

# The Literacy Connection

Yukon Literacy Coalition

Friday November.26, 2010

*The Yukon Literacy Coalition is a Yukon-wide literacy organization that is community governed and committed to supporting and encouraging literacy in all languages of the Yukon.*



Greetings from the Yukon Literacy Coalition!

## **Important Literacy Dates**

**Human Rights Day**

**December 10**

**TD Canada Trust Family Literacy Centre (FLC) – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Canada Games Centre**

Check out the full FLC schedule on the YLC website <http://www.yukonliteracy.ca/flc.htm> or phone 867-668-8698.

## **What's New?**

### **How the new copyright bill will affect Canadian culture**

The federal government is on the verge of passing Bill C-32, which would rewrite much of Canada's laws on copyright, a vital if contentious pillar of cultural industries. [More...](#)

### **Is 'gifted' a bad word when it comes to children?**

Toronto educators call it the "gifted blitz." Every year at this time, about 1,500 Grade 3 public school students in the city are invited to sit down for a battery of tests to determine their eligibility for various Grade 4 gifted programs next year. [More...](#)

## **Community News**

### **Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre**

Book Club November 30th!

5:00pm to 7:00pm at Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre (503 Hanson St.)

Book for discussion: Prodigal Summer by Barbara Kingsolver

Food and Drink will be available!

For more info on the book club, please contact: Larisse McDonald Tel: 667-2693

email: [vfwcadmin@northwestel.net](mailto:vfwcadmin@northwestel.net)

### **Many Rivers Counselling and Support Services**

Many Rivers Counselling and Support Services will be hosting a Nobody's Perfect Parenting Program Facilitator Training in January 2011. Please hurry though because we would like all applications in by Friday December 3rd.

We are accepting 20 people for this training; 10 from Whitehorse and 10 from the rural communities. Nobody's Perfect is always facilitated by 2 people so we need at least 2 and preferably 3 to apply from rural communities. If you're interested please contact Wendy Burgess @ 667-2970.

### **Western Canada Education Fair - in 3 weeks!**

Yukon College will be hosting a Western Canada Education Fair on Monday, December 6th, with 29 post secondary institutions coming to Whitehorse.

Located in the Yukon College Gym in Whitehorse:

Morning fair: 9 – 12:30am

Afternoon fair – 1:30 – 6:00pm

5 - minute rotating institution presentations begin at 3:30 pm

More info is available at: <http://www.yukoncollege.yk.ca/wcef>

### **MacBride Museum is taking registration for Christmas Kids Camps.**

Christmas Kids Camps (Games, crafts and fun for kids ages 5 to 10)

December 20 – Santa's Workshop

December 21 – Longest Night

December 22 – Let it Snow

December 23 – Reindeer Games

Camps run from 9am to 4pm each day. Campers must bring a lunch, two snacks and outdoor clothing.

Cost: \$25/day for members; \$30/day for non-members

Call 667-2709, ext. 4, for more information or to sign up.

## **Literacy in the News**

### **Literacy is finally being addressed**

More than frustrating profs, literacy rates affect some students' ability to graduate

<http://oncampus.macleans.ca/education/2010/11/26/literacy-is-finally-being-addressed/>

## **Teaching techniques to help make instruction for adult learners more efficient**

One of the problems in adult basic skills education is the need to get adults out of basic skills education and into work, vocational or academic coursework as rapidly as possible. There is evidence to suggest that the best way to accomplish this is to intensify the instruction of basic skills...[Read more](#)

## **Paying students to get good grades**

**News 1130, Vancouver, November 21, 2010** Aboriginal educators in BC insist that the idea of paying students to get good grades works, even though the idea was panned in Ontario...[Read more](#)

## **Contests**

### **Arctica's Writing Space Contest**

Submit poetry, creative non-fiction and short fiction that explores the theme of space and the circumpolar region. Deadline is midnight April 1, 2011. Email entries to

[WritingSpace@ArcticaMag.ca](mailto:WritingSpace@ArcticaMag.ca) or submit online to Arctica Magazine.

<http://www.arcticamag.ca/current-issue/1-today/70-writing-space-contest.html>

### **World Literacy Canada Writing Contest**

Write/Right to Read is a national bilingual writing contest creating global citizens in grades 4 - 6. World Literacy Canada is a grassroots non-profit organization that uses literacy to fight poverty and advance the cause of social justice. <http://www.worldlit.ca/writerighttoread2010.html>

## **Conferences, Workshops, and Awards**

### **Submit or vote on stamp design**

Canada Post is asking Canadians to submit and vote on the design that will become a Canadian postage stamp. Canadians are invited to submit designs online to [www.deliverhope.ca](http://www.deliverhope.ca) by January 10, 2011, The submission that gets the most votes may become the 2011 Mental Health stamp.

