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Sometimes PEF gets lucky, and we do a whole lot of good without spending any of our money, just by being in the right place at the right time. This winter, we connected a few dots for an absolutely exciting project: a library for PACC (Pearson Adult and Career Centre, Adult Ed) in Lasalle.

Despite the fact that adult literacy and adults finishing high school are what adult education centres do, Quebec does not fund libraries for centres. PEF received a request from a group of teachers at PACC to help with setting up a lending library of literacy labs and easy-reader versions of the classics. The teachers will man the library on a volunteer basis.

PEF approached our partner organization, “Community Born To Read”. These dedicated retired teachers and principals work tirelessly, engaging low-literacy mothers in reading with their tots. Enthusiastically, BTR embarked upon providing the easy-readers, plus an inventory of children’s books for the library, book-bags for the new mothers and mothers-to-be enrolled at the school, and long-term maintenance for the books

Our operations manager, Sue Grand, suggested the teachers check out the spare LBP furniture housed at LCCHS: Presto! The library was furnished at no cost. Another supporter is the Interior Decorating and Visual Display class at SACC (Sources Adult and Career Centre); they are developing the layout for the furniture.

When time came to order the readers, the drop in the value of the Canadian dollar delivered an ugly punch. Once again, a phone call from Sue to Sophie Bourassa, pedagogical consultant at supplier PEARSON ERPI gained us another awesome supporter, and a rebate to last year’s prices!!!

*It just doesn't get better than this: so many different groups coming together and creating
The First Library in an Adult Centre in Quebec!*



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More news from more partners:

PEF continues to work with **Overture with the Arts**. OWTA's dynamic Executive-Director Akilah Newton is a never-ending source of creative endeavours delivering workshops and classes in the performing arts to the students of the LBPSB, particularly in the Pierrefonds-Roxboro sector of our board.

Now she has forged a partnership with the WIMA (West Island Music Academy) to offer 2 scholarships, administered through PEF, to gifted music students who would not be able to afford private instrument lessons. We are looking for a whole lot of application essays!!

DEADLINE TO WIN SCHOLARSHIP HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO FEBRUARY 8, 2016



 

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

**DO YOU LOVE MUSIC?
HAVE YOU ALWAYS DREAMT ABOUT LEARNING TO PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?**

Overture with the Arts (OWTA) in partnership with the West Island Music Academy (WIMA) is offering two music scholarships to youth who want to learn or improve their music skills. Music is a universal language and OWTA and WIMA believe in the power of music. Music has the ability to transcend cultural and economic and we want help one male and one female realize their music dreams. We're awarding two youth with 15 free 30-minute private music lessons taught by a WIMA music teacher.

HOW TO APPLY:

Please submit a 250 word essay (in English) that includes answers to the below questions. All three answers should have a total word count of 250 words.

1. Why are you passionate about music?
2. Discuss any of the extracurricular or volunteer activities that you may take part in.
3. Why are you a good candidate to receive a scholarship?

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicants must be enrolled in a Lester B. Pearson School Board High School.
- Be between the age of 12 to 17
- Must have an overall grade point average of at least 70%

The deadline to submit an essay is **Friday, January 29, 2016 at 5:00pm**.
For more information or to submit your essay please email info@owta.org.
Please submit your essay as a PDF.

ABOUT THE ORGANIZATIONS:

Overture with the Arts
Overture with the Arts is a non-profit organization established in 2009 dedicated to making performing arts education available to young people from all walks of life through subsidized workshops, inter-active presentations and after-school programs. Since 2009 over 25,000 youth have benefited from their in-school and after school programs.
To learn more, visit www.owta.org

West Island Music Academy
The West Island Music academy is a music school offering quality personalized music lessons, rock band classes, music for toddlers programs, recitals and recordings. Known for their highly qualified teachers, personalized lesson sessions and friendly, welcoming environment, the studio has made a name for itself in the private music education sector.
To learn more, visit www.westislandmusicacademy.com

And finally, I cannot end this newsletter without extending the **HUGEST THANK YOU EVER** to our long-time generous donor: **The Trottier Family Foundation**. Once again this winter, we are able to grant a wealth of technology and robotics tools to many many schools thanks to the Trottier support.