



# Roadways

Reading is a discount ticket to anywhere

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## September is Literacy month!

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Get involved and take the **International Literacy Day Challenge**. This year's challenge focuses on literacy and essential skills for everyone, everywhere. Try out some of these activities to celebrate International Literacy Day (Sept.8th)– and continue to practice literacy and essential skills every day!

1. Read a book to a child
2. Have a child read a book to an adult
3. Start a blog
4. Take a professional development course
5. Join a social media platform – Linked In, Facebook, Twitter, etc.
6. Write a letter to an old friend – the snail mail way!
7. Share this list with friends and coworkers – and dare them to take the challenge!
8. Play a game of Scrabble
9. Look up and learn a new word (and continue to do so every day for a month!)
10. Use a new form of technology (Smartphone, self - serve checkout, etc.)

**Tutors, please submit your tutoring records for June 2011**



# RIGHT NOW YOU ARE DOING SOMETHING 880 MILLION CAN'T.



# Attendance Important!



## YLC's ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011 & SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

**Where:** 505 South St., Suite 203, Cowansville, QC  
**When:** October 27th, 2011 5-7pm

**Note:**

1. At the AGM, YLC's revised bylaws will be presented to the members for ratification.
2. A Special General Meeting will be held to pass a resolution to amend the YLC *lettres patent*.

***Light refreshments will be served—RSVP by October 19th***

### It's NOMINATION time for the YLC BOARD of DIRECTORS

The Nominations Committee presents the following slate of Directors for the 2011-12 year:

- ◆ President Martha Shufelt
- ◆ Past President Jane Patrick
- ◆ Vice-President Cornelia Fischer
- ◆ Secretary Susan Syberg
- ◆ Treasurer Gillian Lortie
- ◆ Student Rep Donna Woodard
- ◆ Directors at large: Alan Ross, Susan Reininger, Marie Watier

**NOMINATE NOW!**

Elections will be held at the YLC AGM to take place on October 27<sup>th</sup> at the YLC office. Further nominations can be submitted by full members of YLC before October 12, 2011 to:

Nominations Committee  
 c/o Yamaska Literacy Council  
 505, rue du Sud, Suite 203  
 Cowansville, QC J2K 2X9

Contact the YLC office for nomination forms. Nominees must concur their nominations and two (2) YLC members must support the nomination. Terms are for two (2) years. Nominees for the position of President must have served as a YLC Director.

### **EXPECTATIONS of YLC BOARD MEMBERS**

- ◆ Board members support the vision and mission statements of YLC.
- ◆ Board members attend and participate at Board meetings.
- ◆ Board members serve on committees.
- ◆ Board members engage in an on-going process of Board development.

### **YLC: OUR STORIES~THE FIRST 30 YEARS**

YLC launched a collection of stories from students, tutors and community partners. There are a few copies left. If you would like a copy of our publication, contact the office or look for it, in colour, online:

[www.yamaskaliteracy.ca/whatsnew/ylc\\_our\\_stories\\_first\\_30\\_years.htm](http://www.yamaskaliteracy.ca/whatsnew/ylc_our_stories_first_30_years.htm)





# LITERACY BENEFIT DINNER

KNOWLTON  
*WordFest*

The PGI Literacy Dinner and Silent Auction was held on July 17th at Auberge Quilliams and hosted by CBC Radio host **Shelagh Rogers**. Keynote speaker was New York Times bestselling author **Louise Penny** and poet laureate was educator, literacy activist and award winning author **Sheree Fitch**.

Two awards were presented to YLC members. Pictured are Jane Patrick, YLC President, winner of the Gzowski Award for her volunteer contributions to literacy; Donna Woodard, YLC student representative, winner of the PGI National Learner Award for her learning achievements; Shelagh Rogers, PGI host and veteran broadcast-journalist. Congratulations, Donna and Jane!

Thank you to the businesses that donated prizes for the PGI silent auction. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Jane Patrick, Donna Woodard, & Shelagh Rogers

*François Rizk, Pharmacie Loblaws*  
*Vignoble Les Diurnes, Cowansville*  
*Donald Davison, YLC Tutor*  
*Joie de lavadre*  
*Karen Smith Photography*  
*Townships' Grandmothers*  
*Majestic International*  
*Serena Shufelt, Iwanna Farm*

*Club de Golf Waterloo*  
*Club de Golf Les Rochers Bleu, Sutton*  
*Restaurant Le St-Raphael*  
*Atelier Motosport Pierre Beullac*  
*Vivier Pharma*  
*Louise Penny*  
*Josée Hoblyn*  
*Brome Lake Books*

*YLC sends its condolences to the Hendersons of Vignoble Les Diurnes, who lost part of their winery in a fire this month. We hope they have a quick recovery.*

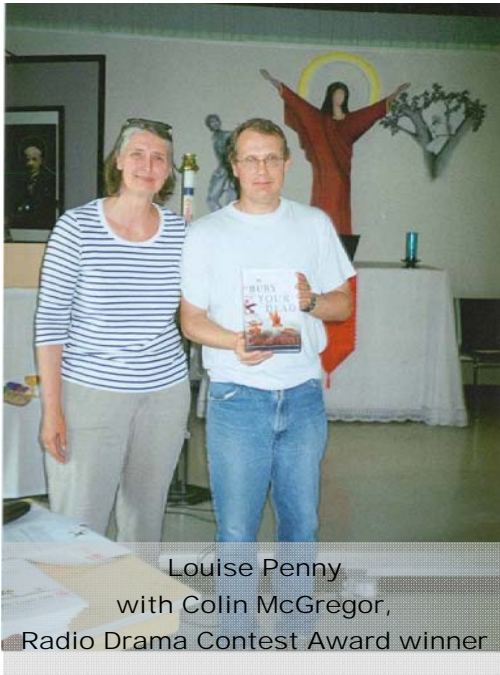


## COMPENDIUM OF ADAPTIVE TECHNOLOGIES

[Simcoe/Muskoka Literacy Network \(SMLN\)](#) recently published a consolidated list of adaptive technology to help people with issues that may affect their learning.

The guide, titled *Compendium of Adaptive Technologies: A resource guide for adult educators*, provides information on free and for purchase software, hardware and practitioner training. It includes listings about software for reading, scanning, organization and planning, writing and editing, and ease of access; hardware for people with learning disabilities, or mobility, hearing, or visual impairments; and practitioner training related to learning disabilities and other challenges.

<http://alphaplus.ca/en/news/news/331-compedium-of-adaptive-technologies-a-resource-guide-from-simcoemuskoka-literacy-network.html>



Louise Penny  
with Colin McGregor,  
Radio Drama Contest Award winner

# Louise Penny visits the Cowansville Institution



YLC's Cowansville Institution literacy program  
~ tutors and students

## YLC out and about



Susan Syberg at 50+ Picnic in the Park,  
August 23, 2011



Donna Woodard and Hilary Head at the Mansonville Multicultural Festival  
August 14, 2011



Jean-François Doré, *Les Typhons* project promoter;  
Annie Pelletier, Special Olympics patron;  
& John Langlois, swimmer & YLC student.  
Photo: Alain Bérubé

Le Sac à Mots and Le Bouquinerie have moved to  
706 South St., Cowansville. Check them out!

Former YLC student John Langlois is hoping to qualify for the swimming/diving team *Les Typhons*. *Les Typhons* are preparing for the Special Olympics in 2012. **Best of luck, John!**

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