

# The Literacy Connection

Yukon Literacy Coalition

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*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!*

***Thanks to all our Partners and all the participants in helping make National Family Literacy Day such a huge success!!!***

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

Current programming includes: ESL, Mother Goose, and tutoring. Leaping Literacy and Super Star Theatre begin next week! Don't miss out.

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?***

### ***365 Days of Children's Books***

This blog features a different children's book each day.

<http://365daysofchildrensbooks.blogspot.com/p/welcome-to-365-days-of-childrens-books.html>

## ***Community News***

### ***New support group for loved ones of substance abusers***

WHITEHORSE—Yukon Health and Social Services is introducing a new drop-in support program for people affected by the drug or alcohol abuse of a loved one. <http://www.gov.yk.ca/news/11-008.html>

## ***Yukon Learn Society offering courses!***

### **Employability Course**

Date January 31 to February 4, 2011

Time: 12:30 to 4:30 PM

Phone: 867 668 6280 ext: 0

Description: The Employability Course will cover MS Word, include a Resume and Cover Letter writing workshop, include help finding job opportunities online, and more. Please contact 668-6280 or visit us at 107 Main Street for more information, or to sign up. This project is sponsored by Yukon Education.

### **Out of the Margin, Into the Community Project**

Date: February 1, 4, 8 & 11, 2011

Time: 10:00 to 2:00 PM

Phone: 867 668 6280 ext: 226

**Or**

Date: January 31, February 2, 7 & 9, 2011

Time: 10:00 to 3:00 PM

Phone: 867 668 6280 ext: 226

Description: Yukon Learn is on location at Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre and C.A.I.R.S. (Committee on Abuse in Residential Schools) to provide Internet Service for people that cannot afford them. The program will teach basic computer skills including surfing the Internet, checking and setting up email accounts, setting up face book. This is sponsored by the United Way of Yukon.

## ***Literacy in the News***

### ***Text messaging 'improves children's spelling skills': British study***

The Telegraph, Jan 20, 2011

The use of "textisms" can improve literacy among pupils by giving them extra exposure to word composition outside the school day, it was claimed.

[http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/news/2957\\_text\\_messaging\\_can\\_boost\\_literacy\\_%20among\\_pupils\\_research\\_suggests](http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/news/2957_text_messaging_can_boost_literacy_%20among_pupils_research_suggests)

### ***A New Year's resolution with lifelong impact***

This month many Canadians across our great nation will usher in resolutions with the hope of making personal improvements for the year ahead. Odds are most will not think about improving their literacy skills.

<http://www.ottawacitizen.com/news/Year+resolution+with+lifelong+impact+increase+your+literacy+skills/4129805/story.html>

## **Contests**

### **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](mailto:WritingSpace@ArcticaMag.ca) or submit online to [Arctica Magazine](http://www.arcticamag.ca).

<http://www.arcticamag.ca/current-issue/1-today/70-writing-space-contest.html>

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

### **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](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](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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