

# Why is Literacy Important?



50% of adults with the lowest levels of literacy live in low-income households.



One in six (or 15%) of Ontarians scored at Literacy Level 1, meaning they have trouble reading even the most basic text.



82% of our learners are working to improve their literacy level to help get a job or to enter college.



Canadians with low literacy skills are more likely to suffer from poorer health.



Increased literacy skills are strongly linked to economic growth.

# How The YMCA Helps

- » Computer Skills
- » Academic Upgrading
- » English as a Second Language
- » Specialty Classes (Money Smart, Cash Handling, GED Prep, and More)

The Muskoka Novel Marathon has raised over **\$200,000** for YMCA Literacy Services in Huntsville.

