

# LETTERS



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## **What's literacy got to do, got to do with it?**

The Western Star

Dear Editor: A slightly adapted Tina Turner song really does ask the question; What does literacy have to do with the health and safety of a community?

The fifth Atlantic Summer Institute on Healthy and Safe Communities will be addressing this current issue when it returns to the University of Prince Edward Island on Aug. 19-22.

Attracting participants from around Atlantic Canada and beyond who work in education, social development, justice, crime, disease and injury prevention and health promotion, the program and curriculum for 2008 are shaping up to be of extremely high quality.

Attending the institute, participants will learn from the experts, attend workshops where they learn new skills and knowledge, and exchange ideas with others who work to create better communities.

"The sense of community in Atlantic Canada is really something to be proud of", reports Alton Hollett, assistant deputy minister economics and statistics Department of Finance of Newfoundland and Labrador, "the Institute really celebrates and builds on this strength and helps to put Prince Edward Island and the Atlantic region on the map for innovation as it makes the links between health promotion, crime prevention and social development."

The theme for the 2008 Atlantic Summer Institute on Healthy and Safe Communities is Reading Between the Lines: Health, Safety and Literacy.

The institute is sponsored by the Atlantic Centre of Excellence for Women's Health, and is being supported under the government of Canada's National Crime Prevention Strategy.

Hosts and partners once again are the University of Prince Edward Island's Centre for Life-Long Learning and the P.E.I. Health Research Institute.

To register please go online to [www.upei.ca](http://www.upei.ca).

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