

May 2009 Networking Session

Lethbridge Lifelong Learning Association was updated on the progress and current events of some member organizations.

Jim Campbell from Lethbridge Community Network shared some information about the organization and what they do. LCN participates in the Computers for Schools Program, they build websites and custom data bases; LCN provides technical support and more.

LCN hosts a Basic Computer Skills Course that is funded by LLLA. The course provides learners with hands on experience of Computers and learners get to take home a computer in the end.

Family Centre is trying to address the learning gaps identified by the City of Lethbridge among the age group of six to 12 year old children. The Family Centre is also trying to increase programs for Dads and their children. The Family Centre is addressing more programming for seniors and grand parents as well as multi-cultural programs.

Population Health-Chinook Health is proud to have a Cooking Basics DVD that they are leading out to people who collect food from the Interfaith Food Bank. The DVD is funded by LLLA under the Curriculum and Resource Development category. Rosemarie Renwick, Community Kitchens Coordinator, says that people get food from the food bank and don't know what to do with it. So the DVD to guide people in basic food preparation took flight. Next Renwick wants to distribute the DVD to the school division. Her goal is to sell them to the school division at a minimal profit to continue to produce the DVD.

The YWCA of Lethbridge and District is proud to be offering the YWise Women Conference on June 13, 2009 with the help of LLLA. Project Child Recovery is a children's support group provided by the YWCA Harbour House. It targets children between the ages of nine and 12 who have or are experiencing divorce, bullying, anger or any other form of trauma. Project Child Recovery is aimed at empowering children.

The Bowman Arts Centre provides art classes for special needs adults, these classes act as self-esteem boosters and are funded by LLLA. The centre has determined a gap in the community, which is there are no classes for special needs children in the community. The centre itself has some troubles with providing classes; there is a need for bigger classrooms, the centre has to work scheduling of classes around the transportation schedules. The Bowman Arts Centre is owned by the City of Lethbridge and it has been granted funding for a larger facility but that is still in the negotiation phase.