

## READING TENT TRADITION CONTINUES ON CANADA DAY

For over 110 years, Frontier College has been promoting reading and literacy and July 1<sup>st</sup> will be no exception. Throughout the country, Reading Tents will be erected and children and their families will be exposed to a wide range of books, stories and creative literacy activities. The Reading Tents encourage children to read for fun as well as to further develop their reading skills over the summer months, when often children's reading levels diminish.

In Halifax, the TD Summer Reading Tent program will be launched on July 1<sup>st</sup> from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the St. Andrew's Bayers Westwood Community, in the playground off Federal Avenue. In addition to Frontier College's Reading Tent, there will be a range of activities for children and adults. For over 15 years, Frontier College has been active in the Halifax community, running homework clubs and an adult English language program.

"The magic of these tents is that kids, who are now out of school for the summer, will come to an event, like a Canada Day celebration, and choose to come into our tent to sit and read a book. It's a great feeling to walk into one of our tents and see kids scattered around, enjoying their books," says Frontier College's President, Sherry Campbell.

### About Frontier College

Literacy is an essential skill in today's world. At Frontier College, we believe it's a fundamental right. Low literacy skills are directly linked to poverty, poor health and high unemployment. Through a network of thousands of volunteers across Canada, Frontier College is helping children, youth and adults to realize their potential and seize the opportunities that come their way. [www.frontiercollege.ca](http://www.frontiercollege.ca)

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