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Did you know that there are more than 86,000 registered charities in Canada?

Over 800 of these charities have been analyzed by Charity Intelligence Canada and the results are in.



EYLE has once again been designated a Five-Star, Top 100 Canadian Charity!

Special thanks to everyone who has contributed over the years in making EYLE an A-rated charity, delivering high-quality literacy programming effectively and efficiently to the East York, east Toronto and west Scarborough communities (Board members, staff, volunteer tutors, students our main funders, foundations, corporations and individual donors).

MISSION STATEMENT

EYLE's adult literacy, numeracy and digital literacy programs transform lives and enhance self-worth by empowering individuals to reach their full potential.

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George Brown Success Story

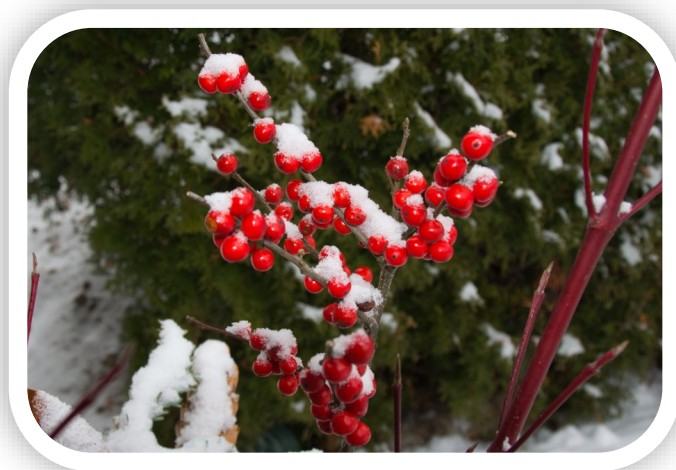
NR heard about the East York Learning Experience and thought it would help him further his learning. NR was a recent high school graduate who needed some academic upgrading. He wanted to apply to the program at George Brown College. There was an entrance requirement which included writing a short essay. NR was an eager student but required support to build his confidence to produce an organized piece of writing. With perseverance, he and Sandra (his tutor) worked hard in a short period of time to build his skills to write an acceptable short essay for the entrance test. He passed the entrance requirements and entered the program at the beginning of 2024. Much of the emphasis of the George Brown program was continuing to develop his writing skills. NR completed a five paragraph essay in the fall of 2024. It was presented with a PowerPoint to his class followed by a Q and A. He has now begun the third term with an emphasis on math and literacy. The fourth term starts in January 2025.

During this time at EYLE, NR also got his driver's license, something he was very eager to do.

The assessment requirements at George Brown were challenging but NR worked hard through a difficult process. Sandra sensed a boost of confidence as NR reached his various expectations. NR's success comes from his consistency to seek help when needed, communicate and attend tutoring sessions well prepared.



Holiday Closure



We will be closed for the holidays from Monday, December 23rd, and will re-open on Monday, January 6th.

Merry Christmas to those that celebrate and Happy Holidays to all!

Gail, Jo & Amanda

Tutors' Corner

Basic Computer and Smartphone (Android) Curriculum

Over the past year EYLE staff have developed curriculum for a basic computer course and a smartphone basics course. Both courses are available for use with your student in your tutoring sessions. Below are the details for each one:

Computer Basics:

6 – approximately 2-hour lessons

There is a PowerPoint presentation for each week, as well as facilitator notes for each slide and a student handout.

Activities are included each week.

Topics covered include:

Week 1 – computer terminology, mouse use, intro to email (logging on and off)

Week 2 - email (sending & receiving emails with and without attachments, contact lists/address books)

Week 3 - Internet (web browsers/search engines, searching the web, streamlining searches, bookmarks)

Week 4 – internet safety (wi-fi protection, passwords, safety, social media, online shopping, online scams & frauds, phishing, scareware/malware, protecting yourself and your personal info, spam, anti-virus software)

Week 5 – basics of Microsoft Word (creating documents, creating folders, highlighting/making changes, using the tool bar e.g. fonts, type size, italicize, underline, and font colours)

Week 6 – continuation of Microsoft Word (drop-down menus, centre, align left, align right, justify, double spacing, spell and grammar check, printing documents, voice/dictation, wrap-up – letter activity)

We have been running this computer class once each quarter for the past year, mostly with new students coming into the program with little or no computer experience. However, 2 of our tutors have worked through the curriculum with their students in their weekly sessions and found it very helpful.

Smartphone:

4 – approximately 2-hour lessons

This has been modelled after the computer class so also includes a PowerPoint presentation, facilitator notes for each slide a student handout and weekly activities.

Topics covered include:

- Week 1** – identifying your smartphone, taking pictures & videos, sending pics by text message and email attachments, sharing pics on social media, deleting pictures
- Week 2** – blocking spam or other numbers, deleting text messages and emails, voice mail, placing calls on hold and 3-way calling, switching between calls, accessing messages while on call
- Week 3** – downloading and using apps from the Google Play Store, downloading & using the TTC app, clearing caches, closing all apps
- Week 4** - using Zoom and Google Maps, reviewing items from previous sessions, wrap-up and any additional issues participants may have

The Smartphone class was developed based on the needs of 3 of our computer students who asked for help with their phones. It has just been piloted with this group and we are now looking at running it each quarter as well.

If you think either of these 2 programs would be useful in your tutoring sessions, just let Gail or Amanda know and we will provide you with a flash drive with all the course materials.



"Reading gives us someplace
to go when we have to stay
where we are."
– Mason Cooley

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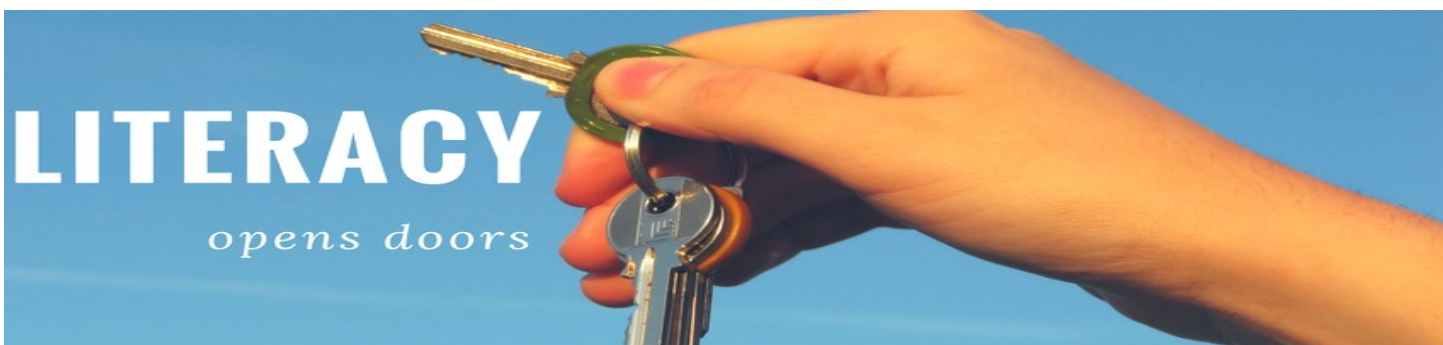
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