

Publish It, Lawrencetown! is a community-wide family literacy project designed to capture the richness of rural communities through the creation of a library of picture books. These books, made by families and community members, highlight the groups, activities, organizations and history of the geographic area that makes up the Village of Lawrencetown and surrounding communities.

The books serve as a community 'map' that raises awareness and understanding among residents. The book making process helps to build collaborative relationships among families and community members, in order to foster the sharing of knowledge, expertise and resources, along with local leadership.

Throughout this process, as a community of learners, participants develop and enhance their literacy skills through the application of reading and writing for an authentic purpose.



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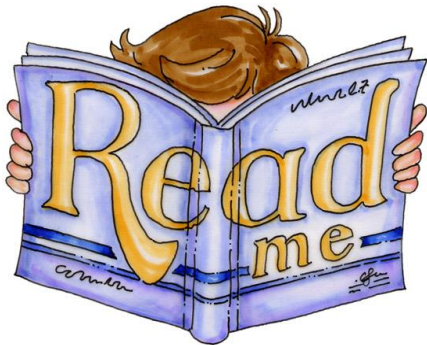
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It takes a village to raise a reader and a writer! When a community writes together, they help encourage children's writing and let children know writing is valued.

When parents and community members write for and with their children, they become positive role models children want to copy.

When the writing is published and shared it becomes a way to help to preserve traditions, pass on information, and spark interest in the people, activities and events in a community. The books become a treasure trove of family and community life.

Writing can be a shared family experience, just like story time, and can become one that is looked forward to by everyone in the family.



Families and community members are invited to make books of 10-14 pages, illustrated with photos they have or take especially for the book.

These books, about family and community events, people, hobbies, pets and activities, are helping us "map" the Lawrencetown and surrounding area.

The books are made and printed in the Lawrencetown Consolidated School Computer Lab or on-site in your community. There is no cost to participate and participants receive a copy of their finished book, printed in colour, and may order additional copies for \$5.00 each.

The Dr. Frank W. Morse Memorial Library and the Lawrencetown Consolidated School library will receive a copy. You can see copies of the books that have already been printed by visiting these libraries.

Do you want to make a book? It's easy!

1. Think of a topic for your book. If you're stuck we can help you!

Your book can be about almost anything! For example...

- How to make your favourite recipe or build, fix, grow or raise something,
- Tell about a sport you play or game from your childhood, or favourite places around the community,

2. Find photographs or take new ones to go with your topic. Put them on a memory stick, cd, or bring us your camera. We can also scan photos you already have.

3. Aim to have a photo for each page and one for the cover. Don't worry if you're not exact. We'll be able to work with what you have.

4. Decide what you want to say to go with each picture. We can help with that, too!

We'll help you turn your pictures and words into a book for you to keep.