

Community

Literacy Guild works with business

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gned to involve
the battle against il-
currently being con-
the North Halton
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are informed of the
to improve their
and writing skills,
presentations and
of literature

within the workplace, in the
Guild's October newsletter,
wrote Karen Gengard.
Individuals register for the pro-
gram by contacting the Guild
directly, instead of going through
the workplace, to ensure com-
plete confidentiality.
The Southern Literacy Survey
found that one in six working
Canadians is functionally il-
literate, the Guild reports, "lack-

ing the skills to handle daily
routine tasks such as completing
a withdrawal slip at the bank."
Such a situation is a waste of
human potential and the
organization feels that raising the
literacy level of employees will
benefit the entire work force by
reducing the likelihood of ac-
cidents, improving productivity
and making people feel good
about themselves.

Employees are matched with
skilled tutors and materials from
the work place and are in-
corporated into the lessons such
as operating instructions and
training manuals. "In this way,
participants not only benefit from
having concrete goals to work
toward, but also from being able
to apply their new literacy skills
on a daily basis," wrote Ms.
Bongard.

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