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More than 3,000 run for literacy in Moncton

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More than 3,000 athletes ran through Metro Moncton this weekend, raising heart rates – and money – for local literacy programs. The 16th annual IGT Legs for Literacy is the largest running event in the province, offering runners and walkers four races to choose from: a 5K, a 10K walk/run, the 21.1-km Half Marathon and the 42.2-km Marathon.

The top finisher in the full marathon was Ryan O'Shea of New Maryland, who ran more than 26 miles in two hours, 39 minutes. The top woman marathoner was Florence Gillis of Sydney, with a time of three hours, 18 minutes.

Though most competitors come from across Atlantic Canada, many runners travel much farther. Bernadette Huston and Barb Mueller, friends and fellow nurses from Cape Girardeau, Missouri, raced as part of their effort to run marathons right across North America.

The event has raised \$506,000, not including whatever this year's final tally will be, since the first race in 2000. The course is a qualifier for the Boston Marathon and the half marathon times can be used to qualify for the New York City Marathon.



Ryan O'Shea of New Maryland was the first full marathoner across the finish line at the 2015 IGT Legs For Literacy races in Moncton Sunday.

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