

The Literacy Connection

Yukon Literacy Coalition

Tuesday September 6, 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

International Literacy Day

Essential Skills Day

National Family Week

World Teachers' Day

September

September 8

September 24

October 2nd – 9th

October 5th

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?

Council of the Federation Award Presentation

Join us on International Literacy Day (Sept.8, 2011) to celebrate Claire Derome's award! Claire was nominated by the Yukon Literacy Coalition as the visionary who brought Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to the Yukon Territory. The presentation will begin at 10am in the foyer of the YG Main Administration Building. Hope you can join us there for the festivities!

Health Literacy with the Yukon Hospital Corporation

The T.A.L.K. (Talk~Ask~Listen~Know) Campaign kicks off on September 8th, 2011 at the Whitehorse Hospital. Join the Yukon Literacy Coalition in taking part on International Literacy Day in the main foyer of the hospital from 1:30-4pm.

Community News

McBride Museum

Baby Animals Preschool Program

Every Friday 10 to 11am

This program is designed for preschool-age children and parents to have fun at MacBride together. Explore the Wild World Gallery, play games and create works of art while learning about baby animals. Activities focus on a different animal each week.

Cost: Free for members or \$5 per child and caregiver

This week's animal is BIRDS.

Out of the Woods: Images and Stories of Revitalisation in Small Town BC

While taking part in the great Canadian tradition of migrating to where the work is, photographer Alex Hakonson and journalist Misha Warbanski take a look at several small towns and the people that refuse to give up on them.

Display showing in the Hougen Heritage Gallery at Arts Underground (305 Main St.)

On display until the end of October. Admission is free, everybody welcome.

Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre

September 19: A lovely fellow by the name of Robert Whitaker, author of Magic Bullets: Psychiatric Drugs, and the Astonishing Rise of Mental Illness will be in town. He will be conducting a workshop and public discussion.

Professional Development Workshop (Free) Please pre-register. Tel: 667- 2693

September 19th, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, High Country Inn

Public Lecture (Free)

September 19th, 7:00pm to 9:00 pm, High Country Inn

Literacy in the News

New Horizons for Seniors Program

The news release that was posted to Marketwire for media distribution re: Minister of State Wong, New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) announcement, Whitehorse, September 1.

<http://news.gc.ca/web/articleeng.do;jsessionid=ac1b105330d870abdbca23234d7ca980da12929ac417.e38RbhaLb3qNe3aNeo?m=%2Findex&nid=621039>

Website outlines social and holistic approach to numeracy

Literacy and numeracy go hand in hand and together represent two key building blocks for success in life and at work. <http://www.nald.ca/feature>

Libraries and literacy: Public, school libraries hook new readers for life

The Oregonian has done a good job of calling our attention to the fact that thousands of members of the class of 2012 are at risk of not graduating next year because they have not demonstrated that they are proficient readers. When this happens, there will be many asking why. How could a child complete 13 years of schooling and not become a good reader?

http://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2011/09/libraries_and_literacy_public.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

Governor General's Award for Community History

Deadline: September 16th, 2011

Canada's History Society is launching a new Governor General's Award for Community History to be presented for the first time in Ottawa this fall. The award is designed to recognize inspirational projects which promote and encourage community engagement in local history. Projects can include public lectures, forums, exhibits, multimedia presentations, preservation projects, or public programming such as education programs, festivals, or workshops. Two prizes of \$2,500 each shall be presented by His Excellency the Nominations must be supported by at least one recognized historical, municipal, or educational organization. [More...](#)

NALD invites you to submit activities and news releases for International Literacy Day

The National Adult Literacy Database (NALD) is proud to contribute to the promotion of adult literacy and invites you to submit information about events you may be hosting to celebrate International Literacy Day on or around September 8, 2011. [More...](#)

Funding Opportunities

New Horizons For Seniors Program - Call For Proposals

Deadline: September 16, 2011

The New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) is a federal Grants and Contributions program that supports projects led or inspired by seniors who make a difference in their communities and in the lives of others. Apply now for the Community-Based Projects Fund: Grants of up to \$25,000 are available for projects that encourage seniors to share their skills and experiences with others and help communities increase their capacity to address local issues.

Please visit their [website](#) for more information.

Call for Proposals under the Enabling Accessibility Fund

Deadline: September 23, 2011.

The Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) supports community-based projects across Canada that improve accessibility, remove barriers, and enable Canadians with disabilities to participate in and contribute to their communities. [More...](#)

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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