

Literacy Link Niagara (LLN) — in partnership with the Early Childhood Community Development Centre (ECCDC) — is coordinating a region-wide literacy project called ***Past is Present***, focusing on bringing families together to learn about Niagara's history. The project is made possible by a one year Ontario Trillium Foundation grant.

# FAMILY LITERACY WORKSHOP

**Family literacy** is defined as “parents actively helping themselves and their children to become lifelong learners through a wide variety of daily activities” (Project READ Literacy Network, 2011). This interactive workshop is based on the children's book specially created for this project, ***Past is Present*** by Nancy Rotella.

## Facilitators

**Lorri Sauve** is a Family Literacy Consultant based in Waterloo with more than 20 years of experience engaging families in learning. **Nancy Rotella** is an Emergent Literacy Consultant with a strong background in early childhood education.

When	Where	Cost
Friday November 23 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre 567 Glenridge Avenue, St. Catharines (across from Brock University)	There is no charge to attend. Space is limited so register early
Who	<p><i>This workshop is suitable for</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents, grandparents, caregivers and their preschoolers who understand English (the workshop will be facilitated in English)</li> <li>• Literacy Professionals who work with adults or families</li> <li>• Literacy and Basic Skills Instructors</li> <li>• Public Library Staff</li> <li>• Newcomer Family Service Workers</li> <li>• Ontario Early Years &amp; Family Support Staff</li> <li>• Families - young children are welcome!</li> </ul>	

## Workshop Format

- 10:00-11:00am** Adult participants learn strategies to engage families in reading together, and to make learning fun.
- 11:00am-12:00 noon** Families join the participants to read the book together and practice the strategies.

Participants will leave with a toolkit of hands-on activities and copies of the book ***Past is Present***. Refreshments will be served.

Space is limited. Please register before November 20 at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/familyliteracyworkshop](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/familyliteracyworkshop)

