



The *Engaging Learners in Literacy First* learning opportunities are focused on raising awareness of [Literacy First: A Plan for Action](#) (Alberta Education, 2010) as well the initiatives presented at the [Pan-Canadian Interactive Literacy Forum](#) of the Council of Ministers of Education Canada (CMEC) in 2008. These learning opportunities are designed to support Alberta classrooms in order that, “Alberta students can have the literacy future they deserve, optimize their lifelong learning potential and become active, participating members of their communities and the wider society” (*Literacy First*, Alberta Education, 2010). These recorded webinars are intended for Professional Learning Communities, instructional leaders or self-paced study to help guide conversations and reflections on literacy.

The first three webinars (Literacy Defined, Defining the 21st Century Learner, and Literacy Competencies) have been archived for your use. (e.g., staff meetings, admin meetings, trustees pd, parent council sessions).

The materials developed are archived on the [PD Resources section of the ERLC website](#) (click to access). The PD resources include a facilitator guide and copies of the PowerPoint presentations for the session. The materials are suitable for adaptation for your context and will support you in facilitation of adult learning dialogue.

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All webinars – including these initial three - will be provided “live” in the fall. Visit the [ERLC Literacy Programs and Sessions](#).

For your information - Alberta Education has just produced a literacy video that describes the intent of the literacy framework (literacy is everywhere). A conversation/facilitator guide will also be developed. The link to the Alberta Education materials is <http://education.alberta.ca/teachers/program/literacy.aspx>