

Joey Moss Literacy Centre for Excellence Presents - Meet Their Needs and They Will Read

Presented By: Monica Letwiniuk & Sharla Quantz

Registration Fee:

\$50.00

Registration Deadline:

April 1, 2020

Course Code:

NR.FFS20.008IE

**Grade Level:
Audience:**

Administrator/Administration, Educational Assistant/Assistant en éducation, Learning Coaches/Accompagnateur pédagogique, Parents/Parent, Substitute Teachers/Enseignant suppléant, Teachers/Enseignant

Date(s):

Friday, April 03, 2020
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Session Location:

Stonebridge Hotel
12102-100 Street, Grande Prairie, AB

About the Session:

This session is available due to a gift from the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation. They have created the *Joey Moss Literacy Centre for Excellence* which will enable the Edmonton Down Syndrome Society to expand its literacy program within the geographic region that reaches from Red Deer, Alberta through to the North West Territories.

Workshop Titles

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Main Session: Whole Child Reading: Teaching Learners with Down syndrome and Other Developmental Delays

Worker Bee 1: How to Modify Trade Books + Create Lotto Games

Worker Bee 2: How to Create Personal Books + Personal Pages

Main Session

: “Whole Child Reading”

Giving tools that are immediately useable by attendees, Monica and Sharla lead the audience through an effective plan to teach reading to learners of any age with Down syndrome or other developmental delays. Information given is relative not only to Down syndrome, but to other diagnoses as well, e.g.: ASD, PDD-NOS, etc. With the goal of reading success achieved through “Going in through the heart and teaching to the brain,” they cover in detail the most effective methods, materials, and motivation guidelines.

Topics covered include: current best practice, the optimal order of learning to read, sight word learning, phonemic awareness, teaching nonverbal children, teaching older non-readers, errorless testing techniques, how to engage motivation, the Fast Flash method, comprehension tips, and hands-on coaching for creating personal books, personal pages, lotto games and modifying trade books.

Worker Bee Session Goals:

• **Worker Bee 1:** To help attendees modify the trade book they have brought (e.g., “Step Into Reading” books from Random House, available at any “Mart” store) with instructions on completing the book at home on computer. To walk through exercises in modifying those books for

different reading levels and interests. A lotto game prototype will also be created.

- **Worker Bee 2:** Will walk attendees through the creation of a personal book and personal page for their child/student. The storyboard for the book is completed in the workshop, ready for actual creation on computer later. Attendees learn through listening to audience participation as well.

About the Presenter(s):

Monica Letwiniuk

Monica Letwiniuk is a certified Reading Coach Trainer with the Joey Moss Literacy Centre for Excellence. She provides families and professionals with literacy workshops, and one on one reading coaching with learners who have Down syndrome. She has always had a passion for working with learners who need that extra little support in areas of speech, language, and literacy. For over 7 years, she has worked with individuals who have Down syndrome, Autism, who are Hard of hearing, and many other developmental delays. She continues to grow her love and passion for helping these learners reach their fullest potentials. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from The King's University, as well as a diploma in Speech Language Pathologist Assistant from MacEwan University. She strongly believes that if she can help learners grow through literacy, speech and language, then she can be an additional steppingstone in these learner's lives so that they can flourish and thrive.

Sharla Quantz

Sharla Quantz is a certified Reading Coach Trainer with the Joey Moss Centre for Literacy Excellence. She's always had an interest in literacy, from teaching her own children to read, to speaking at Literacy Day a number of years on music education and literacy. Her passion is helping individual improve their ability to communicate and she firmly believes that early literacy skills can unlock many doors. She has an undergraduate degree in Linguistics and French from University of Alberta, as well as a diploma in Speech Language Pathology Assistant from Medicine Hat College. Her hobbies are spending time with her children, walking, reading, playing piano, going for coffee with friends, and travelling when she can.

Catering is not prepared in a nut/gluten-free environment.

Photography Release:

This is a public event with the likeliness of photo/video throughout the day. By attending, participants understand they may be captured in photo or video for future presentations or promotional material development. Please see conference hosts if you prefer to not be photographed.

Registration Notes:

Please arrive at least 15 minutes early to sign in and network over a morning refreshment. Lunch is included in your registration and will be provided on site.

NOTE

: Please bring a NEW early reading book on a movie or other topic your child loves. Best publisher for these books: Random House "Step Into Reading" series, source: e.g. Chapters, Coles or Walmart.

DO NOT BRING:

either a well-known classic book or a book already dear to the child. These are not "modifiable!" You'll find out why.