### **Nominate Your Role Model Now! Deadline is March 4, 2011**

The National Aboriginal Health Organization is looking for First Nations, Inuit and Métis youth between the ages of 13 to 30, who are positive role models. If you know a youth that has shown leadership in school, in sports or in their community, submit a nomination today! [More...](#)

### **Volunt-Hero deadline extended to Nov. 30th**

Thank you to everyone who has submitted their inspirational volunteering story. We have received some great stories over the past few days and due to the incredible interest, Volunteer Canada is extending the Volunt-Hero search deadline. For more information visit [www.volunteer.ca](http://www.volunteer.ca)

# **Funding Opportunities**

## **Opportunities Fund for Persons with Disabilities**

The Opportunities Fund for Persons with Disabilities provides funding for national, regional and local projects that assist people with disabilities in preparing for and finding employment or self-employment, as well as acquiring the skills necessary to maintain that new employment. For more information go to:

[http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/disability\\_issues/funding\\_programs/opportunities\\_fund/index.shtml](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/disability_issues/funding_programs/opportunities_fund/index.shtml)

## **Aboriginal Funding Tool**

There are some deadlines for scholarships, bursaries, etc. that are coming up. Visit the Aboriginal Canada Portal at <http://www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca/acp/site.nsf/en/funding.html>

## **New First Nations Literacy Resources**

For more information go to: <http://firstnationliteracy.com/>

# **Resources**

## **AlphaPlus Pathfinders**

AlphaPlus pathfinders are guides on specific topics that help you quickly find relevant websites and information to support your literacy practice. Find AlphaPlus at

<http://alphaplus.ca/newsupdates.asp?eventID=275>

## **Canadian Heritage Aboriginal Peoples' Program**

The Aboriginal Peoples' Program (APP) supports the full participation and cultural revitalization of Aboriginal People in Canadian society. It enables Aboriginal Peoples to address the social, cultural, economic and political issues affecting their lives. Find resources and more at

<http://www.pch.gc.ca/pgm/pa-app/index-eng.cfm>

## **Canadian Parents for French (CPF) Yukon**

To help you support your child's French learning, CPF Yukon is offering current and new members a half price subsidy towards adult French classes offered through either L'association franco-yukonnaise or the French Language Services Directorate. Spaces are limited to first-come, first-serve. For more information, contact [yukoncpf@gmail.com](mailto:yukoncpf@gmail.com) or call 667-8611.

## **Canadian Council on Learning**

The Canadian Council on Learning is a rich resource related to learning throughout all stages of life, from early childhood through to the senior years. Visit their site at <http://www.ccl-cca.ca/ccl>

## **CYFN Language Classes**

The Council of Yukon First Nations is offering language classes FREE of charge to the general public. Contact Anna Fraser at 393-9200 for more information!

### **Healthy Aboriginal Network**

Youth Comic Books for social and health issues. For more information go to:

<http://www.thehealthyaboriginal.net/>

### **Kaska Language Lessons**

Liard First Nation Language Coordinator, Leda Jules will be offering language lessons every Tuesday and Thursday @ the Community Lunches located at the 2 Mile Community Hall in Watson Lake. So please come out and enjoy lunch served with free language lessons. Souga sin la! For more information please call 867.536.2912.

### **Ningwakwe Learning Press Resources**

Ningwakwe Learning Press publishes culturally appropriate resources for the Aboriginal literacy field in North America. This Ontario-based company has several new releases. Its catalogue can be found at <http://ningwakwe.on.ca/catalogue.htm>

### **The Training Policy Committee -- 2010 Training Program Handbook**

This handbook identifies public, private and volunteer organizations that offer credit and non-credit training and educational opportunities for Yukon people. Contact the Training Policy Committee for copies at [tpced@northwestel.net](mailto:tpced@northwestel.net) or 867-668-7812

### **The Vanier Institute of the Family**

This site has some excellent resources for parents. Go to:

<http://www.vifamily.ca/library/resources/resources.html>

### **Daily Sudoku**

<http://www.cbc.ca/diversions/sudoku/>

Contact us if you have suggestions for our newsletter!

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