

L.I.F.T. Yourself

Off of the Conveyor Belt



We can lift ourselves out of ignorance, we can find ourselves as creatures of excellence and intelligence and skill. We can be free. We can fly!

Jonathan Livingston Seagull, Richard Bach

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3rd Annual Thomas Jefferson education Forum Canada

Saturday, May 2, 2009 Lethbridge College 8am-5pm

Our present challenges require men, women and youth to meet and effect change with the kind of preparation and confidence that leadership education can provide.

**Workshops throughout the day.
Youth Forum runs concurrently.**

Adults: \$35 Youth: \$25

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**Special Thomas Jefferson Education
Continuum Session—\$45 with spouse free
Friday, May 1, 2009 6-9 pm
With Diann Jeppson and Jodi Palmer
Westwind Alternate School, Cardston, AB**

Thomas Jefferson Education Forum Presenters and Workshops

Kirk Harline: Talking, Counseling or Tutoring: What is Mentoring and How Can I Do “It” Better?

TJEd Principles emphasize the importance of mentoring your children and your peers and being mentored by others. Are you just frustrated because you want to do everything perfectly the first time — and it seems hard? This discussion will explore what a mentor is, a little of what a mentor is not, some ideas on mentoring children and peers, and how to be mentored by others. What do you look for in a mentor? How can you find mentors in the books you read? Come and explore together.

Kirk Harline is a life long learner. His formal training includes a Bachelor and Masters Degree in Accounting and he enjoys the outdoors, reading, talking and sharing ideas and expanding his understanding. He has worked as a consultant, computer trainer, and volunteers training for Scouts Canada. His current passion is finding ways to focus on things that matter. Kirk is married to Kathy and they are the parents of 5 children and have been home schooling for 15 years. Kirk is also a member of the Board of George Wythe Institute Canada.

Heather Burton: Cradles of Eminence: Learning from the Lives of Eminent People

Two questions for you, fellow parents— 1. Do you ever ponder what your child’s future biography might look like? 2. How are we adding material to our child’s biography right now? In this workshop, we’ll take a look at fascinating information drawn from extensive biographical studies of famous people up to the end of the 20th century, and take a bit of time to try on some of those “learnings” as we consider our own lives and the lives of our children. We’ll also touch on the concept of mediocrity vs. excellence and the costs of both, how what we cover relates to education, and how studying the lives of others can become a significant source of understanding, caution and hope.

Heather Burton is grateful to be involved with this year’s Thomas Jefferson Education Forum Canada. She loves to learn alongside friends and family. Born and raised mostly in mining towns in Ontario and B.C., from a young age, Heather found books to be great companions. One of her fondest aspirations is to write books and stories that touch—and maybe save—the lives of people. Heather considers wife and mother to be her most important roles. She is the president of the Leadership Education Association of Families and Friends and the Director of Global Community Services for the Arbinger Institute, as well as the owner of four llamas and two chickens.

Karina Witbeck: The 8 Habits of Highly Effective TJEDers

The principles of A Thomas Jefferson Education work and are very powerful but how do we implement them into our family culture. How do we make them a part of our everyday lives. Karina will explain how her study of Stephen Covey’s 8 Habits has helped her find a leadership language, one that a child of any age can understand and connect with, helping them take charge of their own leadership education.

Karina Witbeck holds a B.A. (University of Lethbridge) and A.R.C.T. Royal Conservatory of Music P.C.A. She is the president of Southern Alberta Scholar Academy. Karina has a passion for education and has been enthusiastically trying to implement the principles of Thomas Jefferson Education into her family culture for 5 years. She and her husband Clayton have 4 children—2 “Love of Learners” and 2 in Core phase. She finds joy in family, music, great discussions and great books. Her aspirations include peace in any circumstance, truth that sets you free, and love that knows no bounds. Her list of life-changing books include: The 5 Love Languages by Gary Chapman, The Proper Care and Feeding of Husbands by Dr. Laura Schlessinger, The 7 Habits of Happy Kids by Sean Covey, The 8th Habit by Stephen Covey, anything by The Arbinger Institute, and A Thomas Jefferson Education by Oliver Demille,

Susan Kelly: A Journey Through Rich Mathy Goodness in Two Parts

In part one, we consider Math itself as a mentor. We will discuss two tools that help math thinking, attempt to experience a math epiphany, and think about what virtues might be involved in studying math. In part two, we will enjoy a tour of “Cartesian space”, in which we come to see how Cartesian space can be used to describe the universe. Also, sundry intermissions and vignettes encompassing harmonics, history, and hysterics.

