

Rotary Club of Belleville – Service Above Self



Thank you, Belleville Rotarian Sharon McConnell, Rotary International Past International President Wilf Wilkinson and former Rotarian Michael Maloney for stepping up to make things better during the pandemic.



Over 100 lessons in reading, spelling and math from Michael's textbooks can be downloaded for free!

As the Rotary Club of Belleville Literacy Chair, Rotarian



Sharon McConnell has been working with Past International President Wilf Wilkinson and former Rotarian Michael Maloney to get some academic help for parents who have suddenly been pressed into service as teachers during the COVID-19 crisis.

Now we are faced with a problem that is much closer to home and we want to help. Past Rotary

International President Wilf Wilkinson is working with District Governors to spread the word across Canada and other English-speaking countries.



When this pandemic struck and schools were forced to close, millions of parents across North America were forced into the role of teacher or tutor for their children. We had access to the work of the Maloney Method which has been used in many sites including Rotary and Children's Aid Societies to teach literacy skills.

These literacy programs are taken from three successful methods in the fields of psychology and education. Each method has been successful in its own right but taken together they are even more powerful. The reading program teaches students to be able to read the 1000 most common English words. Those 1000 most common English words make up 85% of everything that is written in English.

The training is included digitally, along with workbooks. This is a tightly organized system in which everything the instructor says or does is written down for them. It makes it much easier than being handed a lesson plan or some worksheet materials to use. It will help parents become much less afraid that they are not doing it right.

It is just another way in which Rotary can lend a hand to help some parents who are overwhelmed and struggling. Michael has posted more than 100 lessons from his reading, spelling, and math textbooks onto his website. They are in easy to use PDF format and can be downloaded for free at:
www.maloneymethod.com/education-resources/free-lessons.

Maloney Method will continue to add new lessons and programs. They will remain available for free until the end of the pandemic at
<https://www.maloneymethod.com/education-resources/free-lessons/>