



**Past is Present**  
**Community Book Project**

Discovering Niagara's History

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**FAMILIES & EDUCATORS INVITED TO EXPLORE & CELEBRATE NIAGARA'S HISTORY**

Families and educators from across Niagara are invited to attend a special celebration of literacy and history at the MacBain Community Centre in Niagara Falls. This exciting event will take place on **Saturday March 23 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.**

It will feature many free activities for children and families, including a storytelling circle, a virtual scavenger hunt, a make-and-take project, face painting, and puppet making.

The authors of two books about Niagara's colourful history will be on hand to answer questions and sign copies of their books, which will be available for sale. Additionally, a special workshop aimed at library teams, literacy staff, and educators will be offered. Lorri Sauv , family literacy consultant from Waterloo will share strategies to build literacy activities for the whole family through reading together.

Supported by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the event is being coordinated by Literacy Link Niagara (LLN) and the Early Childhood Community Development Centre (ECCDC) in partnership with the Ontario Early Years Centre-Niagara Falls as part of Niagara's Past is Present Community Book Project.

"When parents engage in fun learning activities with their children, the whole family benefits," says Gay Douglas Broerse, Executive Director of Literacy Link Niagara. "Niagara is an area that is rich with history and adventure, so our goal was to create an opportunity for families to learn more about the War of 1812 while engaging in fun and inspiring literacy activities."

History buffs of all ages will have the opportunity to meet with Ron Dale, author of *The Invasion of Canada* and Nancy Rotella, author of the children's book *Past is Present: A Look at Then and Now*.

Refreshments will be served and prize draws will be part of the fun. All are welcome and pre-registration is not required.

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Literacy Link Niagara (LLN) is a regional coalition of literacy programs committed to adult basic education. Our 12 member agencies offer a variety of ways for adults to upgrade their skills. This incorporated, non-profit charitable organization was created in 1992 to provide a network for shared planning, information and service coordination. LLN helps connect its member agencies and links with important community issues and organizations affected by adult literacy - employment, health, justice and poverty. Core funding is provided by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.