Susan Kelly has always had a secret desire to be a performer. She is surprised that talking about math (never her favorite subject in school) seems to fit the bill. She lives in Cochrane with husband Mike, son Tom, and dog Buddy.

Cat Charissage: Overwealmth: Designing a life between too many as well as too few options

“Overwealmth” is a contraction of “overwhelm” and “wealth”, a term describing what might be the North American 21st Century Condition of feeling overwhelmed with how many choices and options are available to us in every area of our lives. Which yahoo group to join? Which child to read to? Which book to choose? Which gardening project to start? Which friendship to develop? Life won’t stop while we explore every option to find the “best” one to follow, yet we must make decisions every day within the limits of our time, our money, our energy, and our space. Let’s talk together about how to prioritize peacefully without paralysis.

Cat Charissage is living her second adult life homeschooling her Transition to Scholar son, attempting to live gracefully with the limits of chronic illness, and helping others to focus their skills and energies into life enhancing missions through mentoring life leadership, time management, and organizational and academic skills. She spent (invested?) her first adult life as a public educator in social services, studying theology through graduate school, and completing a Masters degree in (adult) Education.

Wendy Creed: MATH- developing healthy attitudes and a love for math

In this workshop, Wendy shares kid-popular games that empower students with strategies, mental math techniques, tricks, tips and more. Games cover place value, rounding, decimals, and more, and will incorporate the use of cards, dice and multi-sided dice.

Wendy Creed is a long-time homeschool mom (starting in 1981) until the last of seven were raised and has been involved in helping other families do the same as a facilitator with the Westwind School Division.

Linda Johnson: “Drawing” Out the Meaning of PLAY

Think about it: Activities + Actions = Outcomes + learning styles = ARTICULATION + (venue x forms) = COMMUNICATION + audience = TRANSFORMATION

Linda Johnson is half way through her Master’s of Education program with George Wythe University. Her special project centers on defining the real meaning of PLAY, for all age levels – in other words, how to keep your own “voice” intact in a world full of propaganda. She has taught school in the public and alternate settings for more than 30 years.

Angela Quinton: Whole Foods Nutrition

Our ancestors instinctively knew how to prepare food in a way that helped them get the most nutrition out of every bite. Come learn some of the old ways that can help you unlock nutrients in your food, bringing you better health and vitality. These methods are great for food storage use.

Angela Studied Homeopathy for four years with the Caduceus Institute in Santa Cruz, California. Part of the studies included a Whole Foods nutrition class. Her family has benefited greatly from the implementation of these concepts and she is passionate about sharing her knowledge with others. Angela homeschools her 3 children and in her spare time likes to read and cook new things.

Jodie Palmer: A “Vision Walk”

Jodie Palmer is the current Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Midwives College of Utah and is a former President of that institution. She currently serves on the Board of the national Midwifery Education Accreditation Council. She received a Bachelor's degree in Alternative Health Sciences and Master's in Education from George Wythe College. She is a former Director of Distance Studies, Instructor and Mentor for George Wythe College (now University). She has extensive experience as a presenter, including for UHEA, Youth for America, Thomas Jefferson Education Forum, American Red Cross, and numerous classes and seminars. She and her husband Doug live with two young children in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Diann Jeppson: Unity in Community

Diann Jeppson is the founder and current President of the American Youth Leadership Institute. She received a bachelor's degree in Statesmanship from George Wythe College, and is currently enrolled in the George Wythe University Master's program for education. She has presented at numerous education seminars and conventions, including UHEA, LDSHEA, GWC, Youth For America and the Utah State Association of Parliamentarians. She is a founder of the Eliza R. Snow Association, a women's literary society and is an experienced colloquium leader and mentor. She and her husband Adam live with their four daughters in West Valley City, Utah.

Katrina Lybbert: Learning Through Play

Come and participate in a discussion on core phase... focusing on play. There are so many opportunities to teach the concepts of core phase... right and wrong, true and false, etc... and a beginning love of learning while strengthening parent child relationships and having fun. Learning will happen from day one.... and a good core phase will help the transition to Love of Learning happen naturally...at any age.

Katrina has homeschooled her 4 children from the start. They are now ages 17, 14, 11, and 6. She loved their early years of learning so much she created a website to share her ideas and experiences. Brightly Beaming Resources (<http://www.letteroftheweek.com>) is now growing with her children and new ideas will be added as they happen. Katrina learned about A Thomas Jefferson Education about 8 years ago and has found the principles fit in well with what her family has done all along.

PLUS...

Kelvin Burton

Debi Watson

Peggy Hillyer

Youth Forum for ages 12-18 features workshops, simulations and more!