

The Literacy Connection

Yukon Literacy Coalition
Wednesday November 16, 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:

Financial Literacy Month
National Child's Day
Buy Nothing Day
Human Rights Day
Family Literacy Day

November
November 20
November 25 & 26
December 10
January 27

Family Literacy Centre (FLC) – 2nd floor Canada Games Centre
Come and join us!

Film Screening

The Family Literacy Centre hosts a film night on Friday November 25 at 7pm. The NFB film 'Qallunaat! Why white people are funny' will be screened. Open to all!

Buy Nothing Day Book Exchange

Friday November 25, 9am-12noon and Saturday November 26, 10am-12noon. Browse through a selection of well-read books and leave with new books to read! Bringing books to the exchange is optional – you can leave your money at home.

Extended Drop in over Christmas Holidays

The Family Literacy Centre will host extended drop in hours during the Christmas Holidays. From December 19 until December 23, drop in hours are 10am-4pm. Come by for seasonal literacy activities!

Regular Programming

Drop in

Monday and Friday 9am-12noon – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 12noon-3pm – Saturday 10am-12noon *Open to the public with support if needed* (please feel free to give us a call, 668-8698)

ESL

Mondays 6:30-8:30pm – This is a free English conversation class for adults (intermediate level). For more information, please contact Nancy Turner at 393-3353 or email rnturner@northwestel.net

L'AFY Pere-Poulet, Maman-Gateau

Tuesdays 9:30am-12pm – French pre-school program beginning Tuesday, Oct. 18th. Registration is required - 668-2663.

Tutoring

Tuesday and Thursday starting at 5:30pm - With Yukon Learn and LDAY

For more details visit <http://www.yukonliteracy.ca/flc.htm> or phone (867)668-8698.

Become friends with the Family Literacy Centre on facebook!

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Yukon-Family-Literacy-Centre/193726640688169?v=info>

Literacy in the News

Literacy Report Cards for Federal Electoral Districts

Recent research suggests a need for workers, employers and communities to invest in literacy. Governments have a role in making certain that the demand for literacy skill is high enough to ensure that all of the available literacy supply gets put to good use, that there is a sufficient supply of literacy to satisfy expected demand and that the markets that match workers with jobs ensure a good fit between workers' skills and what their job requires.

DataAngel Policy Research has produced a report card that ranks every Federal Electoral District in Canada on several dimensions of literacy. DataAngel's hope is that these data will help Members of Parliament and voters think about what they might do to address Canada's literacy challenge.

http://nald.ca/sites/default/files/lit_report_cards_fed.pdf

Journey to Learning Passport

All Canadians are invited to take a learning journey. Learning happens everywhere, and it's easy to make learning part of your daily life. Finding time to learn, even for just 15 minutes a day together with your child can be hard to do with today's hectic schedules. But the benefits of dedicating this time together on a daily basis, whether reading and writing, playing and exercising, or simply talking about your day, are far-reaching to everyone.

When you've completed the passport, register it online and make chance to be the winner of a prize pack!

<http://abclifeliteracy.ca/fld/journey-learning-passport>

Story by the 2011 Peter Gzowski Life Literacy Fellowship recipient

Earlier this year ABC Life Literacy Canada announced lawyer and journalist Valerie Mutton as the recipient of the Peter Gzowski Life Literacy Fellowship for her proposal to research and write a unique story on individuals with low literacy self-representing themselves in family court, and how those low literacy levels affect the court system. She has now published her story – see link below.

<http://www.lawyersweekly.ca/index.php?section=article&volume=31&number=26&article=3>

National Novel Writing Month

Do you need a little push to start writing the story that has been in your mind for years? Or are you close to finishing your novel? November is the month to sit down and... write! Participate in this year's collective of writers and complete 50,000 words in November. Share your writing process with other novelists and discover that you have time to write.

<http://www.nanowrimo.com>

<http://www.nanowrimo.org/en/regions/canada-elsewhere-in-canada> for the Yukon chapter

Contests

Fish Publishing International Short Story Contest

Fish Publishing runs the short story competition each year, the winners of which are published in the annual Fish Anthology. The Anthology is launched during the West Cork Literary Festival, July each year. The Fish Short Story Prize welcomes stories on any theme written in English, with a maximum of 5,000 words.

