

100 Teams try Kids' Lit Quiz Canada in 2015!



Kids' Lit Quiz Canada has had another year of growth! From our humble beginnings of 13 teams in 2011 reaching 100 teams in our fifth year was a huge milestone! We were thrilled to have excellent author participation in 2015 too. Many thanks to the *Quizzards of Oz*, *Team Hirsute*, *The Inkslingers*, *Awesome Authors* and *Write Again* - our intrepid author teams! Their names are listed at the end of this article. It is wonderful for our KLQ readers to be in such fine company! Readers meet writers and writers meet their fans. I wonder how many KLQers will be inspired to become authors themselves?

We deeply appreciate outreach some of our more established schools provided to other schools this year. Crescent School is to be commended for their excellent outreach, coaching and transportation provided to their partner school. Southridge School, Hillfield Strathallan, TDBank and a private donor also sponsored teams. We would love to see more development of this part of Kids' Lit Quiz Canada!

Wayne arrived in British Columbia to begin his KLQ Canada tour in January. Vancouver's Little Flower Academy hosted BC KLQ 2015. Scholastic Canada in BC has provided a beautiful trophy for the British Columbia KLQ champions- Southridge School.

The KLQ family is far reaching and we were delighted to have support from **Marj Brown's** (KLQ SA) friend Erin help us out in Vancouver! Vancouver Kidsbooks provided wonderful prizes. We are looking forward to growing our program in BC next year. Simon Fraser University is supporting us by donating venue space for our 2016 BC heat! Thanks to Dr. Beth Marshall, Robert Bittner and Stephanie Yorath for their support.

In Ontario, Mabel's Fables have made Kids' Lit Quiz Canada prizes truly wonderful for our big KLQ readers! Thank you thank you thank you! We can't say it enough!

We would also like to thank Gillian O'Reilly from the Canadian Children's Book Centre who served as our adjudicator this year.

Each of the five Ontario heats had their own flavor and excitement.... This year it was KLQ USA who had to contend with blizzards for our Quiz Master. We provided simply sunshine and bone chilling cold! (-25C most days!)



Crescent School hosted our National Final. The facilities are superb and an enthusiastic audience was there cheering on the teams! Thank you Crescent! TV Ontario covered our event and host Kara Harun even did a stint as Guest Quiz Master!

As in all KLQ events around the world.... nothing would happen without the dedication and support of our wonderful volunteers. We do appreciate their help so very much.

2016 holds great promise for more growth. We now have charitable status which means we qualify for funding from many foundations and other organizations. We are excited about this potential, as it will provide for KLQ Canada through a solid support base. We do need support!

In May, an exhibition heat was held in Calgary Alberta, a western province of Canada, which is home to the famous rodeo, The Calgary Stampede. We are looking forward to running an official heat of KLQ there in 2016.

Southridge School from British Columbia did us proud at the KLQ World Final in Connecticut USA in July. Arman, Stephanie, Serena and Sarah did us proud! They also stumped the audience in a 'Three Truths and a Lie' event at Blue Back Square in West Hartford.



Huge congratulations to Julie Huggins and her team from Southwell School in Hamilton New Zealand. They were clear winners and a popular group of readers as well!



The Americans did a splendid job of hosting the world of KLQers! Central Connecticut State University campus is beautiful and met our needs nicely. The theme of Super Readers/Heroes with the Super Wayne featured was so creative and well done! As always, the kids had a blast.

In what is now becoming a tradition KLQ Canada provided a pancake breakfast... complete with real Maple Syrup, Canadian bacon and pancakes made from scratch! Yum! It turns out the Team and Coach Chong have flipped a pancake or two in their day! Thanks Joyce!



Onwards and upwards! We are excited about 2016- celebrating more readers, making heroes of them along the way and encouraging reading everywhere!

Good luck to the New Zealand organizers as they prepare for next year's KLQ World Final in August at the IBBY Congress in beautiful Auckland!

Registration for schools to participate in KLQ Canada 2016 is now open. The heats and Final will be held January 14 to February 4, 2016.

Happy Reading all!
Nancy Davidson KLQ National Coordinator

*Canadian Authors trying the Quiz this year.... Stacey Matson, Tanya Kyi, Edward Lee Fodi, Kallie George, Kevin Sylvester, Evan Munday, Vikki VanSickle, Anne Dublin, Jennifer Gold., Rona Arato, Bill Swan, Philippa Dowding, Richard Scrimger, Lesley Livingston, Suzanne Sutherland, Sylvia McNichol, Jennifer Maruno, Joanne Levy