

# The Literacy Connection

Yukon Literacy Coalition

Friday November 5, 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**

**Yukon Literacy Week**

**Universal Children's Day**

**Human Rights Day**

**October 12 - 17**

**November 20**

**December 10**

## **Yukon Literacy Coalition**

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

The Family Literacy Centre bids a fond farewell to Diane Larkin, as she moves on to other activities and projects. Diane has been integral to the creation and operation of the Centre since its inception. Her spirit and willingness to jump into every project, as well as her gentle presence and welcoming nature will be missed by all. The best of luck with your future Diane!

### **Job Opportunity at the TD Family Literacy Centre**

Diane Larkin, our Family Literacy Centre (FLC) Project Manager, will be leaving her position at the FLC. So we need someone to fill her shoes!

Please take a look at the [job description](#) and if you'd like to join our team, submit your resume and cover letter to the Yukon Literacy Coalition:

Suite 207 – 100 Main Street

Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2A8

Email: [yukon.literacy.coalition@northwestel.net](mailto:yukon.literacy.coalition@northwestel.net)

Deadline for submissions is 4:30 pm **Friday, Nov. 12th, 2010.**

## **November at the FLC**

There is a Poetry Slam Workshop on Friday, November 5th from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at the FLC with teacher and poet Sarah Taylor. Geared to youth, participants will hear examples of different poetry styles, be introduced to writing techniques and will have a chance to share their own works. Check out the full FLC schedule on the YLC website <http://www.yukonliteracy.ca/flc.htm> or phone 867-668-8698.

## **What's New?**

### **Family Literacy Day – January 27, 2011**

ABC Life Literacy Canada is pleased to announce the official Family Literacy Day® 2011 theme: Play! Play for Literacy encourages Canadians from coast-to-coast to participate together in games and play dates with family, neighbours and friends on Family Literacy Day®, January 27, 2011. Enter the Munsch at Home writing contest until November 25 and don't forget to plan your Play for Literacy activity for Family Literacy Day 2011. Visit <http://www.abclifeliteracy.ca/en/family-literacy-day> for additional details.

### **First Nations Language Proficiency program celebrates its first graduates**

Seven Yukon educators are celebrating the completion of their Yukon First Nation Language Proficiency Program, which enhances their ability to deliver First Nations language programming to Yukon schools. <http://www.gov.yk.ca/news/10-201.html>

### **BYTE (Bringing Youth Towards Equality)**

Byte is looking for a few enthusiastic, community-minded youth (in this case, 12 to 18 years old) to form our Youth Advisory Committee. The group will meet three times over the next several months to discuss youth-related issues in Whitehorse and Yukon communities. BYTE will take these discussions, ideas and suggestions and incorporate them into our future plans to strengthen youth voice in the territory. If you know anyone who might be interested in this, please email [info@yukonyouth.com](mailto:info@yukonyouth.com), or phone Tobias at BYTE at 667.7975.

## **Community News**

### **MacBride Museum**

MacBride Museum is now taking registration for 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.

### **Artefact Artefunction Fundraiser**

Friday, November 5 at 7:30pm

It's their 2010 gala fundraiser. Twelve interesting artifacts and photographs from MacBride

Museum's collection will be displayed throughout the Museum with twelve strange tales or questions. Your job is to spot the lies and determine what is fact and what is fiction. There will also be a silent auction and refreshments will be served.

Tickets are \$30 and available at the MacBride Museum (1124 First Avenue), or by calling 667-2709, ext 4.

## ***Literacy in the News***

### ***Research Income Growth Slows for Canada's Top 50 Universities***

Research income growth at Canada's Top 50 universities slowed in Fiscal 2009, according to Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List 2010, released today by Research Infosource Inc.

<http://www.newswire.ca/en/releases/archive/October2010/19/c3528.html>

### ***Scholastic Unveils Global Literacy Campaign: Read Every Day. Lead A Better Life***

NEW YORK, Oct. 18 /PRNewswire/

Scholastic, the world's largest publisher and distributor of children's books, is celebrating its 90th anniversary with Read Every Day. Lead a Better Life., a global literacy campaign that underscores the importance of reading as the pathway for young people to succeed in the 21st century. To

read more go to: <http://www.scholastic.com/readeveryday/>

### ***Misconceptions persist for dyslexia***

Studies have shown dyslexia affects up to 15 percent of the population to some degree, according to Dr. Marj Jones, executive director of the Arizona Literacy and Learning Center. Unlike common misconceptions, the condition is more than mixing up B's and D's.

<http://www.houmatoday.com/article/20101018/ARTICLES/101019482/1026/news01?Title=Misconceptions-persist-for-dyslexia>

## ***Contests***

### ***Munsch at Home Contest***

Enter the Munsch at Home Contest for a chance to win a home visit from Family Literacy Day Honorary Chair, Robert Munsch. It's easy! Just write us a fun story with your family about playing games and submit it online. For more information [click here](#).

### ***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 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>

## **Funding Opportunities**

### **Human Resources and Skills Development Canada – Enabling Accessibility Fund**

**Deadline January 13, 2011**

The Office for Disability Issues is pleased to announce that a Call for Proposals for Mid-sized projects Enabling Accessibility is now open. If you have any questions about the Mid-sized Projects Enabling Accessibility contact them by e-mail at:

[eafcall-appelfa@hrsdcc.gc.ca](mailto:eafcall-appelfa@hrsdcc.gc.ca) or through their toll free number at: 1-866-268-2502 or TTY: 1 800 926-9105. Find the application form and guidelines plus more on their website:

[http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/disability\\_issues/eaf/cfp/index.shtml](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/disability_issues/eaf/cfp/index.shtml)

### **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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