

Prince Albert Literacy Network (PALN) April 2023

Mission Statement

Prince Albert Literacy Network is a community responsive organization that promotes, supports and aims to improve literacy abilities for families and adults.

Funding & Governance

PALN is a community-based, non-profit agency governed by a Board of volunteers and funded by grants, donations and the provincial government.

History

- Beginning in 1988, like-minded citizens met monthly to discuss adult literacy needs, plan literacy informational events and advocate for adult learners
- In 1988, the Family Literacy Coordinator position was established to coordinate programming specifically for families
- In 2011, PALN provided volunteer tutors for low literacy learners. This community project won the national ABC Life Literacy's Literacy Innovation Award. At the same time, a community-needs survey was conducted which revealed a need for permanent, accessible adult literacy supports.
- In 2012, the Tutor Learner Connections program, with an Adult Literacy Coordinator, was established to manage the tutor and learner program.
- The Family and Adult Literacy programs remain our primary focus

Adult Literacy Mandate

To promote and support literacy for adults by providing tutoring, resources, workshops and other learning opportunities for adults.

- * Tutor Learner Connections
- * Financial Literacy Workshops
 - Spending Plans*
 - Banking Basics*
 - Borrowing Money*
 - Ways to Save*
- * Tenancy Workshop
 - A Place to Call Home Workshop*

Unique Program Qualities

- No cost for any services including learner assessments, volunteer tutoring training, or workshop materials
- Individualized learning plans based on learners' abilities and personal goals
- Learner-focused, one-to-one tutoring
- Free access to the resource lending library for learners and tutors
- Workshops designed to meet the needs of low literacy participants

Family Literacy Mandate

To promote and support literacy for families by providing training, programming, resources, age-appropriate events and learning opportunities for community members who work with children.

- * Family Programming
- * Storysack and Resource Lending Library
- * School and Community Events
- * Family Literacy Facilitator Training
 - Introduction to Family Literacy*
 - Read, Move, Share*
 - Come Read with Me*

Unique Program Qualities

- No cost to participate in any activities or training
- Quality books provided for literacy programs
- Programs are flexible and can be modified to meet the needs of the participants
- Programming occurs at partnering locations