

The Literacy Connection

Yukon Literacy Coalition

Friday April 30, 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!

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

Drop in hours are 10:00 – 5:00 Monday - Friday with some exceptions for programming. Check out the full schedule on the YLC website <http://www.yukonliteracy.ca/flc.htm> or phone 867-668-8698.

Some Regular Activities in May:

Stories with Samantha

A wonderful opportunity for parents and children to share the wonder of books and make a craft together with our very own craft expert Samantha.

When: Every Wednesday from 10:30 to 11:30 am

Treasure Chest Tales

When: Saturdays starting May 15
1:00 -2:00 pm

Stories, games and crafts. Come join the fun!

May Special Event:

Story Sack Workshop! Limited space so register now.

Learn how to make your own “Very Hungry Caterpillar’ story sack
Use songs, finger-plays and props to tell a story:

When: Wednesday, May 12
7:00pm - 9:00pm

\$15.00 Supply Fee, Register by calling Jan Tulloch @ 633-4777



What's New?

Financial Advice by Women for Women

“But while women may be less likely to enjoy investing, studies show that they may inherently be better investors than men.” Interested, intrigued, annoyed? Read more at <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/24/your-money/24money.html>

2010 Aboriginal Education Incentive Awards!

It's been five years since the Aboriginal Education Incentive Awards (AEIA) became a vital part of Canada Post's nationwide scholarship program. Submissions will be accepted from May 1 to July 31, 2010. “[Download our brochure](#) (PDF format). It includes everything applicants need to know—from eligibility and submission criteria to program rules and much more. If you'd like printed versions of the brochure, please contact France Coulombe at france.coulombe@canadapost.ca.”

Science Fiction Writing Contest - \$1000 Award- deadline November 1st, 2010

Open to Native, First Nations, Indigenous, and Aboriginal students currently enrolled part-time or full-time in any accredited university, college, or high school. Canadians are welcome. Send personal statement and previously unpublished science fiction story (up to 4,000 words) to Professor Grace L. Dillon (Anishinaabe) as attachments: dillong@pdx.edu

Community News

Free Comic Book Day – Sat. May 1st

Choose 3 from over 25 titles on Free Comic Book day at Titan Gaming & Collectibles, 305 Main St. Phone 867.668.5750. Check out the TD Family Literacy Centre for comic books recently donated by Titan Gaming & Collectibles.

Learning Disabilities Association Yukon

Contact Camp Raven Staff at ldaycampraven@gmail.com or phone 867 668-5167 or toll free in the Yukon 1-877-238-5322.

You are cordially invited to attend the **37th Annual General Meeting** of the Learning Disabilities Association of Yukon.

Where: Whitehorse United Church

When: May 27, 2010

7:00 to 9:00 pm

We have planned:

- * Guest speaker
- * Camp slide show
- * Awards presentations
- * LDAY Raffle Draw
- * Dessert

Business meeting expected to start at 8:00 pm

We hope you will attend!

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MacBride Museum – Young Explorers Preschool Program

This program is designed for parents and children to explore the MacBride Museum's animal gallery together. Cost: Free for members / \$5 per parent and child. This program is run on a drop-in basis for children under 5.

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, April 28 from 12-1pm

At the MacBride Museum of Yukon History

Expanded Hours

The MacBride Museum is now open Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 4pm. After May 16 we will be open daily from 9:30am to 5:30pm.

Call 667-2709, ext.3, or visit our website at www.macbridemuseum.com for more information on these and other MacBride Museum programs.

Literacy in the News

Summer Institute 2010: Workplace Literacy and Essential Skills- What counts? and Why? – June 28 – 30, Montreal

The 2010 Summer Institute will bring together policy-makers, literacy and essential skills providers, and researchers to examine what is currently being counted to evaluate the results of Workplace Essential Skills programs and whether enlarging the frame of reference could lead to better outcomes for workers, employers and the country as a whole. For more information go to <http://www.centreforliteracy.qc.ca/inst/sli2010/index10.htm>

Health Literacy Universal Precautions Toolkit

This toolkit is designed to help adult and pediatric practices ensure that systems are in place to promote better understanding by all patients, not just those you think need extra assistance. To download the toolkit visit www.ahrq.gov/qual/literacy/

Financial literacy: What's your grade?

More people are giving themselves higher marks for being money-savvy, but this US survey indicates many still need help. Check out this site for details:

<http://articles.moneycentral.msn.com/SmartSpending/blog/page.aspx?post=1744249>

Contests

The Great Questions Essay Contest – deadline May 7, 2010.

A writing contest for Canadian high school students – for more information visit

<http://www.greatquestions.com/e/bulletin.html> (English)

http://www.greatquestions.com/f/gcq_regles.html (français)

Conferences, Workshops, and Awards

Annual Summer Science Program – Deadline to apply: Friday, May 7th

The Institute for Aboriginal Health at UBC in partnership with the First Nations House of Learning is offering a one-week cultural, health and science program for Aboriginal students in grades 8-11. Students who have completed grades 8-11 and are of Aboriginal Ancestry, are encouraged to apply. Contact the University of British Columbia, Institute for Aboriginal Health - Phone: 604.822.1795 or 604.822.6612 or check out www.iah.ubc.ca

The 2010 Canada Post Community Literacy Awards – deadline May 21, 2010

This is your opportunity to nominate a deserving adult learner and/or educator from your community for a prestigious award that recognizes personal achievement. Nominations open March 22nd. For more information visit

http://www.canadapost.ca/cpc_email/Literacy/literacy_2010_1.htm

“Brains & Partnerships”: Conversations & Collaboration towards Healthy Human Development – Whitehorse, May 26 - 27, 2010

Join a gathering of people invested & interested in early child development for purposeful conversations. This event aims to address questions such as why do the earliest times of a person's life directly affect their lifelong health, learning and behaviour; what are we doing well in the Yukon in government, community, and citizen investment; and what could we change to bring about programs and services that are more effective? For more information email:

kswales@yukoncollege.yk.ca (preferable) or call 668-8794. The event is FREE.

2010 Summit on a People Centred Economy – May 30 – June 1st, 2010

The 2010 National Summit on a People-Centred Economy in Ottawa will bring together leaders and community representatives to build a common agenda and mobilize action for a secure, sustainable economy that puts people and the planet first. For more information visit

www.ccednet-rcdec.ca/en/summit

International Conference on Dynamic Governance – Yukon College June 14-16.

This conference will appeal to those looking for more harmony and engagement in the workplace. For more information visit <http://www.riverflowsbothways.com/>

National Family Literacy Conference – July 15 – 17th, 2010

For the first time in over a decade, a National Family Literacy Conference is set to take place in Edmonton July 15 – 17th, 2010. The conference will profile the critical contributions of family literacy across Canada and around the world! For more information call (780) 427-5704 or email deborah.landry@gov.ab.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

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>

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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