

The Literacy Connection

Yukon Literacy Coalition

Monday October 3, 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 Family Week

World Teachers' Day

Financial Literacy Week

Canadian Library Month

October 2nd – 9th

October 5th

Oct.30th - Nov.5th

October

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

WE ARE OPEN!!! And programming has begun...

Come and join us!

National Family Week

Saturday Oct. 1 to Friday Oct. 7 Celebrate this year's theme 'Pass on Your Values'. Join us for stories and games during our drop in times (see 'regular programming' below).

Bedtime Storytime

Thursday Oct. 6 & Fri. Oct. 7 (7-8pm) Bring the kids to the FLC in their PJ's for favourite bedtime stories and a snack! Might be a great post-swim activity!

Western Canada Music Awards 'Breakout West'

Sunday Oct. 23, 10am-2:30pm Join the Family Literacy Centre and Annie Avery for some fun and games with music!!

Halloween Spooktacular

Saturday Oct. 29, 3-6pm Look for our 'Spooky' Literacy Tent in the CGC concourse for some scary fun.

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.

What's New?

Yukon Literacy Coalition AGM

The Yukon Literacy Coalition will be holding its annual general meeting on Saturday Oct.15, 2011 at 7pm. Join us at the Coalition offices (#207-100 Main street). Please call in advance and let us know we can expect you! 668-6535

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

CBC Ideas "Never in Anger"

Tuesday, October 11 - Wednesday, October 12

Dr. Jean Briggs in conversation with CBC Radio Ideas host, Paul Kennedy. 9:00 pm on the Mainland, 9:30 pm in Newfoundland. Two nights back-to-back.

Anthropologist Jean Briggs lived with an Inuit family during the early 1960s, when she was doing research and writing about them for her doctoral thesis. Whenever she got "angry," they treated her like a child, because they thought that "anger" was an infantile emotion, something never expressed by Inuit adults...

Rock and roll brings life to literacy

People are "wired for story," a prolific children's writer told a group of Agassiz students on Monday. Author Sigmund Brouwer used a combination of storytelling and music – really, really loud music – to get Agassiz Christian and Kent elementary students jazzed about writing.

http://www.bclocalnews.com/fraser_valley/ahobserver/community/130888593.html

Many will wear pajamas in attempt to set world reading record

Next week, millions of people across the globe, including hundreds in Boston, hope to break the world record for the most people reading the same book on the same day when they read the 2005 children's tale *Llama Llama Red Pajama* authored by Vermont resident Anna Dewdney.

Many of the participants in this year's event plan to snuggle up in pajamas to fit the theme of this year's book selection. http://articles.boston.com/2011-09-30/yourtown/30230465_1_reading-events-reading-record-literacy

The early bird raises the bookworm

Young brains soak up the information around them like tiny, too-cute sponges. That's the reason, put simply, why it is important to get children interested in reading in the early years of life.

<http://www.nationalpost.com/news/early+bird+raises+bookworm/5457224/story.html>

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>

Conferences, Workshops, and Awards

Canada World Youth - CIDA International Aboriginal Youth Internship Initiative (IAYI)

Deadline: October 15th, 2011

Canada World Youth (CWY) is accepting applications for youth interns as part of CIDA's International Aboriginal Youth Internships (IAYI) initiative. CWY is hosting a total of 10 internships with overseas placements occurring in Nicaragua, Peru or Tanzania. Internships aim to improve young Aboriginal women and men's skills to engage in international development, to develop their employment skills and to promote international development work in Canada.

<http://www.naho.ca/blog/2011/09/16/canada-world-youth---cida-international-aboriginal-youth-internship-initiative-iayi/>

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/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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