

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

*Fifth Atlantic Summer Institute on Healthy and Safe Communities meets at UPEI, Aug. 19-22*

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?

And the fifth Atlantic Summer Institute on Healthy and Safe Communities will be addressing this current issue when it returns to UPEI, 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.

When 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," says 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'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 for the institute go online to [www.upei.ca/SI](http://www.upei.ca/SI).