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## NEIGHBOUR TO NEIGHBOUR



The Community Art Lab of the Foreman Art Gallery and Literacy in Action are working together to bring visitors an unusual but yet fascinating new exhibition (January 6-20, 2011) that they have titled 'Neighbour to Neighbour: Living Libraries'. This latest exhibition takes you back to a time where neighbours were like 'living libraries' and shared their knowledge without the turn of a page, the click of a mouse or the glare of a screen. Having been set up to be a highly participatory project, 'Living Libraries' aims to create a space where knowledge can be shared through conversation and interaction, and where individual voices and experiences are valued.

Imagine a time before books, where neighbours lived and shared knowledge through dialogue. Imagine being able to peer into another world, another life, another culture. The Community Art Lab of the Foreman Art Gallery and Literacy in Action are creating a living library this January to celebrate the wisdom of their local community.

In collaboration with the well-established local organization Literacy in Action, the Community Art Lab's second annual special project will intensely activate the Gallery for three weeks, shifting the space into a laboratory.

They are currently seeking participants to volunteer their time and knowledge as a book for one evening to share a skill, an experience, or a story with others. We believe that everyone can be a book. Everyone has experiences and knowledge to share. Community members interested in participating in this enriching learning experience by volunteering one evening of their time between January 6 and 20, 2011 should contact Yaël or Sevan before December 17, at [artlab@ubishops.ca](mailto:artlab@ubishops.ca) or 819.822.9600 ext.2279.

Participants will be able to speak in the language of their choice and when they register, they can select the languages in which they will offer their topic. Then it depends on who will choose them as a book to select among the languages offered. The evenings will be bilingual.

For more information or to schedule an interview, please contact: Yaël Filipovic, Curator, Education and Cultural Action or Sevan Injejkian, Assistant Curator, Education and Cultural Action at 819.822.9600 - ext. 2279 or at [artlab@ubishops.ca](mailto:artlab@ubishops.ca), or Kathy Richan, Director of Literacy in Action 819.346.7009 or [info@literacyinaction.info](mailto:info@literacyinaction.info)

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