



# Lois Hole Memorial Literacy Awards 2012

## The Lois Hole Lifetime Achievement Award

Maureen Sanders has been a leader in the field of literacy and family literacy for more than 20 years. She first ran the volunteer tutor program, known as Prospects Literacy, that was the precursor to the Centre for Family Literacy, before starting family literacy programs in the early 90's.

Maureen was one of the first to recognize the value of family literacy as a more holistic way to support adults struggling with literacy. Under her leadership, the Centre for Family Literacy was established in 2001 as a provincial organization with a mandate not only to deliver programs, but also to develop and deliver training and to support practitioners in the field. She spearheaded two national initiatives, the development of Foundations in Family Literacy and the subsequent development of an online Foundations certificate program at two colleges, as well as the National Family Literacy Conference in 2010.



*Jim Hole, Maureen Sanders and Jonna Grad*

## The Lois Hole Adult Learner Award

This award was presented to Ken Gavenlock for outstanding commitment to his own learning. Ken has struggled with learning problems since childhood. As a child he was told he was stupid, failed repeatedly but gradually moved through the school system until he finally gave up in frustration. Ken is the father of three young children and it was when his eldest daughter learned how to read that he began to feel embarrassed and pressured to do something to overcome this hindrance in his life. Ken is now reading Level 6 material. He and his daughter take turns reading stories to his two younger children. He amazed his tutor recently when he told her he was researching how to do his own car repairs on the Internet.



*Ken Gavenlock and his tutor, Carolyn Thomson*

## The Lois Hole Community Leadership Award

This award was presented to the CALS Family Literacy Vegreville. This organization has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to promoting literacy through community partnerships, innovative programs and resources, and strong relationships with families to encourage lifelong learning and success. Despite having only two staff, the organization has managed to offer their programs in five surrounding communities as well as Vegreville. Their "Movers and Shakers" program encourages families to be physically active while fostering literacy with their children, whereas the "1, 2, 3 Cook With Me" program shows parents how to involve children in the kitchen while weaving literacy throughout quality parent-child interactions.



*Jodi Rasmusson, Marnie Kassian*