

The Literacy Connection

Yukon Literacy Coalition

Friday March.4, 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

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

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.

Please register for these free programs by calling 668-8698.

SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES – FREE!

Lunchtime Storytelling

Over March break, bring your lunch and take in magical, funny and wacky stories.

Monday-Thursday March 15-17 and Mar 22-24 at 1:00pm (All ages)

March Break Drama

Act out! Join us for fun afternoons of theatresports, improv games and reader's theatre over the first week of March break.

Space limited

Tuesday-Thursday March 15-17 2-4pm (Ages 9-12)

Bookmaking

Join us for an afternoon of bookmaking. Bring each book to life through arts, crafts and collage. Listen, read and collect the stories that inspire you!

Tuesday-Thursday March 22-24 2-4pm (Ages 9-12)

Please register for these free programs by calling 668-8698.

Check out the full FLC winter/spring schedule on the YLC website

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

What's New?

Seeking Volunteers for the 13th Annual

BURNING AWAY THE WINTER BLUES CELEBRATION

Yukon Educational Theatre has some terrific volunteer opportunities for the upcoming BURNING AWAY THE WINTER BLUES Celebration on Saturday, March 19th.

Burning Away the Winter Blues is a torch lit procession that weaves its way along the waterfront trail to the Robert Service Campground where a huge bonfire greets the participants. People park at Robert Service campground and catch the shuttle bus to the muster point at the SS Klondike.

Shuttle bus runs from 8:15 to 8:45. Check out our website at

www.burningawaythewinterblues.com/. All volunteers are welcome. There are many roles to play from effigy and torch carriers to security people. For more information, contact Linda Leon at 668 5028 or e-mail her at lmleon@northwestel.net.

Community News

Winter - Sun- Fun Festival

Sunday March 13th 11.00 am - 4.00 pm

Lorne Mountain Community Centre km1 Annie Lake Road

One more time before winter is gone... winter crafts and activities for the whole family :

- Kids snow obstacle course
- Snowball target practice
- Mini snow sculptures
- Skating , Family hockey

MAGICAL MUSICAL CARNIVAL AT 1PM

LMCA Winter Café open... for more info call 667 7083

Victoria Faulkner celebrates International Women's Day Tuesday, March 8, 2011!

Not only is Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre holding an open house (together with the Yukon Status of Women Council - stop by anytime from 11-7... everyone is welcome!), but we're having a film festival too.

Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre - 503 Hanson

11am:

Tea & Justice

Defying Stereotypes

Changing Law Enforcement

In TEA & JUSTICE, Officer Ormsby and Detectives Chan and Leung share stories about their careers, their personal lives, the stereotypes they defied and how they persevered.

12:15pm:

Searching 4 Sandeep

Through raw, incredibly frank footage, Searching 4 Sandeep follows Poppy and Sandeep's tumultuous relationship across two years and three continents.

1:30pm:

The Heretics

THE HERETICS celebrates the Second Wave of the Women's Movement from inside a New York publishing collective.

3:15pm:

Poor No More

We were always told, "If you work hard, things will get better." But many hard-working Canadians have only seen things get worse. Corporate profits soared, but only the rich got richer.

Workshops will run all afternoon - on the topics of healthy relationships, positive sexuality, and the gender/sexuality spectra.

Everyone is welcome!

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)

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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

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

Read between the literacy lines

The noble goal of boosting financial literacy is like motherhood or apple pie: You won't find many bad-mouthing it. So it was predictable that Canada's financial industry fell over itself this week to praise the final report of the Financial Literacy Task Force.

<http://www.canada.com/business/fp/Read+between+literacy+lines/4269877/story.html>

Boys crack open books looking for heroes

A group of Goodfellow Public School boys recently discovered heroes and adventures between the covers of books. <http://www.simcoe.com/news/article/959453--boys-crack-open-books-looking-for-heroes>

Many Americans have poor health literacy

An elderly woman sent home from the hospital develops a life-threatening infection because she doesn't understand the warning signs listed in the discharge instructions. A man flummoxed by an intake form in a doctor's office reflexively writes "no" to every question because he doesn't understand what is being asked. A young mother pours a drug that is supposed to be taken by mouth into her baby's ear, perforating the eardrum. And a man in his 70s preparing for his first colonoscopy uses a suppository as directed, but without first removing it from the foil packet. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2011/02/28/AR2011022805957.html>

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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