

Duck Lake and Beardsley's Literacy for Life

Mamawkamatowin "Everyone Working Together"



“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

-Margaret Mead

Partners

- Stobart Schools
- Willow Cree Health Station
- Family Wellness Centre
- Willow Cree Healing Lodge
- Town of Duck Lake
- Wapiti Regional Library
- Local businesses (Lanovaz, Duck Lake Agencies)
- Community Members

Other supporters

- Saskatchewan Literacy Network
- Saskatchewan Aboriginal Literacy Network
- Saskatchewan Literacy Commission

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Our Vision

All people of the Beardy's-Duck Lake community have the literacy skills that enable them to access community resources, enjoy economic prosperity, and support families in realizing their goals and dreams.

Our Goals

- ◇ To put in place the human resources needed to develop, implement, deliver, and support our community literacy program
- ◇ To develop and implement a Family Literacy program for the community

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- ◇ To develop and implement an Adult Literacy program for the community
- ◇ To develop and implement support programs for the family and the workplace, that will simplify the access to available literacy programs

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- ◇ To increase the awareness of the value, the need for, and the life-long and life-wide nature of literacy
- ◇ To develop and implement a strategy to sustain literacy programming in the community

Gathering Information

- ◇ Interviews with local businesses and organizations
- ◇ Community survey
- ◇ Anecdotal reports

Community Assets

- ◇ Levelled Reading and Kihtwam (youth apprenticeship) programs
- ◇ Family Wellness programs
- ◇ Health Station parent groups and maternal child health program
- ◇ Healing Lodge literacy programs
- ◇ Adult ed. at Constable Robin Cameron High School

Community Literacy Needs

- ◇ Family literacy
- ◇ Value of reading to increase/books in homes
- ◇ Cree language teaching
- ◇ Computer skills
- ◇ Adult ed. Opportunities
- ◇ Trades training
- ◇ Pre-employment and life skills training

Mamawkamatowin Literacy Programs

- ◇ Alphabet Soup
- ◇ Story Sacks
- ◇ Come Read With Me
- ◇ Tell Me a Story
- ◇ Get Connected
- ◇ Employment Skills Training Program
- ◇ Workplace Literacy Needs Assessment

Mamawkamatowin Funding

- ◇ SaskSmart Innovations Fund: \$69,212
In-kind contributions: over \$23,000
for October 2007 to September 2008
- ◇ Raise a Reader: \$5,000 for storysacks contents
and books to give away through CRWM
- ◇ SaskTel Pioneers: 4 computers for community
access
- ◇ What's next???????

Mamawkamatowin Advisory Committee

- ◇ Denis Poirier, Community Member
- ◇ Norma Antoine, Willow Cree Healing Lodge
- ◇ Rosanna Gamble, Willow Cree Health Station
- ◇ Diane Perrin, Wapiti Regional Library
- ◇ Ruth Unruh, Community Member
- ◇ Debbie Pine, Family Wellness Centre
- ◇ Jeannine Piche, Town of Duck Lake (deputy mayor)
- ◇ Jackie Bradley, Community Member
- ◇ Craig Schellenberg, Stobart Community High School principal
- ◇ Sandi Hildebrand, Counsellor/Community Developer at Stobart Schools
- ◇ Marlene Scott, Literacy Coordinator

