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Weather



TODAY:

HIGH -1

LOW-8



WEDNESDAY: **CLOUDY WITH** SUNNY BREAKS



THURSDAY: LIGHT RAIN

HIGH 11 LOW 1



FRIDAY: **SCATTERED FLURRIES**

HIGH 3 LOW-4



SATURDAY: SCATTERED FLURRIES

HIGH -1

Yamaska Literacy Council brings reading to CABMN Christmas baskets



THE SCOOP

MABLE HASTINGS

The Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) a non-profit charitable organization is busy preparing for its Annual Christmas Baskets for needy families and individuals that will be delivered on Dec. 15 in Potton and surrounding areas. Gathering food, traditional Christmas dinner items, and small extras makes for a busy few weeks for volunteers and CABMN staff.

The CABMN recently received a visit from the Administrative Assistant for the Yamaska Literacy

Council, Amanda Patch, delivered new books (in both French and English) for each child whose family is registered to receive a basket this year. These beautiful books will be added to the baskets giving the special gift of reading to children in need.

The mission of the Yamaska Literacy Council (YLC) is to identify and respond to evolving literacy needs in Brome-Missisquoi & Haute-Yamaska regions, to help English speaking adults and older youth improve their literacy skills in order to reach their goals, to provide training and support to literacy volunteers and to increase public awareness of literacy issues and solutions. Their services and programs deliver communitybased literacy programming one-to-one tutoring, including: lifelong learning, youth and family initiatives and promotion, outreach and advocacy.

The YLC is overseen by a Board of Directors and the staff team is made up of: Executive Director, Wendy Administrative Amanda Patch, Development Agent, Cindy Elston and Learning Hive



Amanda Patch-Administrative Assistant

with the Yamaska Literacy Council Agent, Kayla Colosimo. The YLC offices are located at: 505 Rue Sud in Cowansville, 5403 Rue Foster in Waterloo and 5 Rue Academy in Stanbridge East. To reach the YLC

call: (450) 263-7503.

Since 1981 the Yamaska Literacy Council has provided literacy services in the area and with initiatives like providing books for children in need they organization has truly become instrumental in finding ways to bring the wonder and joy of reading to all. The CABMN staff was extremely touched by Amanda Patch's visit to the organization and the show of community support and kindness displayed by the YLC group.

Patch who is also the book keeper for the Avante Women's Centre in Bedford and President of the Reilly House in Potton also took the opportunity during her visit on Friday, December 10 to present a cheque issued to the CABMN Partage/Share Christmas basket initiative as a donation from the Reilly House (Association Culturelle, Sociale et Recreative de Potton) in the amount of \$500.00 from the sale of Cookbooks held in support of the cause each year.



Amanda Patch, Reilly House President, and Debra Harding

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