Opens: 1st Aug 2011 – Closing date: 30th November 2011

Results announced: 17 March 2012 – Anthology published: July 2012

<http://www.fishpublishing.com/short-story-competition-contest.php> - rules

True Winter Tales Writing Challenge

CBC and Canada Writes are hosting a Winter Tales Writing Challenge (in association with the Canada Council for the Arts and the Massey Lectures). Send them your true winter story and win \$1,000! Did something special happen to you on your last day of school before Christmas Break? Did you find yourself oddly missing the cold that one year you lived abroad? All stories need to be between 400 and 500 words and will be accepted until November 20th. See website for details on how to submit your Winter Tale

<http://www.cbc.ca/books/canadawrites/2011/11/call-for-submissions---true-winter-tales.html>

Changemakers Contest

Ashoka Changemakers celebrates ideas and projects that make a difference. We invite you to share your ideas or projects that support First Nations, Métis and Inuit learners to succeed. Maybe you have a dream about wilderness skills training, or you have come up with a new approach to early childhood learning; perhaps you have designed a distance mentoring program, or have a new way to bring music to your school, or have developed an approach to career and workplace training tailored for Aboriginal Peoples. As long as your focus is on learning, inside or beyond the classroom, we want to hear about it!

By entering your idea or project in the online Changemakers contest, you may win awards ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. All of the entries will be posted online, so that everyone can learn about the great ideas you have.

Early entry prize deadline: December 7, 2011 – Closing date: January 27, 2012.

Results announced: March 2012

<http://www.changemakers.com/fnmi-learning>

Conferences, Workshops, and Awards

WISE Prize for Education

November 1st, 2011

Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, founder of BRAC, had been awarded the first WISE Prize for Education in recognition of his 40-year career dedicated to alleviating poverty through education. The Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee is one of the largest non-government providers of education in the world, contributing directly to the pre-primary, primary and secondary education of more than 10 million students. It concentrates on bringing education to children and young people who are not reached by the traditional education system.

The World Innovation Summit for Education is dedicated to building the future of education through innovation. Its mission is to address the challenges facing 21st century education, to expand dialogue around the world and to implement practical and sustainable solutions.

<http://www.newswire.ca/en/story/869145/inaugural-wise-prize-for-education-goes-to-bangladeshi-fazle-hasan-abed>

Scotiabank Giller Prize

November 8, 2011

Esi Edugyan has been named the 2011 winner of the Scotiabank Giller Prize for her novel *Half-Blood Blues*. Of the winning book, the jury wrote: “Imagine Mozart were a black German trumpet player and Salieri a bassist, and 18th century Vienna were WWII Paris; that’s Esi Edugyan’s joyful lament, *Half-Blood Blues*. It’s conventional to liken the prose in novels about jazz to the music itself, as though there could be no higher praise. In this case, say rather that any jazz musician would be happy to play the way Edugyan writes. Her style is deceptively conversational and easy, but with the simultaneous exuberance and discipline of a true prodigy. Put this book next to Louis Armstrong’s “West End Blues”- these two works of art belong together.”

<http://www.scotiabankgillerprize.ca/>

Funding Opportunities

Truesport

The True Sport Community Sport Fund will help communities increase inclusion and accessibility in new or existing sport programs for children and youth, aged four to seventeen, from low income, Aboriginal and new Canadian families. Over the next year, communities across Canada will benefit from \$5,000 grants and \$25,000 grants. Although all communities are eligible, greater priority will be given to those in Yukon, North West Territories, Nunavut, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland & Labrador

<http://www.truesportfoundation.ca/en/page-24>

Status of Women Canada

Deadline: November 4, 2011

Women Living in Rural and Remote Communities and Small Urban Centres

The purpose of this Call for Proposals is to solicit funding applications for projects that promote equality and support the advancement of women and girls living in rural and remote communities and small urban centres in two priority areas: economic security and prosperity; and ending violence against women and girls.

<http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/fun-fin/cfp-adp/2011-1/guide-eng.html>

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/en/news/news.html>

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/research>

Daily Sudoku

<http://www.cbc.ca/games/sudoku/>

Contact us if you have suggestions for our newsletter!

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