

Butler-Kisber recognized for literacy work

Westmounter Lynn Butler-Kisber received a Canada Post Community Literacy Award at a ceremony on September 25 at the Prince Albert and Sherbrooke post office. She received a cash prize and a certificate of achievement in the “Educator” category. The award recognizes her commitment to literacy through education and her mentorship of adult literacy educators, as well as her work on 147 committees and helping to raise \$3 million in research funding.

Butler-Kisber said she was touched that it was a community award and by the intimate gathering of family, friends and colleagues who attended the presentation. “Grassroots literacy is where it all has to happen.”

Earlier, as an elementary school teacher, she was “involved in literacy in the broad sense of reading and writing.” Later, with a PhD in education and through her current roles, among

others, as associate professor in the department of Integrated Studies in Education at McGill University and as editor of a peer-reviewed educational journal, Butler-Kisber examines “how we communicate and how we understand different forms of communication.”

She was one winner of four in Quebec and one of 16 across Canada.



Lynn Butler-Kisber (centre) receives a certificate of achievement September 25 for her work on literacy from Juanita Croft (manager, retail business) as Louis-Édouard Baptiste (team leader) looks on.