

The Literacy Connection

Yukon Literacy Coalition

Friday June. 18, 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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Join Evelyn and Beth in Dawson City!

Take part in a Literacy and Essential Skills (LES) workshop presented by the Coalition. Essential Skills are the skills needed for work, learning and life. They provide the foundation for learning all other skills and enable people to move forward with their lives, their jobs, and adapt to change. Everyone is welcome and there is no fee.

Tuesday, June.22 at 3pm Yukon College, Dawson City

Community Tour with Allen and Jeanie from the TD Family Literacy Centre

Allen and Jeanie Murray from the TD Family Literacy Centre will be in the following communities to bring magic, storytelling and family literacy activities:

- Mayo :
 - Friday, June 18th – community visit;
 - Saturday, June 19th – literacy program and display at Arts in the Park
- Dawson :
 - Wednesday & Thursday, June 23rd & 24th 2:30 – 5:30 pm – literacy program and display under their tent in the park
- Teslin:
 - Tuesday, June.29th Program and display in the park or Rec Centre depending on weather

They will also have registration forms for the Yukon Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

Summer Programs at the Family Literacy Centre

Free programs of fun, games, laughing, stories and creativity.
All at the Family Literacy Centre, upstairs @ the Canada Games Centre.

Leaping Literacy!

Free, Drop in

Ages 0-3 & their parents, brothers and sisters are welcome

A morning program for parents and their tots that encourages learning through play, physical activity and early language.

We start in the Family Literacy Centre with Songs, Games and Poems, and finish playing on the indoor fields at the Canada Games Centre.

Based on the LEAP BC Family Literacy Program. http://www.2010legaciesnow.com/leap_bc/

Leader: Tanya Duchaine

5 Tuesdays, July 6 - August 3

10am - 12pm

Super Summer Theatre

Free

Ages 10 - 12

Act out fun with kids' theatre - characters, scenes and exploration of northern and children's tales, and maybe write your own play! A great introduction to the world on stage, Readers' Theatre develops theatre play, reading, expression and improvisation ranging from real experiences to total silliness!

Leader: Nancy Turner

5 Thursdays, July 8 - August 5

11am - 12:30 (before the afternoon swim session)

Treasure Chest Tales

Stories, Games and Crafts

Free

Ages 4 - 7

Saturdays 1 - 2pm

June 26: Now you see them, now you don't: Animal Masks

July 3: Curious George & the Firefighters: real live Firefighters!

Leader: Alisha Rosenberger

English as a Second Language: ESL

Free

Leader: Nancy Turner

Monday nights, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Fun, Interactive, real-world based English Development for Beginner and Intermediate Adult Learners.

Literacy on the Lawn

Summer reading on the front Lawn of the Canada Games Centre
for all Ages

10:30 am- 12:00 pm

Every Thursday and Friday morning, all summer, weather permitting

Stretch outside for stories and interactive reading while at the Canada Games Centre - for tots, kids, youngsters and their grown-ups.

Watch for the Literacy Tent at Summer Events

- Canada Day @ Shipyards Park
- Riverside Arts Festival in Dawson City, August 14 - 16

For more information call 867-668-8698.

What's New?

WEBINAR "Catching Confidence" with Dr. Jan Eldred June 29, 2010

The literature on workplace literacy and essential skills programs identifies increased self-confidence as a recurrent and significant "soft" outcome for participants. But can such an intangible be measured? If so, how? If not, what evidence can be collected to demonstrate its nature and significance? Dr. Eldred will present and demonstrate tools developed in the UK to explore and capture how learners feel about their confidence. She will show how to adapt these tools to different learner groups and individuals. The presentation will highlight free materials on the NIACE web site.

Dr. ELdred has published numerous reports and books on literacy, learning and essential skills, and oversaw a major research project that resulted in the Catching Confidence report and tool (more information at <http://archive.niace.org.uk/Research/BasicSkills/Projects/Catching-confidence.htm>).

Time: 4:15-5:15 pm

Cost: \$25

REGISTRATION LIMITED TO 25: FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED. For more information call (514)798-5601 or email info@centreforliteracy.qc.ca

Atwood will headline 2011 Frye Festival

Canadian author Margaret Atwood will headline the 2011 Northrop Frye Festival in Moncton, N.B., event organizers announced on Wednesday.

<http://www.cbc.ca/canada/new-brunswick/story/2010/06/09/nb-margaret-atwood-northrop-frye-124.html>

Summer reading for kids: Only the best

A new season means new books!

