

Cultivating Connections

Global Perspectives & Practices in Family Literacy



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To our valued partners and colleagues at Edmonton Catholic School District:

This July the **Centre for Family Literacy** is hosting a national family literacy conference, entitled **Cultivating Connections: Global Perspectives & Practices in Family Literacy**, in Edmonton, Alberta. The conference will run from July 15th – 17th and will feature a broad range of perspectives on family literacy from Canada, North America, and around the world.

Family literacy encompasses the ways parents, children, and extended family members use literacy at home and in their communities. It is an *approach* to literacy development that recognizes and supports the family as a “learning unit”; it coordinates learning activities among different generations in the same family to build expertise in language development, reading, and writing. Family literacy builds on families’ strengths and recognizes the cultural context and communities in which they live and learn.

I am writing to extend an invitation to you and your colleagues to attend a conference session that may be of special interest to your organization. On Thursday, July 15th, Dr. Eve Gregory will present “Becoming Literate in Faith Settings.” Head of the Centre for Language, Culture and Learning, Dr. Gregory received her Ph.D. from the University of London, U.K. and is the author of *Many Pathways to Literacy: Young Children Learning with Siblings, Grandparents, Peers and Communities*, among other works. **This session alone will be offered as complementary and will run from 9:45 am to noon.** If you are interested in attending other conference sessions and events, as listed on our website, www.CultivatingConnectionsConference.ca, you may register online.

To ensure that we can accommodate those interested, **please respond by June 25th**. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Conference Assistant Maia McEachern via e-mail, maia_mceachern@famlit.ca, or by calling Maia at the Centre for Family Literacy, at 780.421.7323. We hope you will join us on July 15th for what is sure to be an engaging and insightful session.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Kimberley Onclin.

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