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New Maryland runner wins Literacy marathon

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Ryan O'Shea of New Maryland won the men's title and Florence Gillis of Sydney, N.S., captured the women's crown at the 16th annual IGT Legs for Literacy marathon yesterday in Moncton.

O'Shea completed the 42.2-kilometre course in a time of 2:39:54 to claim the overall title.

Ian MacIntyre of Halifax was the runner-up in 2:47:21 and Moncton's Remi Guitard placed third in 2:56:24.

Gillis was the top women's finisher in 3:18:23. She was followed at the finish line by Kendra Leblanc of Amherst, N.S., (3:31:06) and Kaili Van Vulpen, also of Amherst (3:31:07).

Legs for Literacy is a New Brunswick Running Room SuperSeries event and a qualifier for the Boston Marathon.

More than 3,000 athletes competed in the event that also included half-marathon, 10-kilometre and five-kilometre runs and a 10-kilometre walk.

Lee Roy of Bathurst and Brenda Guitard of Saint John were the winners of the 21.1-kilometre half-marathon.

Roy was the top finisher in a time of 1:14:11, ahead of Chris Milburn of Sydney (1:23:02) and Jeff Queen of Saint John (1:23:36).

Guitard was the women's winner in 1:32:08, in front of Alicia Henry of Riverview (1:34:07) and Krista Harrison of Halifax (1:35:51).

Brad McLellan of Bathurst and Linda Macdonald of Bedford, N.S., were the 10-kilometre run winners in identical times of 39:35.

Stephen Feeney of Chamcook, N.B., captured the five-kilometre run in 18:43. The top woman was Catherine Priemer of Sackville in 19:53.

Legs for Literacy is the largest running event in New Brunswick.