

Websites and Other Useful Online Resources for Tutors

I hope that you will find this list of resources useful. It is a work in progress so feel free to make suggestions of websites or resources that you find useful. You can send me your suggestions at spalmer@okanagan.bc.ca

LIBRARIES AND TUTORING SPACE

Okanagan College – Revelstoke Centre

Centre of Learning Hours: Mon – Fri – 8:30 to 4:30 pm, Tues and Thurs evenings: 6:30 to 8:30pm

- Tutoring space
- Tutor/Learner library
- Computers for tutor/learner use
- Photocopier – see coordinator for photocopy code
- Tutor/learner materials
- Website with links to other resources

Okanagan Regional Library – www.orl.bc.ca

Hours

Tuesday:	12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Thursday:	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday:	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday:	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- Has literacy specific collection, tutoring space available

National Adult Literacy Database – NALD <http://library.nald.ca/>

- A huge online library with a collection of Canadian literacy materials. Lots of tutoring resources available here.

Literacy BC Resource Centre - <http://www2.literacy.bc.ca/catalogue/>

- Literacy BC maintains a library of literacy materials. Tutors can borrow free of charge. Return postage is paid for books and cds. (DVDs and video cassettes require return postage)

Exemplary Literacy Materials Online <https://www.elmoreviews.ca/index.php>

- Find out what materials other tutors consider their favourite resources and materials or write a review of a book or resource you'd like others to know about. This is a great resource to find field tested materials.

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Free Online Courses –

- **Verizon's Thinkfinity Literacy Network** offers free courses to tutors and practitioners. Visit http://literacynetwork.verizon.org/Free-Online-Courses.28.0.html?&no_cache=1

Adult Literacy Online Courses- <http://www.floridatechnet.org/webbased.htm#abe>

- These are online courses from Florida Technet for Adult Basic Education tutors/teachers.

MISCELLANOUS SITES

www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/

- This site is designed for adult learners. There are tips for tutors and teaching points for learners that can be printed off. When an area has been taught there are very creative, fun games and quizzes that the learner can do independently to see if they have learned the area covered. Well worth a look.
- **In Our Own Language** – a workbook and practice exercises for adult literacy students <http://www.nald.ca/library/learning/tow/inourlan/inourlan.pdf>
- **Academic English Studies: Grammar Part 1- Parts of Speech** <http://www.nald.ca/library/learning/academic/english/grammar/speech/module5.pdf>
- **Grammar Bytes** - www.chompchomp.com/menu.htm
- **Guide to Grammar and Writing** - <http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/>

BC Driver's License

- ICBC Online Practice Test www.icbc.com/licensing
- Richmond Public Library – practice test www.yourlibrary.ca/driving/.

CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP

- Study binder available in Centre of Learning
- Practice test - http://www.yourlibrary.ca/citizenship/index.cfm?get_answers=1

LEARNING STYLES AND MULTIPLE INTELLIGES

Multiple Intelligences for Literacy and Adult Education <http://literacyworks.org/mi/home.html>

- Lots of information about Multiple Intelligences with a focus on Adult Literacy learners.

The Learning Disabilities Association of Canada <http://www.ldac-taac.ca/>

Using a Multisensory Approach - <http://www.dyslexia-parent.com/mag30.html>

Dyslexia Teacher <http://www.dyslexia-teacher.com/> A great resource with lots of information and resources.

Canadian Dyslexia Centre http://www.dyslexiacentre.ca/english/about_dyslexia.htm

TUTORING SKILLS (available in the Tutor/Learner Resource Library)

- *Literacy Tutor's Guide: Reading for Meaning and the Writing Experience*
- *Handbook for Literacy Tutors*

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- *Branching Out: A Tutor's Guide to Purpose and Creative Writing*
- *The Tutor's Toolbox*
- *Tutor Tools*
- *Tips at Your Fingers: Teaching Strategies for Adult Literacy Tutors*
- *The Starter Pack (see Simone)*
- *Learning to Learn: A Living Resource for Literacy Practitioners and Adult Educators*
- *Ready, set, Know: A Handbook for New Tutors* Also available at:
<http://www.nald.ca/library/learning/rsk/rsk.pdf>
- *Adult Literacy Resources: The Best Links for Books and Lind for Tutors to Try -*
www.nald.ca/library/learning/booklist/booklist.pdf
- *Demystifying Adult Literacy for Volunteer Tutors*
<http://www.nald.ca/library/learning/demyst/cover.htm>
- **STAPLES** – *Supplemental Training for Practitioners in Literacy Education* – Volumes 1 and 2. CD Software. Extra materials for tutors who want more information about reading and writing. Has good video/picture examples and step-by step instructions

RECOMMENDED READING RESOURCES

- *Reading Instruction that Makes Sense* – Mary Tarasoff
- *Basic Skills for Effective Reading* – Selma Wilf
- *Teaching Reading to Adults: A Balanced Approach* – Pat Campbell (Available at public library)
- *The Adult Reading Toolkit* – LDA Minnesota (See Simone)
- *Simply Reading* – This is a reading resource developed for adult learners
<http://www.nald.ca/library/learning/demyst/cover.htm>

Phonemic Awareness and Phonics

- *Reading Reflex*- Carmen McGuiness and Geoffrey McGuiness (see Simone)
- *The Adult Reading Toolkit* – LDA Minnesota
- <http://www.nevadareading.org/resourcecenter/literacycomponents/phonologicalawareness.html>
- Phonemic Awareness in Beginning Reading - <http://reading.uoregon.edu/pa/>