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Atlantic Canada Showcase Presentation

Presentation Open to the Public **"Power Up To Read"**

Description of Presentation

Power Up To Read is an engaging, multi-cultural and multimedia program for 4th and 5th grade students that builds literacy skills and engages students in reading for understanding using folk-tales and informational text. The primary purpose of this program is to help children improve their reading comprehension skills.

Leveraging the latest research-based approaches to reading instruction, Power Up To Read helps students improve reading comprehension, build enthusiasm for reading and develop essential technology skills. The program is based on 2 books written in a reader friendly folk-tale format. Research has shown folk tales to be an effective way to help students understand what they are reading. Each folk tale has companion educational text that further supports the subject matter.

Program content is geared toward 4th and 5th grade students as they transition from "learning to read" to "learning to learn." Children at this grade level are expected to rely on their reading skills to gather information about other subjects. But if reading skills are poor, they often fall behind in other subjects. Power Up To Read emphasizes the importance of literacy skills and provides a positive direction at a very critical point in the education process.

This program was initially created by the Telecom Pioneers and now the Aliant Pioneers (Atlantic) have taken on this program. This program is new and innovative and has yet to be launched on PEI and Atlantic Canada. The Summer Institute would provide a platform for this new program that promotes literacy and learning using technology.

Presenters

Joseph Rowledge and
Michael Sears



Joe Rowledge has worked with Aliant for 19 years. He has enthusiasm and passion working in the community and with the volunteer sector. Joe has been working with, supporting and motivating the Aliant Pioneers. The Aliant Pioneers are the largest volunteer sector in Atlantic Canada, made up of retired Aliant employees. Joe believes in strengthening the community by helping people work together and values the important role that volunteers play.

Michael Sears has held every position possible with the Aliant Pioneer volunteers. He currently holds the position of Pioneer Manager. Outside of his regular Aliant Pioneer volunteerism, Michael is a volunteer board member of the international award winning Computers for Schools program and he volunteers not only on a provincial board, but regional and national boards as well. Michael is a great mentor and coach and has touched many, many individuals in so many ways.



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How you will benefit

- Learn about a new community service literacy program offered by the Aliant Pioneers.
- Learn how to engage children using multi-media that supports the needs of diverse children, including those with disabilities.
- Learn how to build enthusiasm for reading and improve reading comprehension.

Handouts

Available during the presentation

Resources

Available during the presentation

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