

The Literacy Connection

Yukon Literacy Coalition
Wednesday November 2, 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 Week
Media, Education Literacy Week
Financial Literacy Month

Oct.30th - Nov.5th
Oct. 31-Nov 4th
November

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

Thanks to all children that participated in our Halloween Spectacular event!! Check out our Facebook page for photos and videos of the event

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

Dolly Parton Imagination Library Drop in

Saturday November 5, 10am-12noon. Come join us for stories out of Dolly's Imagination Library! This is a great chance to meet other parents and children who collect Dolly books.

Buy Nothing Day Book Exchange

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.

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). 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.

Community News

Community Tours

The Yukon Literacy Coalition is touring throughout the Yukon's communities bringing books, storytelling sessions, movie-making, fun interviews, interactive computer and technology fun and a chance to meet! Keep your eyes posted for when we might be in your neighbourhood!

Literacy in the News

Petersburg's First Book Bank

Star de Perez, 15, had a dream. She wanted to help underprivileged children to become literate. And she wanted them to share her passion for books. On Wednesday, Star's dream became a reality when she cut the ribbon to Petersburg's first book bank - which holds more than 2,000 books that she collected.

<http://progress-index.com/news/girl-s-dream-to-help-underprivileged-children-become-literate-becomes-reality-with-petersburg-s-first-book-bank-1.4225491#ixzz1cZM6802K>

Championing First Nation's Education

Nella Nelson - a member of the Kwakwaka'wakw Nation - has a saying that sums up her approach to First Nation's Education, which she has championed in the Greater Victoria school district her entire career. "Our goal is to make aboriginal education more than beads to bannock, that's my mantra" Nelson said. A Camosun's Distinguished Alumni Award winner in 2009, Nelson believes aboriginal education needs to be an part of the Canadian education system. This way everyone can learn and understand that First Nations are an integral part of Canadian history.

<http://www.timescolonist.com/news/Championing%20First%20Nations%20education/5556008/story.html>

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

A New Workplace Literacy Tool

There's an exciting new national initiative just around the corner and it's available to everyone at no cost. *Build Your Career with Essential Skills* connect people with tools and resources they need to be successful at work. It also features instant customized learning plans that link the learner to classroom-based upgrading in their local area and free online resources. The official launch is on November 14th (including a French version) but visitors may already check out the website for more details:

<http://en.careers.essentialskillsgroup.com>

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>

Conferences, Workshops, and Awards

Prime Minister's Volunteer Awards

October 14th, 2011

The first call for nominations for the Prime Minister's Volunteer Awards program was recently announced. This new award program recognizes and celebrates the exceptional contributions of volunteers, local businesses and innovative not-for-profit organizations in improving the well-being of families and their communities. We are contacting you to share more information about the new

Prime Minister's Volunteer Awards program and the call for nominations.

<http://www.pm.gc.ca/eng/feature.asp?pagelid=154&featureid=25>

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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