

The Literacy Connection

Yukon Literacy Coalition

Monday May 30, 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:

National Access Awareness Week

May 29 - June 4

National Aboriginal Day

June.21

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

Open Drop-In

Each week, the centre welcomes all ages to come to the centre to tell stories, make crafts, do a puppet show, teach a song or have a quiet (or not-so-quiet) read.

Mondays to Thursdays: 12pm to 4:00pm

Saturdays 2-4pm

Parent Meetings

Every Wednesday night 7-8:30pm at The Family Literacy Centre until June 15th.

This is family literacy support for parents who wish to drop-in. Need ideas? Have questions? Come by on Wednesday evenings, or call us at 668-8698.

Mother Goose

For parents and their infants (0-1) this program offers lively rhymes, songs and stories followed by a nutritious snack. Registered Program.

Wednesdays 11:00 to 12:00 pm

Leaping Literacy

This drop-in program for parents and tots age 1-3 encourages learning through play, physical activity and early language. We start at the Family Literacy Centre with songs, games and poems, and finish playing on the indoor fields at the Canada Games Centre.

Spring Schedule: Thursdays starting April 14 to June 16 10:00 to 11:30am

Summer Schedule: Thursdays July 14 through Aug 25 10 to 11:30am

Père poule maman gâteau

Partagez rondes, chansons, comptines et histoires en français pour les tout-petits et leurs parents.

Public cible : Enfants de 0 à 5 ans, parents et futurs parents.

Animatrice: Pierrette Taillefer

Coût: Gratuit, collation incluse.

Les mardis du 12^{er} avril au 24 mai. 10-11:30am

English as a Second Language: ESL

Fun, interactive, real-world based English Development for Intermediate Adult Learners.

Mondays 6:30-8:30 pm.

Tutor Time

In partnership with LDAY, Yukon Learn and the Canada Games Centre Youth program

Tuesdays and Thursdays 4 to 7pm.

Youth Lounge

In partnership with Canada Games Centre Youth program, free and fun programming available for youth at the Family Literacy Centre. Drama, arts, puppet making and more! Ages 12+

Fridays 6:30-8pm.

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

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

What's New?

A FREE PUBLIC READING

Gwaandak Theatre and Baked Café present playwright and director YVETTE NOLAN Thursday June 2ND, 6 pm at BAKED CAFÉ. Nolan (Algonquin/Irish) is a playwright, dramaturg, and director. Her plays include Annie Mae's Movement, BLADE, Job's Wife, Video, Scattering Jake and Two Old Women. Directing credits include The Only Good Indian..., The Triple Truth (Turtle Gals), Death of a Chief, The Unnatural and Accidental Women, Annie Mae's Movement, A Very Polite Genocide, and Salt Baby (Native Earth). She is the editor of Beyond the Pale: Dramatic Writing from First Nations Writers and Writers of Colour, and the co-editor, with Donna-Michelle St Bernard, of Refractions: Solo. From 2003-2011, she served as Artistic Director of Native Earth Performing Arts, Canada's oldest professional theatre company, in Toronto.

Thanks to The Canada Council of the Arts and Playwrights Guild of Canada.

Community News

Free summer programs

For kids at Whitehorse Public Library from June 20 to July 29 for ages 4-12.

REGISTRATION required. Space is limited.

For more information or to register call Collyn Lovelace at 667-8900 or email

collyn.lovelace@gov.yk.ca.

SPLASH INTO SUMMER AGES 4-5: First offering Monday 10:30-11:30am OR second offering Thursday 10:30-11:30am.

SHIPWRECKED AGES 6-8: First offering Tuesday 10:30am-12:00pm OR second offering Wednesday 10:30am-12:00pm.

QUEST FOR HEROS AGES 9-12: Fridays 10:15am-12:15pm.

Proposal Writing Session

Offered by Seniors' Services, in conjunction with the Aging Well Strategy. The training will take place at on Wednesday June 15, 2011 at Hellaby Hall from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. For more information, or to register please contact Tina Bunce at Seniors Services' at 456- 3958 or by e-mail at

tina.bunce@gov.yk.ca.

The deadline for registration is June 7th, 2011.

There is no fee for this session and lunch will be provided.

Air North Runway Family Fun Run & Pancake Breakfast

Due to recent weather conditions, the date has been changed to JUNE 4th

A donation will be made to the Learning Disabilities Association of Yukon and you can visit the LDAY tent on-site.

Saturday, June 4, 2011 - 9:00am walkers, 9:30am runners Start/end at the Air North, Yukon's Airline Administration Building, 150 Condor Road.

Erik Nielsen Whitehorse International Airport perimeter trail run, 8.75km.

Pre-Registration Available now at Sport Yukon, 4061 - 4th Avenue

Race Day Registration 8:30am at the Air North Administration Building on day of the event

Entry Fee \$5.00 - Cash only, please. A donation will be made to the Learning Disabilities Association of Yukon.

Arts in the Park

LePage Park, 3rd & Wood, Monday – Friday (Noon – 1 Pm)

Admission: FREE

Wednesday performances are geared for kids! - June 1st – Holy Family School Band & Choir – showcasing the school's musical talent

Literacy in the News

Read to Me! Inspires early childhood literacy

Each day in hospitals across Nova Scotia, newborns are welcomed into the world with a bag of books and literacy resources developed to guide families through the early years of literacy development.

Read more:

<http://www.ottawacitizen.com/news/Read+inspires+early+childhood+literacy/4834903/story.htm#ixzz1NrCthTyo>

Love of reading begins with choice

I challenge myself to position students to read books they love, write what they want to write, and I have to trust them to make choices that will lead them to love literacy.

Read more: <http://www.centredaily.com/2011/05/25/2734406/love-of-reading-begins-with-choice.html#ixzz1NrEofKuO>

Financial literacy: The kids weigh in

A note to all the people out there with perpetual credit card debt, mega mortgage payments and a gimme-gimme attitude about spending: Your kids are watching you.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/globe-investor/personal-finance/financial-literacy-the-kids-weigh-in/article2035002/>

Contests

The Jack London Short Fiction Contest

The contest is open to all, and the winning story will be published in the September 2011 issue of Up Here. Along with publication, the first-place author will win \$750, second-place wins \$250.

<http://uphere.ca/node/693>

Conferences, Workshops, and Awards

The Council of the Federation 2011 Literacy Award

Nominations are now being sought for recognition in achievements in literacy. The award includes family, Aboriginal, health, workplace and community literacy and recognizes the excellence of educators, volunteers and learners. Deadline is June 10, 2011. For more info:

http://www.education.gov.yk.ca/advanceded/pdf/2011nomination_info_pckg.pdf

The 2011 Canada Post Community Literacy Awards - Make your nomination!

Nominations are now being accepted!

Entries must be received in Ottawa by midnight (EDT), Friday, June 3, 2011.

Mail your submission to:

2011 CANADA POST COMMUNITY LITERACY AWARDS

2701 RIVERSIDE DR SUITE N0890

OTTAWA ON K1A 0B1

For more information about the 2011 Canada Post Community Literacy Awards, including the latest news, [click here](#).

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

Read Every Day. Lead a Better Life.

<http://scholastic.com/readeveryday/>

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/>

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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