

The Literacy Connection

Yukon Literacy Coalition

Wednesday November 23, 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

Buy Nothing Day

Human Rights Day

Family Literacy Day

November

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 class gives foreign domestic workers needed boost

29-year-old Burnaby resident Regine Ganancial finally understood the message the poppy represents while attending a free literacy class hosted by Frontier College earlier this month. The class, which runs at the Britannia Community Centre, is designed to address the specific literacy needs of foreign domestic workers who, like Ganancial, speak English, but lack advanced language and grammar skills needed to build a brighter financial future for themselves in Canada. Filling the gaps in a newcomer's cultural understanding of Canadian life - like why we wear that poppy each year - is another aspect of the program. Frontier College has been teaching literacy in Canada since 1899, with funding from the federal government, as well as corporate and private donations. The domestic worker literacy program is free to participants.

If you are interested in advancing your English language skills in Whitehorse, take part in the free ESL drop-in on Monday evenings at The Family Literacy Centre.

<http://www.vancouversun.com/business/Literacy+class+gives+foreign+domestic+workers+needed+boost/5742919/story.html>

Polar Lines – Inuit editorial cartoon exhibition unveiled.

In 1998, Makivik Corporation in Nunavik, northern Quebec, asked Terry Mosher to gather a collection of Canadian cartoons dealing with northern subject matter that would be used in a display at the opening of their new Head Office in Kuujuaq. Those initial cartoons proved to be engaging enough that they remain in place today. Therefore, given that exhibitions initial popularity, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami asked if Mosher would again approach all the Canadian cartoonists to provide an expanded and updated exhibition of cartoons to be part of ITK's 40th

anniversary celebrations. All of the Canadian cartoonists co-operated on this project, each of them sending me several of their favourite cartoons on northern subject matter. I'm told that the staff at ITK had a delightful time choosing the final 100 cartoons that were used in this exhibition, called "Polar Lines".

You can view the exhibition online by following this link:

<http://www.itk.ca/page/itk-polar-lines-inuit-editorial-cartoon-exhibition-unveiled>

Yukoners' horror film screened in California

Two Yukoners are being recognized for their short film which was accepted into the Screamfest Horror International Film Festival in Los Angeles in October. The short film 'Fragments' was created as a teaser for a feature screenplay being developed by David Hamelin and Neill Macdonald. "It was very exciting making our world premiere at such a high-profile festival and we're happy to be getting some exposure," Hamelin said. The producers have applied to other film festivals and hope to show their work at the Dawson City Short Film Festival next April.

<http://www.gov.yk.ca/news/11-165.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

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>

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>

Defining Moments Art Contest

Canadian Youth, aged 13 to 30, are invited to create artwork reflecting their identity as a Canadian citizen or resident. As a participant, you do not need to be an established artist, all you need is an idea or story and the willingness to express it through art! Submissions should reflect your Canadian identity as it connects to the past, present or future and fall into one of three categories, outlined on the website: people, place or time.

Closing date: March 1, 2012

Results announced: summer 2012

<http://moments.tigweb.org/contest/>

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>

Call for Applications: The Great-West Life, London Life and Canada Life Literacy Innovation Award

The Great-West Life, London Life and Canada Life Literacy Innovation Award honours innovation in the creation and delivery (or in the development, implementation and delivery) of adult literacy or adult-integrated family literacy programs delivered by a community organization in Canada. The adult-focused literacy program makes a positive contribution to the lives of the participants as well as the community and could serve as a model for other organizations to adapt. The awards as granted can be invested into the program and/or applied to operating funds. Share your innovative adult or adult-integrated family literacy program with Canada.

Award applications deadline: June 1, 2012.

<http://abclifeliteracy.ca/lia>

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/>

National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation

The National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation (NAAF) is a charitable organization dedicated to raising funds to deliver programs that provide the tools necessary for Aboriginal peoples, especially youth to achieve their potential.

Various deadlines, see details on http://www.naaf.ca/download_applications

Resources

New First Nations Literacy Resources

For more information go to: <http://firstnationliteracy.com/>

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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