

## READING AND REMEMBRANCE PROJECT 2006



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Roger Anderson, President  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Dear Mayors of Ontario,

The 2006 provincial project *Reading and Remembrance: Holocaust and Anti-Racism Education* takes place Nov 10 as close to 2:10 p.m. as possible. Last year 110 schools with 30,000 students participated in readings and events related to John McCrae's "In Flanders Fields". Our focus was on "The Year of the Veteran". This year we hope to double last year's participation with a focus on the values for which Canada's veterans have sacrificed their lives. Teachers will select readings from the 2005 or 2006 materials on the Durham West Arts Centre's website and on Nov 10<sup>th</sup> dedicate 10-20 minutes to young people reading and remembering.

One of the highlights last year was the participation of Lieutenant Governor Bartleman in Kincardine. The mayors of Ajax and Pickering also participated. The magic of these visits needs to be replicated! That is why we are asking all mayors in Ontario to visit a school in their municipality to read with young people on the afternoon of Nov 10<sup>th</sup>. When young people see the value elected officials place on their reading, they glow. You may either read or be read to, in a small class setting or for larger groups—it's up to the school.

Please select and contact a school on your own and let us know where you'll be. If you prefer, we will find you a school near to where you will be that day. Please indicate what city, town, school board or school you would like to visit. We'll contact schools in your chosen area. (Please provide enough information for us to do that.)

As we hope to have many mayors participate, email your requests for school locations to [a.littfield@rogers.com](mailto:a.littfield@rogers.com) by Oct 31, 2006. Naturally, your participation will be noted on our Honour Roll which goes on our website and which is mailed to all participants. We will also issue a Press Release indicating the locations of all participating mayors.

And by the way, the Durham West Arts Centre is a small charitable arts organization that values the sacrifices of Canadian veterans and the role the arts, all of them from literary, to visual, to performance, play in our communities. We could not undertake this project without the generous support of Ontario Power Generation and the Canada Remembers program of Veterans Affairs. We hope to have your support as well.

Yours truly,

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