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Version 4: Laubach Literacy Ontario Literacy Trainer Guides (LTG)- 2015

With the demise of Laubach Literacy of Canada in 2008, each provincial Laubach organization had to maintain its own training system. In addition, with the shift to Essential Skills and the Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework (OALFC), LLO began changing its literacy training guidelines and content to support our member agencies in meeting these new provincial guidelines. The LLO Tutor Workshop Handbook (TWH) was updated in 2014 and again in 2015 with financial support from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. The Literacy Trainer Guide—Workshop Presentations Guidelineshas been updated to coincide with the TWH, and like the tutor handbook, is being made available to all LBS agencies through website download or in hard-copy. The Literacy Trainer Guide—Introduction to the Tutor Training Experience has additions to the original and is now availbe in hard-copy and on our website.

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- Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities
- LLO's Training, Development and Certification Committee (TDAC)

Welcome to the LLO Literacy Trainer Guide Workshop Presentation Guidelines

You have joined a community of trainers who all have one key element in common; a commitment to furthering literacy awareness and education throughout Ontario.

Whatever your reasons for becoming engaged with the literacy community, your commitment to improving the lives of others through your efforts as a volunteer or staff continues to make a significant contribution.

Your skills and professionalism as a trainer will inspire the tutor trainees that you will be working with and as Dr. Laubach believed, and as we have observed over the years, volunteer tutors and literacy instructors will likely pattern themselves after you.

On behalf of students, volunteers and staff, we thank you for the work that you do and your commitment to literacy in your community.

Although Laubach's literacy training manuals have been geared to training volunteers as tutors, and contain some workshop modules that focus on New Readers' Press materials designed with the volunteer in mind, LBS agencies that do not use these materials can pick from an array of workshop modules to meet the needs of their agency and community.

The Laubach Enhanced Training System (LETS) includes guidelines for Laubach Certified workshops, for those agencies that support the standards set out in the guidelines, and wish to provide an LLO tutor training certificate to trainees who successfully complete a Laubach Certified workshop.

LLO has updated LLC's Literacy Training Manual, which was only available on DVD. We have divided it into two separate Trainer Guides:

- 1. Literacy Trainer Guide Introduction to the Tutor Training Experience (Part A)
- 2. Literacy Trainer Guide Workshop Presentation Guidelines (Part B)

The new LLO Tutor Workshop Handbook and the new LLO Literacy Trainer Guides are companion pieces, and both follow LETS guidelines. The workshop presentations will refer to the appropriate page number in the 130 page handbook when possible, but literacy trainers will pick and choose which presentations are best suited for their own agency.

Lastly, LLO is constantly updating Training Post, our online classroom--and our website, when we have the resources to do so. For more information on LLO's training system and online resources, please visit http://www.laubach-on.ca/teach

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How to use the Trainer Guides

The Literacy Trainer Guidesare provided as a guide to designing and delivering effective literacy training workshops. It focuses on training tutors and staff to teach English-speaking adult emerging learnersand is designed to meet the general needs of a community literacy program.

The purpose of the guide is three-fold:

- To provide a concrete model for trainers to follow
- To maintain effective and consistent training standards, and
- To ensure that the training techniques reflect current trends and best practices from both the literacy and adult education communities.

The material in the guides has evolved from the experiences of many trainers in hundreds of workshops and includes the following:

- LLO Organizational and teaching standards
- Helpful resources
- Presentation guidelines to make your job easier, and
- Tips on how to facilitate learning by applying adult education principles to your workshops.

While the presentations represent some of the best ideas trainers have developed, it is important to note that the material contained in the manual is to be used as an overall guideline or training framework. As you gain experience and as you become more familiar with the material, you are encouraged to add your own creative touch and unique personality to your workshops.

The Literacy Trainer Guide—Workshop Presentation Guidelines provides the full range of tutor training workshop modules with specific guidelines for each one. The modules and guidelines incorporate the results of a multi-year training strategy (LETS) project which was aimed at developing a consistent and flexible training system. LETS is fully described in The Literacy Trainer Guide—Introduction to the Tutor Training Experience and is also available online at http://www.laubach-on.ca/teach/training/forms.

Additional Resources

Assessing Tutor Training Needs has been updated and can be found at http://www.laubach-on.ca/teach/training/forms. This assessment can be modified to suit your organization.

