



The **Saskatchewan Literacy Network** presents
The Northern Family Literacy Training Support Program

Call for Applications

The Saskatchewan Literacy Network is looking for community teams of up to four people each to participate in a three-day training opportunity from May 15-17, 2018 in Air Ronge, SK. Based on the following criteria this is your invitation to apply to be one of the four community teams chosen to participate in this training opportunity.

Background

The Saskatchewan Literacy Network (SLN) is a community-based non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of literacy in Saskatchewan. The SLN endeavours to strengthen the network of supports available to participants and practitioners of literacy programs across the province. Our trainings provide foundational family literacy knowledge, and introduce various models for effective, community-responsive programming.

Family literacy refers to the intergenerational learning that takes place within the family. Family members use language and literacy skills to learn, play, and work together in their home and community. Family literacy focuses on the role of parents and caregivers as a child's first teacher. This powerful influence fosters language development, and the intellectual, emotional, spiritual, and physical growth of each child. Everyday life brings opportunities for learning together. Family literacy activities help families build relationships, gain skills, accomplish work and participate in their communities.

We are looking for applicants who,

- enjoy working with families and their children;
- have some experience working with parents or caregivers in education or community environments;
- are interested in learning new ways to engage families;
- have demonstrated an appreciation for lifelong learning ;
- are available to attend the entire 3-days of training and participate in follow-up conversations with the SLN;
- are prepared to commit, as a team, to use the knowledge from the 3-day training to offer (new or enhanced) family literacy programs or events in your community.

We will select **four teams of up to four people per community** (16 people total at the training) to attend the Northern Family Literacy Training Support Program (NFLTSP). The focus will be on people who work with families in various capacities. A community team may consist of individuals from the same or different organizations delivering services to families in the community.



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Training Schedule

Tuesday, May 15 th , 2018	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Introduction to Family Literacy
Wednesday, May 16 th , 2018	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Storysacks Facilitator Training
Thursday, May 17 th , 2018	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Engaging Children and Families in Learning Fun

Training Location

Pahkisimon Nuyeh?áh Library System (PNLS Headquarters)
118 Avro Place
Air Ronge, SK

Training Descriptions

The **Introduction to Family Literacy** is a full day workshop for anyone wanting to facilitate, coordinate and/or develop family literacy programs. This workshop examines literacy, family literacy and principles that guide family literacy practice; the relationship between adult learning and family literacy programs; and how families contribute to the language and literacy skills of their children. This workshop provides foundational information used in family literacy programming.

Storysacks Facilitator Training helps participants answer many questions: What are Storysacks? Why use Storysacks? What goes into Storysacks? How do you create Storysacks? Participants learn the history, the philosophy, and guiding principles that support Storysacks development. Working as a team, participants create one Storysacks while exploring the potential and value of using the strengths already present in their community to create these powerful literacy resources.

The **Engaging Children and Families in Learning Fun** workshop provides fresh ideas and practical resources to help you create your own exciting learning experiences for children and families. This hands-on workshop will exercise the imagination, and examine new ways of learning through exploring the world around us. This workshop gives each group time to plan creative family literacy programming while practicing having fun!

Outcomes of the NFLTSP include,

- Increased capacity for communities to develop and deliver quality family literacy programs;
- Families have increased opportunities to access programming that encourages parents and caregivers in their role as their child's most important teacher;
- Quality family literacy programs that strengthen bonds and relationships in the family through shared learning experiences;
- Participants gain confidence to engage schools and organizations.

The knowledge and skill you develop during this training will help you deliver effective, strength-based, family literacy workshops in your community.



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What expenses will be covered for accepted applicants?

- There is **no** registration fee for this training.
- Accepted training participants will receive support for mileage, meals, and accommodations arranged by the SLN and at rates determined by the SLN. No other expenses will be covered.
- Lunch will be provided during the training.
- Breakfast and suppers are on your own during the three training days. Support for these meals will be provided.
- Training materials and resources will be provided.

How to Apply

If you are interested in applying, please send the following to the Saskatchewan Literacy Network:

1. NFLTSP Application Form (2 pages)
2. One letter of reference (for example from the community organization or band office where the family literacy programming will take place)

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: **Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 11:59 pm**

We thank all applicants for their interest. Only applicants with their applications completed in full will be considered by the adjudication committee.

Accepted applicants will be notified by Thursday, April 5, 2018

EMAIL: saskliteracy@saskliteracy.ca **or**

FAX: 1-306-651-7287

If you have any questions, please contact:

Phaedra: 306-651-7287 or slned@saskliteracy.ca or

Marilyn: 306-232-9032 or family@saskliteracy.ca or

Main Office: Toll-Free 1-888-511-2111 or saskliteracy@saskliteracy.ca

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Application Form

May 15-17, 2018

Air Ronge, SK

APPLICATION PART I:

Applicant Information: *(Please complete in full)*

First Name:	Last Name:
Organization:	
Organization Address:	
Job Title:	
Telephone:	Email:
Please list the name(s) of the other community team members applying for this training: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____	

Accommodations:

Up to two hotel rooms (double occupancy) will be booked for each team attending the training.

Note: This is a travel day. However, if your community is in a location that requires air travel or travel time required means that you have to arrive earlier or stay later, additional expenses will be covered with prior approval from the SLN. Please contact the SLN to discuss.

I require a hotel room for these nights (check each that applies):

- Monday, May 14 (travel day)
- Tuesday, May 15
- Wednesday, May 16
- Thursday, May 17 (see above note)

I plan to share this room with (fellow applicant only):

Dietary Restrictions:

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APPLICATION PART II:

Briefly describe the work you do with families:

How will this training support you in your work?

Checklist:

- Completed Application Form (2 pages)
- Letter of Reference included

Applicant Signature:

Name

Date

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