

## **Alberta's 2012 Council of the Federation Award Winner**

This year's recipient is Lisa O'Brien of Calgary. Ms. O'Brien is a volunteer tutor with the Calgary Public Library's Learning Advantage Program, which pairs volunteers with adult literacy learners to achieve their reading, writing and numeracy goals. Lisa is committed to lifelong learning and to helping adults overcome their literacy challenges. By customizing lessons and supporting her students, Lisa goes above and beyond to provide learners with the necessary literacy skills for the home, workplace and further education. Thanks to Lisa's help, one of her students received his Canadian citizenship and will now be attending the University of Calgary. When not volunteering as a literacy tutor, Lisa works in volunteer management, supporting and coordinating a team of over 500 volunteers. Lisa has a positive impact on her students and is a true champion for literacy in Alberta.