

The Literacy Connection

Yukon Literacy Coalition

Friday February 25, 2011

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 Dates:

Yukon Education Week 2010

April 11-15, 2011

HAPPY SOURDOUGH RENDEZVOUS WEEKEND EVERYONE!!

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

Superstar Theatre

Tales From Around the World.

When: Saturday Feb. 26th 12-2pm

Where: TD Family Literacy Centre (2nd floor Canada Games Centre).

Cost: FREE!!

Travel around the world in two hours with stories from Russia, the Middle East and Africa. A great introduction to the world of stage, Readers' Theatre develops theatre play, reading, expression and improvisation. Join us ~ you'll have so much fun!

For information or to register call: 668-8698

March and April Saturdays are going to be packed with fabulous projects for children and families!!!

Stephanie Parker, with many years experience leading educational arts projects in Northern Schools, will facilitate 3 Art & Story projects.

Saturdays through March and April. Ages: 8-12, with parents. 12 – 2 pm

Hero Mobiles

March 5, 12, 19

Paper Mache Word Mobiles about your Heroes.

What is a Hero? What are hero words? Discover heroes of today and of folklore. What are your Hero words? Make them with paper mache, and create a Hero Mobile to hang in your bedroom or family room.

Peace Banners

March 26, April 2, 9

What is Peace? What does it look like, and what do you want to say about it? We'll explore stories of Peace around the world, and collaborate with the group to create a future World Peace. Paint your own wall-hanging Peace Banner with words and symbols for Peace.

On the Land Block Print Poster

April 16, 23, 30

Show your stories on the Land and learn how to print! Block printing opens a world of words, images, collage and creativity. Carve your own printing blocks with words and symbols about being On the Land, and print your own On the Land poster.

Check out the full FLC winter schedule on the YLC website <http://www.yukonliteracy.ca/flc.htm> or phone 867-668-8698.

What's New?

Canada Learning Bonds: Information for Educations

According to a report recently released by the Maytree Foundation, almost 900,000 kids in low-income families are missing out on free education grants — in part because community organizations aren't getting the information out to parents. Six years after the launch of the Canada Learning Bond, only 212,000 children, or 19 per cent of those eligible, have taken advantage of the program. [More than Money: Mining the human and financial potential of Canada's education savings program for low-income families](#)

Community News

NOLS

Session dates:

14/15 yr old Backpacking June 28 to July 17, 2011 (limited space)

16-18 yr old Canoeing June 28 to July 17, 2011 (limited space)

14/15 yr old Canoeing July 27 to Aug 17, 2011 (limited space)

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There are currently multiple scholarships available for those who need financial assistance. Scholarship deadline to apply is April 1st. If you feel youth associated with your organization are interested or you know of someone, please pass on this information and encourage them to contact NOLS Yukon at yukon@nols.edu or 668-3578.

-Please check out our video series to get a better idea of what a NOLS experience is all about: http://www.nols.edu/videos/nols_video.shtml

Victoria Faulkner Book Club

VFWC Book Club continues with Eat, Pray, Love by Elizabeth Gilbert

Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything across Italy, India and Indonesia is a unique travelogue. Elizabeth Gilbert was a 30-year-old successful journalist with a perfect life (husband, fancy New York City apartment, fabulous weekend home) when she realized she was miserable. After surviving an acrimonious divorce, Gilbert sold her remaining possessions to spend a year abroad— four months each in three countries with nothing in common except starting with the letter "I". The author provides vivid color and quirky humor as she eats (in Italy), prays (in India), and finds love (in Indonesia). This is a delightful memoir that explores exotic countries as well as the author's heart and soul.

The meeting for book club is Thursday, March 3rd at 5:30pm here at the Women's Centre. Copies of the book are available at the Women's Centre.

