

The Literacy Connection

Yukon Literacy Coalition

Friday June. 4, 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!

Exciting News at the Yukon Literacy Coalition!!!

New Director at the TD Family Literacy Centre

The Yukon Literacy Coalition welcomes Christine Spinder as the new Director of the TD Family Literacy Centre, located at the Canada Games Centre. Christine brings a wealth of experience, enthusiasm and creativity to the Centre.



“I am excited about being part of the rich, vibrant community that supports and works in literacy in the Yukon. I love stories. Family literacy is the place where our stories start.”

Allen Murray, outgoing Director of the Centre, is taking family literacy across the Yukon this summer with magic, storytelling and family literacy activities. Tour schedule will be announced on the Yukon Literacy Coalition website: <http://www.yukonliteracy.ca/> . We thank Allen for his continuing dedication to family literacy in the Yukon.



The Family Literacy Centre was made possible through the Canada/Yukon Northern Strategy Trust Fund 2009.



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 June:

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

1:00 -2:00 pm (Stories, games and crafts.) Come join the fun!

What's New?

Youth Take Charge

June 14 is the next deadline to apply for Youth in Charge funding from Canadian Heritage. This program will provide \$12.3 million over three years to youth-led projects promoting youth attachment to Canada. There is also an October application deadline. For more information go to <http://www.pch.gc.ca/eng/1268358616111/1273511621149>

ABC Life Literacy Canada

Launches new essential Skills, workplace education website.

http://abclifeliteracy.ca/workplace_literacy/home

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

New subsidy program to help Yukoners get jobs

WHITEHORSE – The Government of Yukon now offers a temporary wage subsidy to encourage employers to hire people who have been unemployed for a long time or who are having difficulties entering the workforce.

<http://www.gov.yk.ca/news/2010/10-096.html>

Help shape the future of Yukon education

“Recently, we unveiled the Department of Education’s five-year draft strategic plan. When finalized, the strategic plan will deliver on departmental commitments to implement recommendations from reports such as the Education Reform Project and the Auditor General’s Report. The draft strategic plan is a document that will shape the future of education in Yukon. To make sure that the final plan reflects our shared vision and priorities, we invite you to download a copy of the Department of Education’s **Draft Strategic Plan** and provide comments at: www.education.gov.yk.ca or call Jennifer England, New Horizons Project Coordinator at 456-5545.”

Volunteer Yukon (VY)

Volunteer Yukon's invites you to their AGM on June 16, 2010. On the same day, VY, in partnership with Volunteer Canada, Imagine Canada, and HR Council for the Voluntary and Non-profit Sector, will offer a full slate of presentations for Yukon NGOs. It will be the first time that Yukon welcomes, at the same table, a representative from each of these national organizations.

When: Wednesday, June 16 9:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Location: Old Fire Hall, Whitehorse (1105 1st Ave.)

Cost: FREE & open to everyone!

Registration/Cancellation Deadline: Friday, June 4

(R.S.V.P. so that they can provide numbers to the event caterer)

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.

Also - **The Peter Gzowski Invitational** is scheduled for June 25th this year. The ‘Night Before’ event will be held on June 24th. Yukon Learn welcomes back Rachel Clarke as their PGI coordinator! For more information about the PGI, please contact Rachel at 668-6280 x226.

You Can Compute! New Horizons for Seniors course.

When: May 31 to June 18

For more information or to register call 668-6280.

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

Financial Literacy Bailout for the Younger Generation

In the aftermath of the global financial crisis, financial literacy is still low among young adults. According to a new study published in the Journal of Consumer Affairs, only twenty-seven percent of people aged 23-28 can answer three basic questions about interest rates, inflation, and risk diversification, and other basic financial concepts.

<http://www.alphagalileo.org/ViewItem.aspx?ItemId=77465&CultureCode=en>

Literacy Strongly Linked to Access to Books

Research by the National Literacy Trust has confirmed that young people's reading ability is linked strongly to their access to books at home as well as parental encouragement to read.

<http://www.thebookseller.com/news/119705-page.html>

Dolly's literacy program celebrates 15th season

Fifteen years ago, a newborn in Sevier County got a book in the mail from the county's most famous native.

<http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2010/jun/02/dolly-literacy-program-celebrates/>

More kids own cellphones than books

May 29, 2010

by Dave Parrack

Give your kid a mobile phone by all means. But make sure they have access to books first, surely?

<http://tech.blorge.com/Structure:%20/2010/05/29/more-kids-own-cellphones-than-books/>

Conferences, Workshops, and Awards

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/>

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.

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

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

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>

Funding Opportunities

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.”

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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