



LITERALLY SPEAKING

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It's Spring!

In keeping with the theme of new growth, the GLC has a whole new team to serve the communities in our territory. Read on to meet our new staff members!

Our work with the needs assessment continues and there are lots of new activities, outreach, and events happening at GLC. We're excited to share with you!

The GLC Team



Being a Literacy Role Model

By: Angelina Leggo

I recently saw an image with parents and child sitting on a couch, and a slogan that read: “children are made readers on the laps of their parents.” At the GLC, we for sure agree that reading in general and reading together as a family is **very** important to develop a love of reading and books

But I also think it’s important to recognize that there are other ways to be a literacy role model and it’s important to find what works for you. There are many different paths to develop good literacy habits. Here are a few examples:



Celebrate “I Don’t Know” Moments

- “I Don’t Know” moments represent an opportunity to learn something new
- Celebrate these moments for yourself and create a habit of learning by going together to find the answer
- Never be ashamed of not knowing the answer

Challenge Yourself

- Challenge yourself regularly to learn something new - want to try yoga? Learn a new language? Cook different kinds of food? Run a half marathon?
- Talk about the challenge with your family and how it’s going. Share your accomplishments and setbacks in family conversation
- Demonstrate how to break down big goals into smaller steps and talk about how that puts the overall challenge into perspective - does it feel like you’re making progress this way? Does it feel easier to achieve?
- Share the challenge! Get everyone in on it

Be Aware

- Pay attention to how much time each day is spent reading, writing, budgeting, moving, using computers, tablets, or smartphones, and so on
- These details show just how often you use different forms of literacy in your everyday life
- This will get you to appreciate how important it is to work on and improve your own skills - your work on yourself will serve as a role model for those around you

News

New Staff

The GLC has two new, amazing staff members to help round out our team.

Join us in extending a huge welcome to Cynthia Jean and Rebecca MacDonald - our project coordinators for events/office support and digital literacy!



Cynthia, Angelina, Rebecca, Elisha

Outreach



What have our staff been doing? Between our regular programs and two major projects: Digital Literacy and the Literacy Summit, the GLC staff has been busy! We are creating new partnerships, strengthening our networks, and listening to what people need from us.

This outreach has already resulted in “Blind Date with a Book”, book readings online and in person, a successful Meet Us event, social media campaigns, and more!



*Our first event
as a team*



Recent Activities



*March Break
Camp at Gespeg*



Blind Date with a Book. distributed in Gaspé businesses

Meet Us Event



Book Spotlight

The Midnight Bargain by C.L. Polk

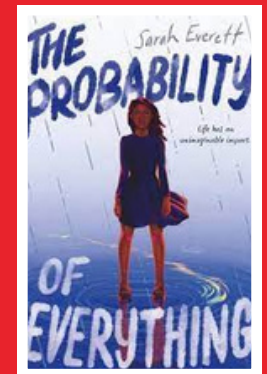
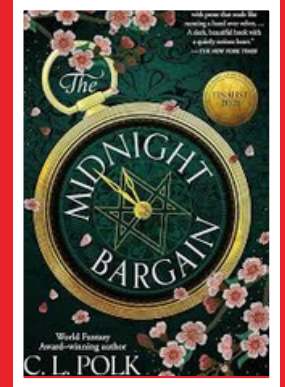
“Beatrice is a sorceress who practices her magic in secret, terrified of the day she will marry and be locked into a collar that will cut off her magic to protect her unborn children. She dreams of becoming a full-fledged Magus, permitted to pursue magic as her calling just as men do. But her family has traveled to the city for Bargaining Season, when young men and women of means socialize and negotiate to secure the best marriages. Beatrice's family is in severe debt and she is expected to make an advantageous match.”^

C.L. Polk lives in Calgary and has several, excellent fantasy novels for you to enjoy - many of which have won awards or been short-listed.

The Probability of Everything by Sarah Everett

“Kemi Carter [is an] 11-year-old girl who dreams of being a scientist. With her love for probability, she calculates that an asteroid has a high probability of hitting the Earth in four days. Over the four days, she feels like the world is ending as she navigates moving into a new neighbourhood and her relationships with her family members.”*

Sarah Everett is the author of several Young Adult books and won the 2023 Governor General's Literary Award for young people's literature



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