

Could you be a walking book?

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You may not have realized it, but it may very well be that you possess the capacity to share a special skill, experience, or story with others. Therefore you could be what is called a talking, walking book.

A project called 'Neighbour to Neighbour: Living Libraries' is now underway to share our community's wisdom. The Community Art Lab is presently working on a project with Literacy in Action and is reaching out, looking for people who may well be walking books to share in this exciting participatory project, inverting the understanding that knowledge is traditionally found in books instead of people. The project is turning to our community to offer a space where their knowledge is valued and shared through conversation and interaction, and where individuals' voices and experiences are valued.

lished 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.

The Community Art Lab believes that everyone can be a book because 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 7 and 20, 2011 should contact Yael or Sevan before December 17, at artlab@ubishops.ca or 819.822.9600

The project will be presented for three weeks in the gallery space from January 5 to 20.

Plato once said, "Knowledge is the food of the soul." Why not share your