



Spelling Bee shows importance of life-long learning

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The importance of literacy was the main focus of a special spelling bee held at the London Boys' and Girls' Club, Friday (March 6).

Frontier College and MPP London North Centre Deb Matthews were the driving force behind the spelling bee, which saw kids tested on their spelling skills. Matthews also promotes community literacy through her annual book drive, which collects then distribute books from her office on Piccadilly Street off Richmond.

Matthews attended to show area families the importance of community literacy.

Matthews said today's economic hard times are preventing families from having books in the home.

"Some just cannot afford to buy books, after they pay rent and buy food. Literacy in this day and age is a must," she said

Sherry Campbell, Frontier College President, said "Literacy skills are essential to succeeding in today's society and help people participate in their communities."

This year marks the 110th year of Frontier College helping Canadians with basic reading and writing skills. The college believes that literacy is a fundamental right and notes that poor literacy skills are directly linked to poverty, poor health and high unemployment rates.

Two out of five people in Canada have difficulty with basic reading and writing.