

# LITERALLY SPEAKING

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It's spring! A perfect time to rediscover the outdoors, get some exercise, and try something new.

Here at the GLC, we can help you on your journey to learning a new skill. We offer opportunities for volunteering, experience and resources, tutoring, and other ways to expand your abilities.

Drop us a line and find out how we can help you today!

The GLC Team

# Literacy is a Skill

Imagine rediscovering a piece of writing that you enjoyed a long time ago. Even though you loved it once, you're having a hard time concentrating on the words, parts of it no longer make sense to you, and you feel like you're not getting as much out of the reading as you used to.



## Literacy is a Skill

- This happens because literacy is a skill and it needs to be practiced
- If you don't exercise your literacy muscles, then you'll lose your strength!
- For example: if you take a long break from reading non-fiction, you may find it difficult to concentrate when you try again
- The same applies to writing, numeracy, and puzzles

Here are some tips to keep your brain agile:

## How to Practice your Literacy Skills

- The more you practice many different types of literacy, the more you'll keep your skills nicely toned
- While reading, choose a diversity of writing styles. A good practice is to make a conscious decision to mix it up. For example: if you usually read mystery novels, make every third book a book of non-fiction about true crime. Stuck in romance? Pick up a book of poetry next time.
- To push yourself even further, include diversity in your personal hobbies. Try keeping a journal or jotting down story ideas. Take one evening a week away from the tv to read, play a game, or do a puzzle!

Need some inspiration? Check out CBC Books Winter 2021 Reading List for books, ranging from poetry to fantasy. We challenge you to add two of these to your summer reading list! Local libraries are also a great resource for options and ideas.





# Activities

## Drum Making with Families

Here is an exceptional opportunity to spend a few hours creating as a family. This Drum Making Workshop is hosted by Melanie and Johanne Jean and held in partnership with the Wakeham Adult and Vocational Education Centre (WAVEC).

Mark your calendars for April 30th, at 10 a.m. The event will be held at York Hall and all materials will be provided.

RSVP with us soon! Only 10 spots are available.



## Book Week

The GLC will be participating in the sixth annual Canada Book Week!

On May 2, 2022, four different authors will be offering a virtual presentation in local schools throughout our area.

Reach out to us if you want to know more!

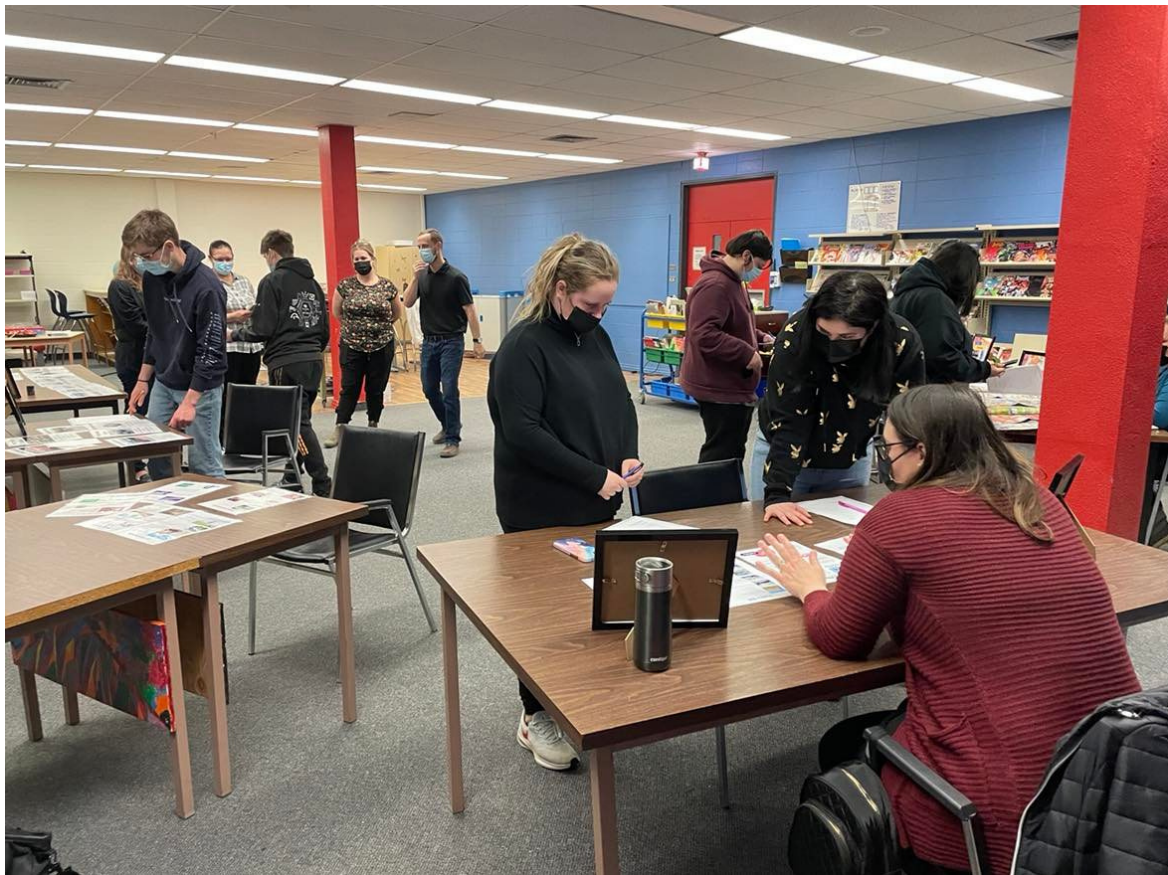
Other upcoming activities include a Gaspé Career Day on May 18, 2022, and a Family Literacy Activity Day on May 21, 2022, at Gaspé Elementary School. Contact us for more details! ★

