



Adopt-A-Library Literacy Program

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PRESS RELEASE

And the 2010-2011 World Literacy WOW! Reading Challenge Champions are ...

Each year in Nova Scotia, public libraries, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, municipal police forces and public schools partner with the Adopt-a-Library Literacy Program to host the Wow! Reading Challenge, a competition for elementary and junior high schools to 'out-read' their competition from November 14th to April 1st. This year, 11,811 students participated in the WOW! Reading Challenge from over 61 elementary schools, and together read an amazing total of 1,093,010 books!

The winners of the 2011 WOW! Reading Challenge were announced earlier this week, and are as follows,

Top Three Schools Division 0-249 Students (Averages per school per student)

1. Bible Hill Central Elementary School - 453 books per student
2. Tatamagouche Elementary School - 254 books per student
3. New Ross Consolidated School - 210 books per student

Top Three Schools Division 250+ students

1. G.R. Saunders Elementary School (Stellarton, NS) - 139 books per student
2. Meadowfield Community School (Yarmouth, NS) - 116 books per student
3. Shipyard Elementary School (Sydney, NS) - 113 books per student

First Nations Schools

1. Membertou Elementary School - 165 books per student
2. Wekoqmaq Mikmaq School - 100 books per student
3. Pictou Landing Elementary School - 96 books per student

Special Needs

- Summer Street Industries (New Glasgow, NS) - 1 book per student

Past Champion Division

- Walter Duggan Consolidated Elementary School (Westville, NS) - 436 books per student
- Salt Springs Elementary School - 259 books per student

Special Mentions for extraordinary effort during the reading challenge to:

- Marion Bridge Elementary School
- Saint Mary's Elementary School
- Dr. John C. Wickwire Academy

This is the fifth year that the Wow! Reading Challenge World Literacy Championship has taken place, and there is also a Junior High Division, the winners of which will be announced later this month (April 2011). The Adopt-a-Library Literacy program for the province is a community outreach partnership hosted by the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library.

For further information about the Adopt-a-Library Literacy Program, and the *Wow! Reading Challenge*, please contact:

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