

The Literacy Connection

Yukon Literacy Coalition

Friday October 8, 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
Human Rights Day

October 12 - 17
December 10

Yukon Literacy Coalition

TD Canada Trust Family Literacy Centre (FLC) – 2nd 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.

Yukon Literacy Week – Oct 12th – 17th – at the FLC:

Friday, Oct 15th - Open House
- 3:00 – 5:30 pm
Saturday, Oct 16th - Open House and Book Launch with Kyle Marchuk
- 12:00 – 4:30 pm

Refreshments will be served!

What's New?

\$1.4 million to be invested in Yukon through Labour Market Agreement

WHITEHORSE – The Canada-Yukon Labour Market Agreement annual plan for 2010–11 was released today by Education Minister Patrick Rouble. \$1.4 million will fund numerous projects as part of Canada's Economic Action Plan.

The funds, administered by the Advanced Education branch, assist groups that are under-represented in the workplace and require additional support to fully engage in Yukon's labour

market. This includes social assistance recipients, people with disabilities, older workers, youth, First Nations, women in trades, and immigrants. <http://www.gov.yk.ca/news/10-188.html>

National Family Literacy Day 2011

ABC Life Literacy Canada launches its sixth annual Munsch at Home Contest, where one lucky Canadian family will win a visit from renowned children's author and Honorary Chair of Family Literacy Day®, Robert Munsch. The Munsch at Home Contest is part of national celebrations to encourage Canadians to participate in Family Literacy Day on January 27, 2011. To enter the Munsch at Home Contest, families must write an original 250-word story together and submit it online at <http://www.FamilyLiteracyDay.ca>.

Community News

MacBride Museum is now 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

October is Canadian Library Month

Celebrate Canadian Library Month. This year the theme is "Your Library: Your World: Opening Doors to the Future". Go to: <http://www.cla.ca/clm10/> to find resources, tools, and ideas for celebrating. During October, visit your local library and see what it has to offer! Yukon Library Month is presented by Yukon public libraries and The Canadian Library Association.

Computer helps kids read -- and more

A computer program designed for children who struggle with language and literacy has had such a profound effect in Surrey schools that the people involved say they've been moved to tears.

Read more:

<http://www.vancouversun.com/technology/Computer+helps+kids+read+more/3556839/story.html#ixzz11nROM8pM>

TD Canadian Children's Book Week 2011 – April 30 – May 7

TD Canadian Children's Book Week is Canada's largest celebration of Canadian children's and teen books and their creators. The next Book Week tour will run from April 30 – May 7, 2011. Thirty English-speaking authors, illustrators and storytellers will be visiting schools, libraries, bookstores and community centres in every province and territory across the country. If you're a teacher,

librarian or bookseller and are interested in hosting an author, illustrator or storyteller during TD Canadian Children's Book Week 2011, visit www.bookweek.ca today!

Contests

Arctica's Writing Space Contest

Submit poetry, creative non-fiction and short fiction that explore 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>

Conferences, Workshops, and Awards

Spotlight on Learning: Becoming Agents of Change Conference

What it means to be literate in the 21st Century is about much more than just reading and writing- it is about how we communicate in society and how we prepare for a changing world.

The Spotlight on Learning: Becoming Agents of Change conference is a Canada-East initiative to help Canadians prepare for these changes. The conference brings over 400 leaders from literacy, education, government and business together to learn, network and set an agenda for literacy in the 21st century.

For more information, download the Tradeshow and Sponsorship guide attached with this email or visit the Spotlight on Learning webpage at www.on.literacy.ca/spotlightonlearning/sponsor

2010 Forum of the Adult Learning Network (ALN): Lifelong Learning Matters: Taking Steps Forward - November 7, 2010, Ottawa

The Adult Learning Network's first Forum is designed to bring together ideas about how to capture every possible opportunity to realize a thriving lifelong learning culture in Canada. For more information and to register visit: <http://aln-raa.ca/forum/2010forum/>

Funding Opportunities

Service Canada - Call For Proposal for New Horizons for Seniors - Capital Assistance.

The New Horizons for Seniors program helps to ensure seniors are able to benefit from and contribute to the quality of life in their community through their social participation and active living. Capital Assistance funding helps non profit organizations that need to upgrade their facilities or equipment for existing senior's programs. This will enable seniors to continue to lead active lives. Capital assistance funding is grant funding of up to \$25,000 for projects directly benefiting seniors. The deadline for applications is October 8, 2010. To learn more about the Capital Assistance program check out the website at:

http://www.rhdchrsdc.gc.ca/eng/community_partnerships/seniors/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

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 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 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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