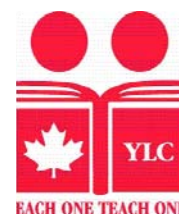
At the **Spotlight on Learning Conference**, the keynote speaker spoke of the relationship between new media, technology and learning. Here are some interesting online learning tools which would be of interest to tutors and students.

**Wikibooks** – <http://www.wikibooks.org/> -a collection of *open-content* (any kind of creative work published under a license that explicitly allows copying and modifying of its information) textbooks that anyone can edit at any time. Based on a concept similar to (and inspired by) Wikipedia, Wikibooks facilitate the democratization of knowledge and aim to produce a new kind of instructional resource that is comprehensive and free.

**(un)classes** – <http://www.unclasses.org/> -based on the belief that everyone has something to teach and learning doesn't always have to be a formal experience, (un)classes are a low-commitment way to explore something that interests you. Whether its managing finances, baking bread or writing a business plan, there are people who want to offer their skills and others who want to learn in a stress-free online social setting.

**P2PU** – <http://p2pu.org/> -the Peer to Peer University (P2PU) offers a more formalized online learning environment, with a community of open study groups for short university-level courses. It creates a model for lifelong learning alongside traditional formal higher education, enabling high-quality low-cost opportunities to learn. Largely run by volunteers, P2PU started two years ago with five people and has grown into a community of 1,000.

**Popling** – <http://popling.net/> -for people who want to learn but lack motivation, Popling takes flash cards beyond the simple flip and review. Sign up for the website or the desktop application and flash cards will pop up as often as you like, with periodic review cards to help retention. Among the 150 different subjects are languages, business and technology skills.



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