Yukon Mine Training Association – Caring for the Land

YMTA is recruiting aboriginal participants for our very exciting 14-week Caring for the Land training program. This is a camp-based program with employment opportunities following the program. This program will start April.11, 2011. To apply send resume and cover letter to: Shelly McDonald shelly@ymta.org or phone (867)456-8316.

Arts in the Park

Arts in the Park needs Children's Performers

Every Wednesday at Arts in the Park we have "Family" or "Kids" day.

We try to present something entertaining and appropriate for the younger set.

Sometimes we even get educational at the same time. Contact Steve at 867-334-3052

Literacy in the News

The Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC), Canada's long-standing intergovernmental body, met yesterday with leaders and representatives of national Aboriginal organizations (NAOs)

TORONTO, February 24, 2011

— the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples (CAP), Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK), the Métis National Council (MNC), and the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC).

The meeting comes in follow-up to the highly successful CMEC Summit on Aboriginal Education, which took place in February 2009 in Saskatoon, and reflects CMEC's ongoing work with partners to eliminate the gap in academic achievement and graduation rates between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal learners, as outlined in CMEC's 2008 ministerial declaration, [Learn Canada 2020](#).

Literacy Program Introduced at Ruston Pediatrics Associates

Getting books from the doctor will soon be a routine part of regular pediatric checkups at Ruston Pediatrics, as doctors and nurses welcome the Reach Out and Read program to the practice.

<http://rustonleader.com/node/9490>

Social capital, social media and adult literacy education: commentary

By Tom Sticht

Over two decades ago, in a 1989 paper entitled Making the Nation Smarter: The Intergenerational Transfer of Cognitive Ability, Barbara McDonald and I asserted that "the challenge for the future is how to manage the intergenerational development of cognitive ability in such a way that we can provide the human and social capital needed for making the nation smarter."

<http://www.nald.ca/news/0216116938>

Contests

RBC SEEKS EMERGING ARTISTS FOR 13TH ANNUAL RBC CANADIAN PAINTING COMPETITION

RBC, with the support of the Canadian Art Foundation, today announced its call for entries for the 2011 RBC Canadian Painting Competition. With a total of \$55,000 in prize money, it is the largest competition of its kind in Canada. Entries must be submitted by May 11, 2011 and winners will be announced in Edmonton on September 27, 2011, with the national winner receiving \$25,000 and two honourable mentions each receiving \$15,000. Semi-finalists in the competition will see their work displayed at prominent art galleries across the country and featured in Canadian Art magazine. Details and rules of the competition may be found at www.rbc.com/paintingcompetition.

Canadian Aboriginal Arts and Writing Challenge

Deadline: March 31st, 2011

Are you an Aboriginal Canadian between the ages of 14-29? Showcase your talent and creativity, have your work reviewed by the foremost Aboriginal storytellers! You could win cash prizes and even have your work published in a national magazine! <http://www.our-story.ca/wc>

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>

Conferences, Workshops, and Awards

National Screen Institute looking for Inuit and Aboriginal adults for film training program Deadline: March 31st, 2011

News release - NSI New Voices, run by Canada's National Screen Institute (NSI), is looking for nine talented Canadian Aboriginal adults aged 18 to 35 who are seeking careers in film and TV. This training program will connect students with industry professionals through skills development training and an eight week full-time industry work placement. The program begins the last week of April and takes place in Winnipeg, Manitoba. http://www.nsi-canada.ca/nsi_new_voices_faq.aspx

Nominate Your Role Model Now! Deadline is March 4, 2011

The National Aboriginal Health Organization is looking for First Nations, Inuit and Métis youth between the ages of 13 to 30, who are positive role models. If you know a youth that has shown leadership in school, in sports or in their community, submit a nomination today! [More...](#)

The PeaceJam Foundation

Provides five curricular programs that explore the stories of 12 Nobel Peace Laureates and the ways they overcame problems in their communities. Youth study the personal experiences of these amazing world leaders and then engage in service-learning activities that address local needs. <http://www.peacejam.org/education.aspx>

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>

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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