



AN INTRODUCTION TO
FRONTIER COLLEGE

LITERACY IN CANADA

Frontier College is a national literacy organization. We believe literacy is a right. We work with volunteers and community partners to give people the skills and confidence they need to

**REACH THEIR POTENTIAL AND
CONTRIBUTE TO SOCIETY.**

Low literacy skills are directly linked to poverty, poor health and high unemployment. Nearly one in six adult Canadians has trouble with everyday tasks that involve reading. That's millions of Canadians who are not reaching their potential!

Literacy is more than just the ability to read and write. It's the ability to understand the printed word and to put it to use and to engage fully in activities and opportunities at home, at work and in the community. It's about succeeding in today's world.

"Because of Frontier College, I feel I have the literacy skills to demonstrate who I am and what I can become. I want to do more than survive. I want to thrive. I want to feel important."

Frontier College learner



FRONTIER COLLEGE

Founded in 1899 by a small group of university students, Frontier College began by sending student volunteers to the frontiers of Canada: logging camps, mining towns and rail gangs. They worked alongside workers during the day and taught in the evenings and on weekends.

Today, we work with Canadians who have little or no access to other educational opportunities or who need extra support – wherever they are.

With almost one in six adult Canadians experiencing reading difficulties, Frontier College is needed now more than ever. We are continuing our role as a **LEADER IN THE LITERACY MOVEMENT** by doing what we have always done – reaching out to people and responding to their learning needs.

"Frontier College has been working on the front lines to improve Canada's literacy rates since 1899..."



...We work in communities across Canada by training volunteers to help children, youth and adults with low literacy improve their skills. Each year, more than 2,000 volunteers work with over 16,000 participants in inner-city classrooms, women's shelters, prisons, community centres, and Aboriginal communities across the country to help them achieve their goals and participate more fully in their communities.

Sherry Campbell President, Frontier College

WHAT WE DO

We work in **PARTNERSHIP** with others to provide learning opportunities – like one-to-one tutoring, homework clubs, summer literacy camps and small group classes – to Canadians who need them most. Through these partnerships, we reach children, youth and adults from coast to coast.

We support children and families, community groups, workplaces and organizations in high-needs areas through training, workshops, conferences and volunteer placement.

OUR OFFICES: We have offices across the country. Please visit our website for locations and contact information. Our administrative head office is located at:

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As a service to the literacy community, Frontier College operates the Frontier College New Readers Bookstore. The New Readers Bookstore is a distributor of excellent learning and teaching resources. Order online at www.frontiercollegebooks.ca

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Become a literacy **volunteer** in your community. Contact Frontier College or a local literacy group to get involved.
- **Encourage** those around you to read and learn for pleasure.
- **Learn more** about the issue of literacy and **become an advocate** for people in your community who need help.
- **Support** the work of Frontier College with a donation.

CONTACT US

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"Frontier College's goals are really geared to the improvement of individuals' lives, and it's a terrific feeling to be a part of that. Being involved has allowed me to learn from my learners as much as they have learned from me."



Frontier College volunteer