



# Eaton Valley CLC

*Your Community Learning Centre*

## Our CLC has a Logo!

Thanks to the creative talents of local artist Denis Palmer, the Eaton Valley CLC now has a beautiful logo featuring French's Colony and the Eaton River which meanders through the region. The original pen and ink drawing is

mounted and hanging in the CLC room at Pope Memorial. Expect to see our logo at CLC events, on our publicity and, of course, on our webpage (currently under construction at [www.eatonvalleyclc.ca](http://www.eatonvalleyclc.ca)).

### Horse Club Plans Trotting Ahead

Plans are underway to create a horse-pony education club for youth in the Bury area!

Club planners hope to offer equine-related activities such as sugaring with horses, plowing matches, sleigh rides and picnics, field trips workshops and much more.

One of the goals of the Farms Alive! project that ended in December was to start a new group that would allow youth to continue to learn about rural life. Horses and ponies were a strong interest so the CLC has partnered with Townshippers Association's Action Project to start the club. Run by Allana Fernandes, the project will help the club get started. One planning meeting took place early in January with more to come.

The club will be for youth, age 2 and up. Teenagers will be the main club organizers with parent and community volunteers helping out.

The club will need a name—if you have an idea, let us know! For more info or to get involved, contact Allana at (819) 566-5717 or email her at [af@townshippers.qc.ca](mailto:af@townshippers.qc.ca)

### Learned Artwork

Pictured with blocks of artwork by Pope Memorial students is Paul Carbonneau, responsible for photographing each piece for the Literacy in Action bookmark project. See page 2 for more info. Photo: courtesy of Literacy in Action.



### Wii Can Dance!

Students at Pope will soon be dancing their socks off. Thanks to a grant, 2 Wii computer game consoles, dance mats and the game "Dance, Dance Revolution" will be available at noon hours. Volunteer grade 6 students will be supervising the physically-demanding games which should be up and running by the end of February.

*The Eaton Valley Community Learning Centre is a collaboration of Pope Memorial Elementary & New Horizons Adult Education Centre of the Eastern Townships School Board*

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# News from our Partners: Literacy in Action

Clear Writing and Design Tele-Video-Conference Broadcast from Bury Literacy in Action with the Eaton Valley Community Learning Centre, hosted a workshop by tele-video-conference for seven other Community Learning Centres across Quebec. The hour-long presentation walked participants through a unique handbook, published by Literacy in Action, entitled “*Clear Writing and Design – A Reader-Friendly Handbook*”. This free publication available to organizations and individuals is an easy-to-follow manual on how to create effective, written communication that most people will understand and will take the time to read. Handbooks are available by calling 819-346-7009 or by email [info@literacyinaction.info](mailto:info@literacyinaction.info). Pictured to the left: Handbook authors and presenters,



Melanie Cutting and Jan Draper (seated), Eaton Valley CLC coordinators, Lise Dougherty and Nancy Beattie.

## Literacy = Learning in My Community

In partnership with the Eaton Valley Community Learning Centre, Literacy in Action is creating a bookmark designed by students at Pope Memorial. The theme of the bookmark is ‘*Learning in My Community*’. Students have made drawings of a personal learning experience at home or in their community and painted these on blocks of wood. All the blocks will be mounted together to create a ‘Community Learning Mural’ that may be viewed at Pope Memorial. Literacy in Action would like to thank all those who helped to make this project possible: Nancy Beattie, Lise Coté Dougherty, Celine Carbonneau, Paul Carbonneau, Geraldine Murray, Ruby Pehlemann and Pope Students. See the front page of the newsletter for a photo of the “Learned Art-work”.

## Homework Assistance Project

Since May of 2008, Literacy in Action and the Eaton Valley Community Learning Centre have been aiding up to twenty high school students from Haut-Saint-Francois to improve their English, French and Math. This year-long project, ending in June 2009, has tutors working with a few students at a time on homework. At its core this project promotes academic success.

Literacy in Action is located at 257 Queen Street in Lennoxville. The organization provides free one-on-one tutoring to adults and promotes literacy in Estrie. To contact Literacy in Action: Tel: 819-346-7009, Email: [info@literacyinaction.info](mailto:info@literacyinaction.info)



## We Can Act Cabaret

To celebrate Family Literacy Day, Literacy in Action, is joining Sunshine Theatre Productions, Townshippers' Association, and the Agence de santé et de services sociaux de l'Estrie to present “WE CAN ACT CABARET” in five locations in the Eastern Townships. The play humorously depicts life events that require health and social services to resolve. Literacy in Action will be taking the opportunity to highlight the connection between health and literacy. “READ-TO-ME” Book Bags (pictured left) will be distributed at the event.

## THANKS!

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## WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR PLUMBING MALFUNCTIONS: KIDNEY & BLADDER TELEHEALTH



An upcoming video-conference on Kidney and Bladder health will be **Tuesday, Feb 10 at 1:15 p.m.** in the Community Room at Pope Memorial Elementary School. Please use the back door. This information session is made available through partnership with the Community Health and Social Services Network (CHSSN) and Townshippers' Association.



