

# LITERALLY SPEAKING

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We're back for a new year!

It's been a time of transition, and things continue to move in a positive direction. Come to our AGM this year and find out firsthand how the GLC is growing.

Join our Board of Directors and be part of that change!

This fall will hold lots of opportunities to learn - from our digital literacy programming to our Literacy Summit activities. Keep an eye on our Facebook page, Instagram account, and website!

The GLC Team

# *More than Reading and Writing*

*By: Angelina Leggo*



What is literacy???

The GLC has been talking about literacy for years, but do you know what we mean when we use the word?

Our perspective is that literacy describes an action, and that action is learning. This is why we talk about lifelong learning, because “having literacy” means always being ready and motivated to learn something new.



You may have heard of digital literacy, health literacy, media literacy, etc. (and we hope you heard it from us!), but still most people associate literacy with the ability to read and write. This makes sense, because without the ability to communicate using those skills, everything else gets a lot more difficult. But, you can be very talented at reading and writing, and still struggle with using technology, sticking to a budget, or making healthy meals.

So what does literacy mean?

## Communicating

- People use a lot of different ways to communicate - not just with words, but with art, numbers, cooking, telling stories, and so on
- People use communication to convince you of things - this is important when we think about what we consume for entertainment - news stories, headlines, ads, movies, television shows

## Self-Expression

- Just like communication, you can use a variety of ways to express yourself - dictating voice to text, movement, clothing, building objects

## Understand

- Sometimes, we don't exactly understand - this can be subtle and without us realizing what's happening (like in advertisements), or you miss something
- Asking for clarification and an explanation is always the best move, because if you don't understand, then you can't decide what to do next

## Access

- Having the tools you need to connect with other people - a phone, paper and pen, etc.

## Evaluate

- Being able to understand fully and evaluate or judge that communication is what leads you into action



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# News



## Annual General Meeting

The GLC's Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at 6:30 in the living room of the Douglastown Community Centre.

A virtual option is available, please send an email to [info@gaspelit.ca](mailto:info@gaspelit.ca) to reserve your spot or get the Zoom link.





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**Gaspésie Literacy Council**  
Board of Directors

2024-2025 Nomination Form

**CALL FOR BOARD MEMBERS**

The Gaspésie Literacy Council is currently seeking candidates from the regions of Gaspésie-Île-de-la-Madeline and Côte-Nord to fill multiple positions on our Board of Directors. The position is a 2-year term, and can be renewed. We are looking for dedicated candidates with a wide range of skills.

Mission	Vision
Our mission is to lead English-speaking adults and families by achieving their literacy goals. By promoting public awareness of literacy and providing literacy challenges, the GLC ensures that everyone responds to the existing needs of our community.	To provide leadership in promoting awareness of the increasing importance of literacy in our modern world.

**Impact in 2022-2023**

<b>12,843</b> People reached through social media	<b>675</b> People exposed to the GLC in person
<b>25</b> Events held in the community, schools, and online	<b>9</b> Board of Director Volunteers

**How to Join?**

All candidates are asked to fill out a brief nomination form and forward a copy of their CV to:

[info@gaspelit.ca](mailto:info@gaspelit.ca)

**Deadline**

Nomination packages must be submitted no later than 5 pm, EST on **October 18, 2024**

## Board of Directors

We're recruiting to our Board of Directors!

Consider joining the GLC team and help guide us into a new chapter. We are in the process of making some big changes and we need fresh ideas and new inspiration to make the transition.

Go to [www.gaspelit.ca](http://www.gaspelit.ca) for the application form.





# *News*



## *The Literacy Summit*

This November!!

The calendar for our Literacy Summit is ready! Keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram accounts to find out about workshops that interest you or just to learn something new about literacy and the GLC.



## *Digital Literacy Support*

One of the biggest projects we've been working on is improving digital literacy. Our coordinator, Rebecca MacDonald, is available to you any time with the support you may need.



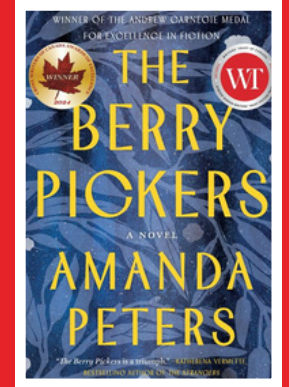
# Book Spotlight

## *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters

“A four-year-old girl goes missing from the blueberry fields of Maine, sparking a tragic mystery that remains unsolved for nearly fifty years.”^

This debut novel from Nova Scotian Mi'kmaq author Amanda Peters won several awards and was a critically acclaimed bestseller in Canada.

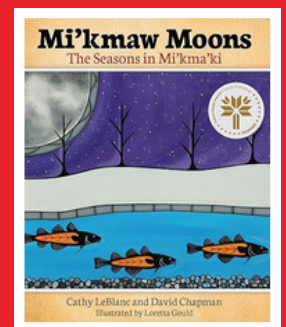
Not looking for another novel? She also recently published a book of short stories “Waiting for the Long Night Moon.”



## *Mi'kmaw Moons: The Seasons in Mi'kma'ki* by Cathy LeBlanc and David Chapman

What do you get when you combine a Mi'kmaw cultural interpreter, a physicist and amateur astronomer, and a Mi'kmaw painter and quilter? You get this book. It's described as a explaining Mi'kmaw time-keeping traditions, basic astronomy, a brief history of lunar calendars, and the development of the modern Western calendar.

Mi'kmaw knowledge with a Western scientific piece, beautifully illustrated by noted Mi'kmaw artist, Loretta Gould. All three of the collaborators on this book are from Nova Scotia.



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