<http://www.parentcentral.ca/parent/activities/familytime/stories/article/819133--summer-reading-for-kids-only-the-best>

Community News

CAMP WILD CHILD ECO-EXPLORATION

Camp Activities: Canoeing, Hiking, Birding, Plant Identification, Tracking, Navigation Skills, Multi-day Overnight Camping

Visits To or From: Teslin Bird Banding Centre, Beringia Centre, Yukon Wildlife Preserve, Parks Canada Presentation, Discussions with First Nation Elder, Fish Lake, Yukon River Fish Ladder, Chadburn Lake, Kusawa Lake

"Over the course of two weeks, this camp teaches principles of biodiversity, climate change, natural history and how the aforementioned concepts relate to conservation efforts in the Yukon. These concepts will be explored at length while participating in fun hands-on activities. Students will be encouraged to develop their creativity and critical thought skills, as well as new outdoor hard-skills. On the final day of the camp there will be a completion ceremony at which all students will be recognized for the unique way in which they contributed to the camp and students will showcase their learning through a final presentation to parents. (Parents are encouraged to attend) <http://www.cabinfeveradventures.com/wildchilditinerary.html>

Yukon Learn Society

The Yukon Learn Society invites all members to their AGM on June 23rd 2010. It will be held from 12-1pm in the meeting room at the Alpine Bakery.
For more information regarding the AGM please call Bree at 668-6280 extension 221.

Also - **The Peter Gzowski Invitational** is scheduled for June 26th this year. Barney Bentall will be performing Friday, June 25th at 8pm for our 'Night Before Event'. Tickets are \$32 for adults and \$22 for seniors and students. Tickets can be purchased at Yukon Learn and The Arts Centre. All proceeds go to Yukon Learn.

Yukon Learn welcomes back Rachel Clarke as their PGI coordinator! For more information about the PGI, please contact Rachel at 668-6280 x226.

We are still registering for our You can compute! New Horizons for Seniors course. If you were born before 1955 and are interested in learning more about computers, call Bree at 668-6280 x 221 to register.

Summer at LMCC Km 1 Annie Lake Road

LMCA Arts Camp

June 21st to June 25th

9:30am to 3:30pm

Ages 3 years old to 12 years old

\$150.00/child

The camp will be facilitated by four great instructors

Gail Lotenberg – Creative Movement

Helen O'Connor – Visual Arts

Heidi Marion- Nature Crafts

Ruth Lera- Co-operative Games, Songs and Drama

There is still time to register!!

Please contact Agnes at lmca@northwestel.net or 668-7083

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.

Expanded Hours = The MacBride Museum is now 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

Basic English literacy not enough to land jobs abroad

Despite basically literate in English, Filipinos continue to lose employment opportunities overseas because of lack of a deeper follow through in the English subjects provided in schools.

<http://www.philstar.com/Article.aspx?articleId=584056&publicationSubCategoryId=108>

Ontario's high school literacy test results released

The Education Quality and Accountability Office released school and board-wide results Wednesday for the 2009-2010 high school literacy tests.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/ontario/ontarios-high-school-literacy-test-results-released/article1606328/>

Infants, Toddlers and Precursors to Literacy

Babies and reading: It may sound ridiculous to put these two words in the same sentence. But as new studies uncover connections between infants' and toddlers' early experiences and their later reading success, people within the field of education are taking note of what kinds of social experiences and language interactions are best for very young children.

http://earlyed.newamerica.net/blogposts/2010/infants_toddlers_and_precursors_to_literacy-33270

Conferences, Workshops, and Awards

New initiative honours the late Peter Gzowski, legendary Canadian journalist adult literacy champion.

(Toronto, ON, June 17, 2010) – Today, ABC Life Literacy Canada (formerly ABC CANADA Literacy Foundation) announced the new Peter Gzowski Life Literacy Fellowship, created to increase public awareness of adult literacy in Canada and support one journalist with a financial contribution of \$2,000 in the development of a media story attributed to adult literacy. Full details, submission criteria and entry forms can be found online at <http://www.abclifeliteracy.ca> now through to August 27, 2010.

“ABC Life Literacy Canada is delighted to introduce this new national media fellowship and continue to honour Peter Gzowski’s legacy as a champion for adult literacy,” said Margaret Eaton, President, ABC Life Literacy Canada. “Journalism is extremely important to help increase awareness and improve public understanding of our cause. We hope more warm and powerful media stories will inspire Canadians to think about the literacy skills they need to live a full engaged life.”

Council of the Federation Literacy Award

Nominations are due by June.25th, 2010.

What is the Council of the Federation Literacy Award?

Sharing a common interest in developing the literacy and skills of Canadians, the COF is sponsoring an annual Literacy Award to recognize leader in the field of adult literacy. Every year, the Premier of Yukon will give the COF Literacy Award to one Yukon person or organization who has been nominated as a literacy leader. For more information visit

<http://www.education.gov.yk.ca/advanceded/labour/literacyprograms.html#cof>

If you have questions about the nomination process or the nomination package, please call Danielle Sheldon at (867) 667-5690

Dr. Alan Middleton Workplace Literacy and Learning Award – deadline July 30, 2010

ABC Life Literacy Canada announces that its call for nominations to the Dr. Alan Middleton Workplace Literacy and Learning Award is now open. This national award will recognize an individual for their outstanding achievement in increasing workplace literacy and essential skills in their community. The honour was established to recognize the outstanding contribution of ABC Life Literacy Canada board member and former Chair, Dr. Alan Middleton - a true champion for literacy. Canadians are encouraged to nominate individuals online at www.abclifeliteracy.ca
<http://www.abclifeliteracy.ca>

Canada Post 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.

“http://www.canadapost.ca/cpo/mr/assets/pdf/aboutus/community/Aboriginal_Ed_Incentive_bro_en.pdf (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.”

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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