

LITERALLY SPEAKING

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Another amazing year of working to further literacy in Gaspé, along the coast, and the North Shore. We're so pleased that more people are getting to know the GLC each day.

We're excited to introduce two new staff members, who came on board in May. Things are really gearing up for the fall, with two exciting, major projects and a solid plan for the next few years.

Our offices will be closed over the summer months, see below for exact dates, while we prepare to dazzle you in September!

The GLC Team



EcoLiteracy

Literacy comes in so many different forms! In this issue, we'd like to introduce the idea of: Ecoliteracy.

Ecoliteracy is ecological or environmental literacy. Having ecoliteracy means:



1. Caring about everything that lives and understanding what plants, animals, insects, and sea creatures need to survive. This helps us see the world as a *system*, instead of bits and pieces, and to place ourselves within that bigger picture
2. Learning about the connections that hold the world together, and about the place that humans have within the chain
3. Understanding how the choices we make affect the creatures around us and what we can do to minimize our impact on the world

One way to help improve your ecoliteracy is to apply the principles to something you're already familiar with. Start with your home, by thinking about it like an office with many jobs that have to work together - how well one thing does its job affects everything else! For example:

- Investing in certain home repairs (proper insulation, new windows, etc.) helps to save money on heat and electricity usage
- Reducing your compost means finding creative ways to use the food you typically buy, reducing both your input (the amount of groceries coming into your house) and your output (the amount of garbage leaving your house)
- Taking shorter showers and reusing the water you use to rinse your fruit/vegetables saves water and uses less energy - use the water for your plants!

Want to know more? Check out this document from The Co-operators:

<https://www.naturalstep.ca/sites/default/files/sustainability-at-home-canada-the-cooperators-standard.pdf>



The GLC is Growing

We're pleased to introduce two new members of our staff!

Cynthia Jean

Cynthia is our new Event Coordinator and Office Support person! She will be responsible for organizing many of our events, supporting her colleagues, and making sure our office runs smoothly.



Barbara Foley

Barbara will be coordinating our Tutoring Program. Her job involves finding volunteers to tutor and people who can benefit from our one-on-one services, as well as developing the resources we have to offer and more!



Activities

Cyber Savvy Skills

The GLC's new project, "Cyber Savvy Skills" is well underway!

Keep an eye on our website and social media for upcoming workshops, events, and hot tips this fall!



Office Closed



The GLC office will be closed for the summer months. From June 30 to August 28, staff will be catching up on family time and our summer reading lists - rejuvenating ourselves so we can really bring the energy this fall!

Have a great summer!



Book Spotlight

Half-Bads in White Regalia: A Memoir by Cody Caetano

The Caetanos move into a doomed house in the highway village of Happyland before an inevitable divorce pulls Cody's parents in separate directions. His mom, Mindimooye, having discovered her Anishinaabe birth family and Sixties Scoop origin story, embarks on a series of fraught relationships and fresh starts. His dad, O Touro, a Portuguese immigrant and drifter, falls back into "big do, little think" behaviour, despite his best intentions. Left alone at the house in Happyland, Cody and his siblings must fend for themselves, even as the pipes burst and the lights go out.*

This is Cody Caetano's first book. He is an off-reserve member of Pinaymootang First Nation. This book has been longlisted for Canada Reads 2023.

Hurricane Summer by Asha Bromfield

Hurricane Summer is a coming of age story for young adults. This powerful novel deals with colorism, classism, young love, the father-daughter dynamic, and what it means to discover your own voice in the center of complete destruction.

Asha Ashanti Bromfield is from Toronto and she is an actress, singer, and author. She is known for her work as Melody Jones, drummer of Josie and the Pussycats on CW's *Riverdale* and as Zadie in Netflix's hit show, *Locke and Key*. At the age of 28, she has also written two books!



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