

# The Literacy Connection

Yukon Literacy Coalition

Friday May 28, 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!

## Yukon Literacy Coalition

**TD Canada Trust Family Literacy Centre (FLC) – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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?

**Science Fiction Writing Contest - \$1000 Award- deadline November 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 Send personal statement and previously unpublished science fiction story (up to 4,000 words) to Professor Grace L. Dillon (Anishinaabe) as attachments: [dillong@pdx.edu](mailto:dillong@pdx.edu)

## Community News

### **Early Learning Project prepares Children for Kindergarten**

A new early learning pilot project at Selkirk Elementary School will help expose pre-kindergarten children to high quality learning activities with their parents or caregivers.

<http://www.gov.yk.ca/news/2010/10-093.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](http://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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> this year. The ‘Night Before’ event will be held on June 24<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### **Learning Disabilities Association Yukon**

Contact Camp Raven Staff at [ldaycampraven@gmail.com](mailto: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 **37<sup>th</sup> 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

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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.

*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](http://www.macbridemuseum.com) for more information on these and other MacBride Museum programs.

## **Literacy in the News**

### **ABC Life Literacy Canada bolsters workplace education**

ABC Life Literacy Canada today launched a new workplace education website. Improving skills in the workplace offers a business solution—creating a more vibrant and productive workforce, a more competitive economy, and an improved bottom line. Training employees is one of the best investments a company can make. To access helpful tools and resources on workplace training, visit <http://www.workplaceeducation.ca>.

### **Canada's Score on Annual Learning Index Stalls**

Canada's progress on the Composite Learning Index (CLI) is at a stand still in 2010, and there has only been marginal progress over the past five years, according to the latest results from the Canadian Council on Learning's annual measure of lifelong learning.

<http://www.cli-ica.ca/en/about/media/2010release.aspx>

### **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 <http://www.abclifeliteracy.ca>.

## **Sexual Literacy**

On the heels of a divisive debate about sex education in Ontario schools, new research suggests the more information young people receive, the better.

Read more:

<http://www.ottawacitizen.com/health/Sexual+literacy/3080877/story.html#ixzzopEts5PMv>

## **Essential Skills Online: A Consortium Approach**

Can learners improve their essential skills by studying online? A pilot test that has been running from February to May 2010 with 240 students will determine the effectiveness of online learning using sector-specific, workplace-related materials and technological supports for disadvantaged learners. A second test will be conducted in the fall of 2010. For more information visit

<http://www.nald.ca/info/whatnew/headline/2010/essentialskills.htm>

## **Conferences, Workshops, and Awards**

### **2010 Summit on a People Centred Economy – May 30 – June 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](http://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/>

### **Council of the Federation Literacy Award**

Nominations are due by June 25<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:deborah.landry@gov.ab.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](mailto: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](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](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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