

The Literacy Connection

Yukon Literacy Coalition

Friday September.17, 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

World Teachers' Day
National Family Week
Yukon Literacy Week
Human Rights Day

October 5
October 4 – 11
October 12 – 17
December 10

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

FLC is finishing the last minor renovations and will be open to the public September 18th. Join in our first fun activity in the new space!

LANTERN-MAKING WORKSHOP

Saturday, September.18, 2010 10am – 3pm

\$5 per lantern (For adults and children 10 & up)

Then, bring your lantern and be part of the AUTUMN MOON FESTIVAL.

Wednesday, Sept.22nd 5:30pm at the Old Fire Hall on 1st Ave.

There will be Asian dancing, moon cakes, Asian moon stories, and of course, lanterns!

You will be able to check out the full FLC schedule on the YLC website

<http://www.yukonliteracy.ca/flc.htm> or phone 867-668-8698.

What's New?

GIRLS CLUB!

From September 23rd to December 16th, Victoria Faulkner Women's Center will be holding a Girls Club, open to all girls from grades 9 to 12, aged 14 to 18 years old. The Club will be on a drop in basis, so girls are welcome to commit for the full 12 sessions or come whenever they want. Activities will start at 4 pm every Thursday. The Girl's Club is free and food will be served. Any material needed for the activities will also be provided. Call Angelune Drouin (867) 667-2693

Fireweed Day Camp Art & Literacy Experience

This summer, children attending the City of Whitehorse Fireweed Day Camp participated in 4 Art and Literacy sessions. The sessions were designed and delivered by Laurie Larkin-Boyle, an art educator and volunteer with the TD Family Literacy Centre with assistance from Family Literacy Worker, Samantha Macklon. We hope you enjoy the children's creations, on display at the Yukon Art Gallery - Youth Gallery Friday, September 3 to Saturday, September 25th.

Community News

Fifteen community projects receive CDF funding

The Community Development Fund (CDF) is awarding \$812,985 to various community projects under Tier 2 funding. <http://www.gov.yk.ca/news/2010/10-174.html>

FASD Symposium in Whitehorse

"Walking Together -- connecting practice and research to create change" is the theme of the FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder) Symposium in Whitehorse, September 28 and 29, 2010. For more information and to register go to www.cnfp2010symposium.ca

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

Canadians head back to school, Aboriginal students still shut out

While college and university students across the country have started their classes, thousands of Aboriginal students are unable to access post-secondary education due to a lack of funding.

<http://www.newswire.ca/en/releases/archive/September2010/10/c8670.html>

Number of Canadians with low literacy skills likely to climb, group says

New study predicts number of Canadian struggling with literacy will rise by 25 per cent by 2031, but percentage of adults with problems will dip.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/proportion-of-canadians-with-low-literacy-skills-likely-to-climb-group-says/article1699379/>

Contests

Arctica's Writing Space Contest

Submit poetry, creative non-fiction and short fiction that explores 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

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.rhdccrsdc.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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