## Free Internet Café: Tuesdays 7—9 p.m.

### All are welcome!

The weekly Tuesday night Internet Café at the CLC continues under volunteer coordination. If you are interested in helping, please don't hesitate to call (819) 570-7255. Fifteen laptops are available for use by the community. Happy surfing!



## COURS D'ANGLAIS / FRENCH CONVERSTATION COURSES

Conversational courses in French and *en anglais* are being offered at the Eaton Valley Community Learning Centre by volunteer tutors. Cost is \$10 for a series (usually 10 weeks). For more information, call (819) 570-7255.



## DRAWING COURSE WITH DENIS PALMER

A drawing course with local artist Denis Palmer will be offered beginning in March. Cost is \$90 for the 25-hour course over 10 weeks. The course will be run Wednesday evenings from 7—9:30 p.m., March 18—June 20, at the Eaton Valley CLC. To sign up, contact Denis Palmer or the CLC at (819) 570-7255.

## PILATES WITH CATHY HAMILTON

Thanks to the generous support of the Lennoxville & District Womens Centre, the Eaton Valley Community Learning Centre is again offering a winter Pilates session. The 10-week course will start in mid-February and be held on Tuesdays at 4:15 p.m. in the gym at Pope Memorial Elementary in Bury. The cost is \$10. Call to reserve your spot!



## GREEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Are you interested in running a business and being environmentally-friendly? Join in an upcoming video-conference on Green Entrepreneurship organized by the Community Table. February 17, 6:30—8:30 p.m. at the Eaton Valley CLC! It's FREE!

**OTHER CLC ACTIVITIES INCLUDE SCRAPBOOKING ON THURSDAY EVENINGS, BADMINTON ON TUESDAY EVENINGS. FOR MORE INFO, CALL (819) 570-7255.**

### THANKS TO OUR STEERING COMMITTEE:

The many events and activities of the CLC are possible thanks to the time and energy of numerous people including those on the steering committee. The members of the CLC Steering Committee thus far have been:

**Danielle Simard** (SADC Haut St Francois), **Danyel Bouffard** (CSSS Haut St Francois), **Jocelyn Bennett** (Pope Memorial / community member), **Johanne Tanguay** (community member), **Karen Blouin** (community member), **Kathy Richan** (Literacy in Action), **Lise Cote-Dougherty** (community member / coordinator), **Louise Caron** (New Horizons / ETSB), **Luc Rodrigue** (Pope Memorial), **Martha Crombie** (Eastern Townships CEDEC), **Nancy Beattie** (coordinator), **Randi Heatherington** (New Horizons / ETSB).

## Contract position: Social Economy project coordinator

With the support of the steering committee and economic development organizations, the candidate will complete a business plan for a social economy enterprise in Bury. The contract is for a period of 4 to 6 weeks and must be completed before March 31st 2009. Remuneration: \$4000.

Contact [etadmin@cedec.ca](mailto:etadmin@cedec.ca) for a complete job description. Application must be received before February 11 , 4:30 pm. Please note that interviews will be held on February 13.

## Poste contractuel : Coordonnateur de projet d'économie sociale

Avec l'appui du comité de démarrage et les organismes de développement économique, la personne retenue prendra en charge toutes les tâches nécessaires pour finaliser le plan d'affaires d'une entreprise d'économie sociale à Bury. Le contrat est de quatre à six semaines et doit se terminer avant 31 mars 2009. La rémunération est un montant forfaitaire de 4 000 \$. Contacter le [etadmin@cedec.ca](mailto:etadmin@cedec.ca) pour une description complète du poste. Les soumissions doivent être reçues avant 4:30pm le mercredi 11 février. Veuillez noter que les entrevues auront lieu le 13 février.



## Business Development Efforts Continue!



Pictured above are some of the committee members at the January meeting.

The dedicated efforts of the Eaton Valley CLC's social economy / business development committee are going strong. This group is working hard to ensure the long-term sustainability of our CLC by establishing a business that would provide financially for its coordination and activities. Both the Eastern Townships CEDEC and the CLD of the Haut St Francois are actively supporting the volunteers involved with this initiative.

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**Who can take part in the activities of the Eaton Valley CLC?**  
The CLC invites not only residents of Bury but welcomes ALL residents of surrounding communities and those from throughout the MRC of Haut St-Francois to participate.

## Eaton Valley CLC

*...because a learning community is a healthy community!*

The Eaton Valley Community Learning Centre supports locally-driven initiatives leading to a healthy, dynamic, and sustainable community. Our CLC works with the community to build a culture of lifelong learning.

What is a CLC? A Community Learning Centre is a way of responding to community needs by working in partnerships to benefit students, families and the community at large. Our CLC is currently overseen by a dedicated steering committee including community members, teachers, community partner organizations, principals, and the coordinator. We welcome your feedback!

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