

The Literacy Connection
Yukon Literacy Coalition
Monday September 26, 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:

Life Literacy Month
National Family Week
World Teachers' Day

September
October 2nd – 9th
October 5th

*****JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT THE YUKON LITERACY COALITION*****

Please visit our website for links to the job descriptions:

<http://www.yukonliteracy.ca/welcome.htm>

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

****We are still closed due to the fire this summer in the Canada Games Centre. We appreciate your patience as we get the space back to working order!****

The website will be updated as soon as we have news and ACTION!

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

What's New?

Dolly Party!

You're invited to celebrate and support the Yukon Imagination Library with Dolly Day!

Thursday, September 29, 2011 5:30 to 10:00 pm

Whitehorse Visitor Information Centre

Enjoy the Yukon premiere of the indie film "The Year Dolly Parton Was My Mom", a Q & A with writer/director, Tara Johns, live local bluegrass music, appetizers, 'sips', a message from Dolly herself, door prizes and much more!

Tickets \$20.00 – available at M&M Meat Shops and Arts Underground

All proceeds benefit the Yukon Imagination Library to provide Yukon children with one free book per month from birth to the age of five

For more information, please contact yukonimaginationlibrary@hotmail.com

Community News

This year's Guerilla Photography for Social Change is a portrait project and everyone is invited to participate.

Come to Shipyards Park on Tuesday, September 27th between 2 and 6:00 pm to add your voice and face to the "Faces and Voices of Action Against Poverty and Homelessness". Share your thoughts on human rights in our community and have your portrait taken. We will use some of the images to produce our 2012 calendar and those images will be displayed during Poverty and Homelessness Action Week (October 17 to 22).

Join us! Spread the word! Bring a friend, a client, a neighbour!

Individual Learning Centre offers new pre-employment program for Yukon youth

The Government of Yukon is investing in a new apprenticeship program at the Individual Learning Centre which will provide opportunities for youth working to complete their high school education, Education Minister Patrick Rouble announced. <http://www.gov.yk.ca/news/11-147.html>

Literacy in the News

Health literacy is not just about "getting patients smarter"

Definitions of health literacy continue to expand, with "health information literacy" emerging as a broadened way to view this thorny issue. <http://www.jaapa.com/health-literacy-is-not-just-about-getting-patients-smarter/article/212548/>

Edmonton students learn to manage few dollars they have

EDMONTON — Three hundred twenty-three dollars.

That's what 40-year-old Anna Pouliot and her six-year-old daughter survive on each month.

Housing programs pay most of Pouliot's rent, food bank parcels help, but it's almost impossibly tight.

<http://www.edmontonjournal.com/news/Edmonton+students+learn+manage+dollars+they+have/5432642/story.html#ixzz1Z5BKaE2b>

The Story Pirates bring John Grisham's Theodore Boone legal thrillers to life

The Story Pirates were founded in 2003 by a group of Northwestern University students who wanted to increase literacy and excitement for stories among school-aged children. Children's theater group the Story Pirates, whose biggest—or at least most famous—fan is comedian Jon Stewart, kicked off a national tour earlier this month. <http://timeoutchicagokids.com/things-to-do/58805/the-story-pirates-bring-john-grisham's-theodore-boone-legal-thrillers-to-life>

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/>

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/>

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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