



November 6 – 12, 2011 is Literacy Action Week in Nova Scotia

The Chignecto Central Adult High School and Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library Celebrate Literacy Action Week

The public are invited to attend "Read On!", a Literacy Action Week celebration at the New Glasgow Public Library (Community Room) on Wednesday, November 9 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. This event is sponsored by the Chignecto Central Adult High School and the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library, and is aimed at raising awareness of literacy in Pictou County. The program will include free books donated by the Adopt A Library Literacy Program along with information and discussion of Literacy initiatives available in Pictou County (Laubach Literacy, PiCCoLA (Pictou County Continuous Learning Association), and Kids' First) along with door prizes, fun activities and light refreshments.

Families and children are encouraged to join students, and our staff, and take the opportunity to meet some of the dedicated volunteers in our community who work towards improving literacy in Pictou County. Admission is free.

New Glasgow Public Library (Community Room)
182 Dalhousie Street, New Glasgow
Wednesday November 9
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

For more information, please contact -

- Trecia Schell (Community Services Librarian), Steven MacLean (Community Outreach Assistant), *Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library* (755-6031, 1(866)779-7761)
- Mary Goya, (Programmer), *Chignecto Central Adult High School* (755-8139).

About Literacy Action Nova Scotia

Literacy Action Week is held the first full week of November each year. It is the time when Literacy Nova Scotia and individuals and organizations who have an interest in supporting adult literacy share information with governments and the public about literacy and essential skills in their community.

A few *Nova Scotia's Literacy Facts*

- About four in ten Nova Scotians are at risk of not having sufficient skills to fully participate in the workplace, family or community and about half of Nova Scotians do not have the math literacy skills they need.
- 110,000 working age Nova Scotians do not have a high school diploma.
- Only 60% of Nova Scotians understand printed information well enough to make informed decisions about their own or their family's health. *International Adult Literacy and Skills Survey, 2003.*

Since 1992, Literacy Nova Scotia (LNS) has been supporting the literacy community by working to ensure that all Nova Scotians have equal access to quality literacy, essential skills, and lifelong learning opportunities. Literacy Nova Scotia is a not-for-profit charitable umbrella organization that provides a provincial forum for organizations and people to work together so that every adult has literacy and essential skills learning opportunities. We do that by raising awareness about the state of literacy in the province and the country, by promoting accessible programs for all, by collaborating with others who have similar interests and goals to support and celebrate learning, and by making connections. **Visit their website at www.ns.literacy.ca**