

The Literacy Connection

Yukon Literacy Coalition

Friday September 3, 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

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

September 8
October 5
October TBD
October 12 - 17
December 10

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

FLC is currently undergoing a few minor renovations and will be closed to the public until September 24th. We are really excited to welcome you back to the new and improved space, and we'll be letting you know about all the great new programming that you can look forward to this Fall.

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

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

What's New?

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.

Yukon students awarded scholarships to prestigious college

Two Yukon students will be heading to Lester B. Pearson United World College of the Pacific in Victoria as scholarship recipients. <http://www.gov.yk.ca/news/2010/10-163.html>

Community News

International Literacy Day!

Mark your calendar... September 8th, 2010

Join the Human Rights Commission and local literacy groups for International Literacy Day celebrations:

When: 12:00, Wednesday, Sept. 8th

Where: Elijah Smith Federal Building, Main Street

The Yukon Human Rights Commission will launch a new publication entitled "Know Your Rights" which is written in plain language in both English and French. You can check it out on their website at www.yhrc.yk.ca under "Publications". Refreshments will be served!

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

E-reading: Revolution in the making or a passing fad?

Questions remain about whether marketplace ready to dispense with paper-based reading

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/technology/personal-tech/e-reading-revolution-in-the-making-or-fading-fad/article1679543/>

High School Graduation Rates Much Lower In Northern Canada

In some regions of Northern Canada, almost half of all adults have not completed high school, compared to one in 12 in Southern Canada, according to the Centre for the North's "High School Confidential" map, the third in The Conference Board of Canada's Here, the North series.

http://www.conferenceboard.ca/press/newsrelease/10-08-26/High_School_Graduation_Rates_Much_Lower_In_Northern_Canada_Than_In_The_South.aspx

National Findings on Literacy and Essential Skills Revealed

Nine in ten Canadians believe improving literacy levels in Canada is key to improving the country's economy, states research by Ipsos Reid, conducted on behalf of ABC Life Literacy Canada. The research showed that Canadians recognize the link between literacy and the economy, and the role of literacy training in improving job prospects for Canadians. <http://abclifeliteracy.ca/en/ipsos-reid-national-literacy-results-revealed>

Contests

Arctica's Writing Space Contest

Submit poetry, creative non-fiction and short fiction that explore 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- October 18-20, 2010

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

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

New First Nations Literacy Resources

For more information go to: <http://firstnationliteracy.com>

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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