



# Lifelong Learning

Edson and District Community Learning Society

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## What's new?

**Video Conference** is our newest way of delivering courses. With this new technology we are able to bring you programs which otherwise would be too expensive to host.

Courses we have offered:

- Risk Assessment
- Board Development Sessions
- Planning for the Future: Wills, Personal Directives and Powers of Attorney
- Family Stress
- Boys and Working with Boys' Brains

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Our new email address is

[edcls@gypsd.ca](mailto:edcls@gypsd.ca)

Please save us in your contacts!

## Planning for the Future

We need your help to identify community learning needs and programs we should be offering in the next year. Our planning evening will be held on Monday, December 6, from 5:30 to 8:30. Supper will follow. Please call us at 780-723-6247 to confirm attendance.



*Planning Day 2009*

# Adult Learning Centre

## ABE Class

Our Adult Basic Education class began October 12 and will run until December 16, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, 1:30 to 3:30. We work on basic reading, writing, math, and computer skills. We're a small group and lots of fun! Call Genevieve for more information.

We're in Room 106B at the Provincial Building.

Stop in or call  
**780-723-6247** on  
Tuesday, Wednesday or  
Thursday afternoons.

## GED and Apprenticeship Exam Prep

Let us take the stress out of preparing to write your GED or Apprenticeship Entrance Exam. Individual assistance will have you confident and ready to write quickly. Contact Genevieve or Coleen in the Adult Learning Centre to get started.

## AZTEC Program

Academic upgrading assisted by computer. This is a new and exciting program that starts easy and progresses to GED or College Prep levels. Subjects include Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies and more. Contact Coleen to try it out.

## English as a Second Language (ESL) News

### ELLIS Program

ELLIS is an interactive language learning software that takes ESL learners from the basics to intermediate skills. It has 30 hours of instruction. Call the Learning Centre to book a session with Coleen. It's free!



### Roots and Connections Class

Roots and Connections, 5 weeks of introductory ESL that gets you into the community. This class will be offered in 2011, starting January 21. Contact Edson Community Learning Office to get on the list for this session.

### ESL Needs Assessment

We want to learn more about the learning needs of our ESL community. Please contact us to participate in our ESL Needs Assessment. We hope to use this information to decide what courses and activities to offer.

## Family Literacy

“Steps Forward” is a new Family Literacy Program we will be piloting this winter.

We will pilot two sessions of “Steps Forward”. Caregivers/parents will be led through a “hands on” experience, where they use their imaginations to create literacy experiences for their families. An example of what a cycle will look like is:

Parents will create a calendar where they will use their own special days, family traditions, literacy activities and community events to fill in the days.

Parents will create a book to take home and share with their families. This book may be a journal of their children’s stages, incorporating pictures and memorabilia from home. It may be a journal of the parents’ life, grandparents’ life, or perhaps they will make up a story for their family. We want them to use their creativity.

When: Tuesday mornings, 9:00 am to 11 am, starting November 2, 2010

Where: Edson Public Library

When: Sunday evenings, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, starting November 7

Where: Mountain Cree Camp

Family Literacy Day  
 January 27, 2011  
 Edson Public Library  
 5pm to 7:30pm  
 Free book for every child....

“Books for Babies” is soon approaching.

It encourages parents of infants, from birth to 12 months to share books with their babies. It supports all families in developing early literacy and language experiences and promotes healthy family relationships.

When: Thursday mornings starting November 4, 2010

Where: Edson Public Library

## Adult Literacy

If you know someone who has difficulty with reading, writing, spelling or basic math, please tell them about our program. Thanks so much to our 18 tutors with the Volunteer Tutor Program. You make a difference in people’s lives.

If you are interested in an extremely rewarding two-hours-a-week commitment where you will see immediate results in a person’s life, please call Jodi at 780-723-3630.



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## What did you learn today?

### Who are we?

Individuals, agencies and organizations who work together to identify and fulfill the learning needs of adults in our community.

### What do we do?

We plan, promote, coordinate and evaluate non-credit adult learning opportunities.

### How do we do it?

Grants accessed from Campus Alberta Connections Branch of Alberta Advanced Education and Technology help reduce course costs for participants.

### Who can belong?

Any agency, organization or individual who values lifelong learning.

**What can you do?** Contact us with your ideas! Call Edson and District Community Learning Society at 780-723-6247,

## Upcoming Events ...

### December 2010

- Planning Day - Dec 6
- Office Holiday Hours  
Closed from Dec 17 to Jan 3

### January 2011

- Family Literacy Day - Jan 27
- COW Bus  
Jan 24, 25 & 26



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