A number of additional resources are provided in the Literacy Trainer Guides. These are divided into the following categories each with its intended use:

| Tools and | Include sample forms, additional information and resources to help the |
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| Resources | trainer develop an effective workshop. |
| Tutor Handbook | Provide workshop participants with important reference information that |
| page references and | they can refer to as they begin their tutoring activities. |
| Handouts | |
| Visual Aids | Provide a visual cue for the trainer and for the participants during |
| VISUAI AIUS | the workshop presentation. |
| Teaching Aids | Provide additional instructions or information that the trainer may wish to |
| | have in hand during a workshop presentation. |

Definitions and Acronyms

The following standardized terms and acronyms are used throughout this manual. Terms that are used only within a specific chapter or section are defined in that chapter or section.

Student The individual who will be tutored

Participant Participants at the tutor training workshop

Trainer or trainers involved in presenting the tutor training workshop

Small group A subset of the participants tasked with a particular activity in the workshop

Full group All of the tutor training workshop participants

EOTO The Each One Teach One philosophy

LETS Laubach Enhanced Training System (workshop content guidelines)

LTG Literacy Trainer Guide

LWR Laubach Way to Reading (series)

TM Teacher's Manual

TWH Tutor Workshop Handbook

QRC Quick Reference Guide

WM Workshop Module (presentation guidelines)

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Part B: Workshop Presentation Guidelines

Overview

Introduction

Part B of the Literacy Trainer Guide provides step-by-step instructions and presentation guidelines for each of the Workshop Modules (WM) that can be used in preparing for a tutor workshop presentation.

The structure of Part B of this manual is based on the structure identified in the Laubach Enhanced Training System (LETS) Guidelines.

LETS

LETS is the result of a multi-year training strategy project undertaken in partnership by Laubach Literacy Ontario and Laubach Literacy Canada. The new system was devised in 2008 to give each trainer and LBS Agency the ability to add relevant topics while still maintaining a national quality standard.

In February, 2015, LLO's Tutor Workshop Handbook was updated to include MTCU priorities around Essential Skills and the Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Guidelines.

LLO's new Literacy Trainer Guide and LLO's Tutor Workshop Handbook are now aligned and are divided into the following four large sections:

Section 1: Introduction to Literacy Tutoring Using the Laubach Method

Section 2: The Student

Section 3: Tutoring Strategies, Techniques and Resources

Section 4: Lesson Planning and Ongoing Student Assessment

To assist trainers in ensuring adequate coverage in their workshops, each of these sections contains a list of content that is highly recommended, suggested methods and resources, and learning outcomes.

Additional training and tutoring resources are available at http://www.laubach-on.ca/teach

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Conventions

Notes, references and suggestions

These additional pieces of information are provided to for the benefit of the trainer:

- *Notes* present information that is important for the trainer to be aware of.
- References identify where the trainer can obtain more detailed information.
- Suggestions provide additional ideas or guidelines for the presentation.

Handouts, visual aids and teaching aids

This manual includes *handout materials*, *visual aids* and *teaching aids* that are intended to help the trainer prepare for a workshop presentation.

The table below identifies the intended use for each type of prepared material.

| Type | Intended Use |
|---------------|--|
| Handouts | To be distributed to the participants during the workshop. May also be used as reference material by the trainer. As additional handouts are collected from literacy trainers, they will be added to our website. |
| Tutor | LLO's Tutor Workshop Handbook (TWH) revised |
| Workshop | February 2015 |
| Handbook | http://www.laubach-on.ca/teach/members/handbook |
| Visual aids | To be used by the trainer during the workshop and can be presented in any of the following ways: Imported into a PowerPoint presentation and displayed using a data projector onto a screen or whiteboard Copied by hand onto poster board. Ready-made PowerPoint presentations created by Laubach trainers can be found at http://www.laubach-on.ca/teach/members/bytrainers |
| Teaching aids | To be used by the trainer as an aid during the workshop presentation. |
| | <i>Note:</i> These materials are not intended to be displayed or handed out to the participants. |

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In this Part

This part contains the following sections of the Laubach Enhanced Training System:

| Topic | See Section |
|--|-------------|
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| The Student | 2 |
| Tutoring Strategies, Techniques and Resources | 3 |
| Lesson Planning and Ongoing Student Assessment | 4 |

NOTE: Section 3: Tutoring Strategies, Techniques and Resources

Laubach's Enhanced Training System (LETS) has been altered because of the Ministry's Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Guidelines. Laubach certified-trainers are no longer required to cover the Laubach Way to Reading (LWR) series in such depth, because of time constraints. However, the segments have been left in the LTG for agencies not funded by TCU, or for agencies who have emerging learners who need or want the skills-building series.

The Tutor Workshop Handbook (LWH) contains an introduction to LWR and other series commonly used by agencies. Each trainer will create a workshop schedule based on the needs of their organization.