

Summer Reading Tents Season Begins



On June 21st, Frontier College, along with the Quebec Minister of Families, launched its 2009 TD Bank sponsored Summer Reading Tents with the opening of a reading tent at Cabot Square in Montreal, the first of tents in Montreal, Winnipeg, Toronto and Halifax.

A symbol of Frontier College dating back to the College's establishment 110 years ago when tutors set up reading tents for workers in remote logging, mining and railway camps, today's tents are set up in inner city communities – the new frontier for literacy – where parents and grandparents can take their children to enjoy quality time reading together. The tents also offer interactive reading and games where children can connect with volunteer tutors and other children.

With summer reading loss – the loss of knowledge all children experience over the summer between school years – a concern for both parents and teachers, the summer reading tents are a fun way for children to keep their literacy skills sharp and be better prepared to return to school.

TD Bank Financial Group supports the Summer Reading Tents as part of its investment in literacy and in recognition of the importance of literacy for the future well being of the nation.

“Parents can share a special moment with their children by reading together, whether at a picnic or in the evening before going to bed,” said Tony Tomassi, Quebec Minister of Families. “I salute Frontier College and their initiatives to promote family literacy.”