

CHILLIWACK LEARNING SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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A LEARNER'S BREAKTHROUGH

Travels with Debbie

Debbie, our Literacy Outreach Coordinator, is always keen to join in meetings, conferences, and of course fun ... always fun.

She traveled to Ottawa in November to attend the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada's (FCAC) annual meeting for Financial Literacy Networks. The headline photo is at that event. It includes Financial Literacy Network representatives and FCAC's research committee.

"What to do with a Log Jam" was the topic of Debbie's presentation at the bi-annual Decoda Provincial Literacy Conference in Richmond this past fall. She provided tools for thinking about causes of conflict, and concrete strategies for developing strong, vibrant collaborations.

What's next? "Literacy" will be one of the topics included at TEDx Chilliwack in April 2020! Debbie will talk about how quality of life can be improved for ourselves and others when we look at various aspects of life through "literacy lenses" .



THE BOOKS GO AROUND AND AROUND

We regularly receive and redistribute donations of books.

Throughout the fall of 2019 around 2,000 books went out to individual families and community programs. The books were given out for Halloween (in addition to or instead of candy); as Christmas gifts; and as prizes and participation gifts at community events.



(We couldn't resist including these fun pictures)

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Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.

ANONYMOUS

CHRIS AND NANCY

Chris came to us because he wanted to become a “better reader”. For more than two years he and his tutor, Nancy, have been meeting weekly to review words, converse and read books.

Recently Nancy commented that Chris “had a moment of incredible focus and fluency which I had not seen before” and when that occurred again a few sessions later, she talked about how gratifying it is for both parties when the learner has such a breakthrough. Imagine this learner, after two years, showing focus and fluency and no doubt confidence in the newly acquired skills. Well done!

Chris and Nancy both contribute so much to our organization and to each other. It can take a lot of courage for a learner to ask for support. It can also be a challenge for the tutor to build a weekly session into an already busy life. But it has not also been without its rewards and these two have reminded us of the ‘why’ behind the work we do.

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 to achieve their literacy goals.



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