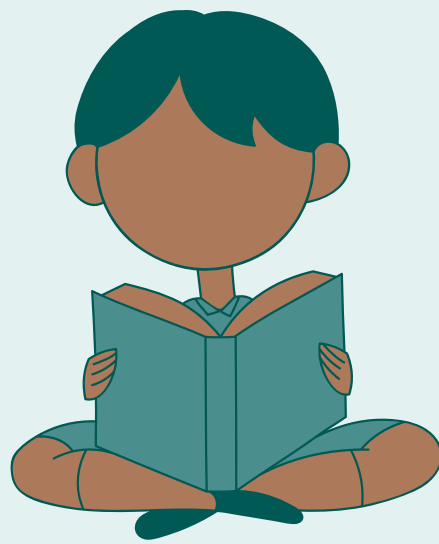


Student Literacy and COVID-19: Making the Connection

Almost half of Canadians struggle with literacy. About one in five (17%) have extremely low literacy.

What is literacy?

"Literacy is ... a means of identification, understanding, interpretation, creation, and communication in an increasingly digital, text-mediated, information-rich and fast-changing world." - UNESCO^[i]



Making a difference

Frontier College is committed to supporting young learners consistently, creatively, and conscientiously.

Our reading, writing, and math programs provide learners with the tools they need to succeed in school and life.



What is COVID learning loss?

COVID learning loss is the decline in literacy, numeracy, and critical thinking.

Learners who were already struggling due to a lack of accessible academic supports—disproportionately low-income, Indigenous, disabled, and racialized students—are most impacted.



Frontier College vs. COVID learning loss

Frontier College:

- Reaches students no matter the barriers
- Offers FREE online tutoring from coast to coast to coast
- Works with community partners to ensure that our programs respond to the evolving COVID-19 pandemic



Research shows

- A decrease in children's literacy skills has a dramatic effect on Canada's social and economic future
- School-aged learners affected by closures might face lower income over their lifetimes ^[ii]



Frontier College

Frontier College is a national charitable literacy organization leading Canada's transformational literacy movement. We work with volunteers, partners, and communities to ensure that everyone has access to effective, literacy-based learning that empowers them with the capabilities and confidence they need to realize their goals.

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^[i]United Nations Education Scientific and Cultural Organization (en.unesco.org/themes/literacy)

^[ii] Hanushek, Eric A. and Ludger Woessmann. The Economic Impacts of Learning Loss. OECD, September, 2020.