# News

## Recent Activities

### Reality Check Project

A joint effort with several of our partners (see below), the Reality Check Project engaged high school students in real world budgeting. Each student was assigned a monthly salary (an annual income). They were then asked to visit booths, such as: housing (renting an apartment), buying a car, buying insurance, groceries, clothing, and so on, in order to create a realistic monthly budget. Although the students were asked to visit every booth, they had the power to make their own personal decisions. This March event was a great success!



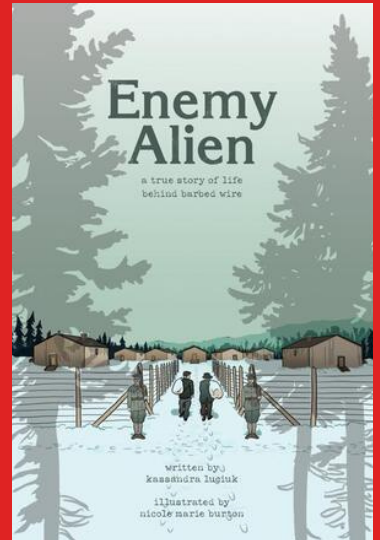
Partners: Gaspésie Literacy Council, Vision Gaspé-Percé Now, the CLC, and the Gaspé Polyvalent School



# Book Spotlight

## Enemy Alien A True Story of Life Behind Barbed Wire by Kassandra Luciuk

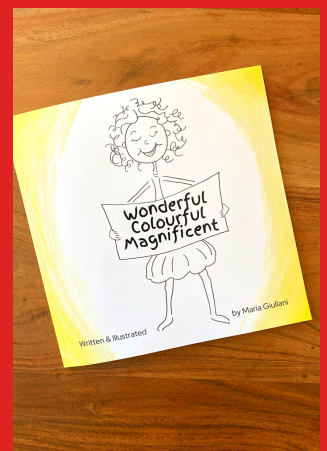
Graphic novels are growing in popularity with adult readers and have become an excellent way to communicate deep ideas. *Enemy Alien* is one such graphic novel, illustrated by Nicole Marie Burton, that tackles historical Canadian events. This novel follows the story of John Boychuk, detained in an internment camp in Ontario in 1914. The novel is based on Boychuk's memoir, one of the few (if only) written historical records of internment life at the time.



## Wonderful. Colourful. Magnificent by Maria Giuliani

A children's book written and illustrated by Montreal author Maria Giuliani, who has ties to Douglastown, *Wonderful, Colourful, Magnificent* explores feelings through colour with Marta, a young girl who one day creates a beautiful painting!

This book is an amazing resource for parents and children - it offers a different and innovative way for kids to express how they feel about the things happening in their life.



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