

# **The Literacy Connection**

Yukon Literacy Coalition

**Monday May 9, 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!

## **YUKON ROCKS**

**Friday and Saturday (May.13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>):**

**Join the Yukon Literacy Coalition onsite at YUKON ROCKS – the Yukon Mining and Geology Week 2011.**

**We will have our reading tent set-up with the rest of the exhibitors at Shipyards Park from 10am to 4pm. (Catch some VIP's telling stories between 10am and noon). Bring the family and check-out Yukon Rocks!**

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

Our May calendar is now online!

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

Check out the full FLC spring schedule on the YLC website <http://www.yukonliteracy.ca/flc.htm>

## **What's New?**

### **Nobody's Perfect Parenting Program**

Dad's Only Group (of children under 6 years).

Thursdays starting May 12<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm-7:30pm

Supper and childcare included (Transportation provided if needed)

No cost

Please call Wendy Burgess at Many Rivers to register

667-2970

## **Community News**

### **Yukon Council on Disability**

Disability and Employment conference: The Six Steps to Success. If you are interested in increasing opportunities for people with disabilities to be equitably and effectively represented in our workforces and you are an employer, an HR professional, a person with a disability, a service provider, an educator or a labour representative, this is a must-attend event for you!

May 26-28!

Over 30 dynamic speakers.

Visit [sixsteps.ca](http://sixsteps.ca) for details.

### **Re-Connect Circle**

May 15th 1:00pm to 4:30pm at Lorne Mountain Community Center (Km 1 Annie Lake Rd.)

Re-Connect with yourself

Re-Connect with each other

Re-Connect with the earth

The theme will be mindfulness and the afternoon will include a guided meditation, movement and Joanna Macy inspired activities outside.

If you have something to share we would love to have it as part of the circle.

Just contact Ruth at [ruthlera@northwestel.net](mailto:ruthlera@northwestel.net) or 668-5871 to discuss it.

This is a free event but please bring a snack to share!

### **Call for Nominations**

Council of the Federation Literacy Award

Do you know an outstanding contributor to literacy in Yukon? If so, consider nominating a deserving person, business or organization for the Council of the Federation Literacy Award.

The Council of the Federation will present the Literacy Award Medallion to one deserving recipient at an award ceremony this fall.

To learn more about the Council of the Federation Literacy Award or to download a nomination package, visit [education.gov.yk.ca](http://education.gov.yk.ca) or call 1-800-661-0408, extension 8682.

The deadline for nominations is June 10, 2011. Nominees must be 19 years of age or older.

The Council of the Federation was formed by provincial and territorial premiers to help demonstrate leadership on issues important to all Canadians. For more information visit

[councilofthefederation.ca](http://councilofthefederation.ca).

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

### ***Minister warns teachers against breaching NAPLAN test rules***

Students will be tested on punctuation, comprehension and mathematics as part of the national program.

Last year, 25 Queensland teachers were found to have contravened regulations during the tests.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2011/05/09/3211367.htm>

## ***A tireless champion of adult literacy***

Pat Campbell created Grass Roots Press to fill a huge gap for struggling readers

<http://www.edmontonjournal.com/news/tireless+champion+adult+literacy/4708186/story.html>

## ***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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