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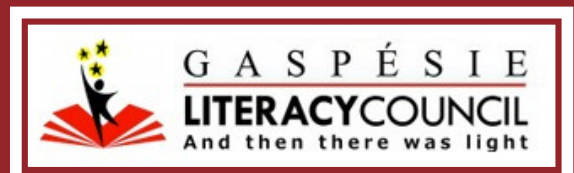
Welcome back!

The GLC is on the verge of another exciting year! We're introducing a new 2-year project, the Literacy Summit, and we're developing our digital literacy program "Cyber Savvy Skills."

As the Fall moves on, we'll be reaching out to you to find out what's missing in our communities, what needs attention, and how we can help. We've started by creating an anonymous, online comment box where you can make suggestions:

<https://freesuggestionbox.com/pub/dhjlxow>

The GLC Team



Heading Back to School as an Adult

Heading back to school after having been out of the system is intimidating, no matter your age.

But heading back to school as an adult, especially one with a previous career, holds its own set of challenges.



Being worried or nervous about re-starting your education is totally normal and something experienced by everyone in your situation. Whether you're filling in some pieces that you missed earlier in your life, or you're training for a new career, or you're pursuing a love of learning, you shouldn't let your concerns stop you from moving forward. Here are a few tips that can help you take that step with confidence!

- **Get to know** your new school - take some time and really get to know what's available, what help there is, and who you can ask for advice when you need it. Take some time before classes start, if you can, to get a feel for the buildings and/or the campus so you're comfortable starting out.
- **Bring your experience** with you - you automatically have a leg up and you bring well developed skills with you: teamwork, problem solving, time management, and so much more. Be confident; you have an advantage!
- Create a ready **support system** - whether you're a parent, a working student, or you have other commitments, you'll need people to rely on. Ask around, you may have more help available than you think! If you don't have friends and family to ask, reach out to your school - they may be able to refer you. And build a support system within your classes as well, for study partners, for help if you miss class, and to connect with people who have similar interests.
- **Plan ahead** as much as you can by scheduling your classes, study time, household duties, meals, and more. There are a number of apps, blogs, calendars, and other resources to help you manage.

Activities

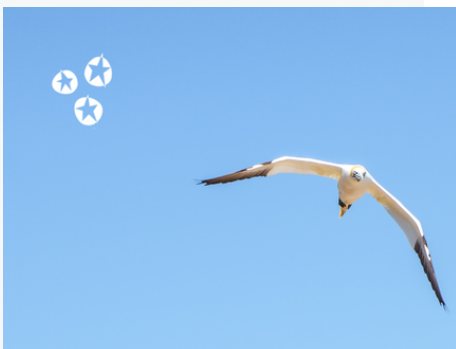
Literacy Summit

Getting to Know you Better, to Serve you Better

The first step in our Literacy Summit project is a full needs assessment. We'll be gathering information on our communities and need your input. Please keep an eye out and consider participating (see the link on page 1 for a great start!)



Annual General Meeting



We'll be reviewing our 2022-2023 year on November 8, 2023 at 5:30 in the Douglastown Community Centre.

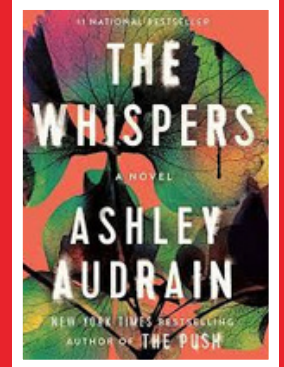
Join us while we review the year, plan the next one, and look forward towards increasing literacy within our area. We'll provide supper, prizes, and childcare if needed!

Book Spotlight

The Whispers by Ashley Audrain

Do you love a good mystery novel? Check out this page-turner by Torontonians Ashley Audrain, the former publicity director of Penguin Books Canada.

On Harlow Street, the well-to-do neighborhood couples and their children gather for a barbecue as the summer winds down. Everything is fabulous until Whitney, the picture-perfect hostess, explodes in fury because her son disobeys her. Everyone at the party hears her exquisite veneer crack—loud and clear. Before long, that same young boy falls from his bedside window in the middle of the night. And then his mother can only sit by her son's hospital bed, where his life hangs in the balance.*

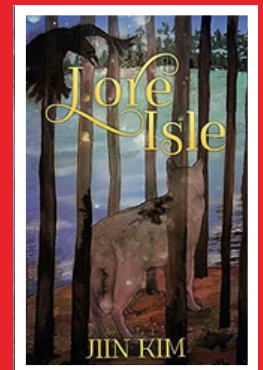


Lore Isle by Jiin Kim

“Everyone knows there are no wolves in Newfoundland.”

This fantastical tale follows Peter, a young boy who travels with a strange man into a magical land of mummies, sprites, fairies, and murderous pitcher plants in an attempt to save his home and his family.

This is a debut novel by author Jiin Kim, who was born in Korea, raised in Toronto, and is currently raising her family in St. John's Newfoundland. This book is a great read for ages 10-14!



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*This summary has been taken, verbatim, from the back of the book. It is incomplete. The full version is available at Penguin Random House Canada or any book seller (online or otherwise).

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