

# **The Literacy Connection**

Yukon Literacy Coalition

**Monday January.9, 2012**

*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:**

**Family Literacy Day**

**January 27**

**TD Canadian Children's Book Week**

**May 5 to 12**

***Happy New Year All! We look forward to many exciting events and programs over the next few months, and are glad to have you as part of the Family Literacy Centre.***

***The Family Literacy Centre (FLC) – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Canada Games Centre***

Join us on facebook and stay updated with pictures and family fun!!

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

***National Family Literacy Day***

***Friday January 27th***

Mark you calendars! We're going to be celebrating all day at the FLC with live music, fun activities, welcome remarks from Minister Kent and Deputy Mayor Irwin, snacks and drinks, crafts and storytelling! More details on the way...

Thanks to The City of Whitehorse, L'AFY, LDAY, Whitehorse Library, and the Yukon Government Department of Education.

## **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 [nturner@northwestel.net](mailto:nturner@northwestel.net)

### **L'AFY Pere-Poulet, Maman-Gateau**

Tuesdays 9:30am-12pm French pre-school program.

Next session January 17 to February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012

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?**

### **Northern Voices Toastmasters Open House**

Jan. 18th from 7:00am -8:30am at Sport Yukon. This is free to attend and there will be breakfast and coffee available. Come and find out more about Toastmasters.

It is early in the morning, but a great way to start your day off right!

## **Community News**

### **Japanese Film Night!**

You are cordially invited to the Japanese Film Night at the Yukon Arts Centre, Friday at 7pm. FREE admission!

## **Literacy in the News**

### **Government of Canada Supports Skills Development in Prince Edward Island**

WELLINGTON, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND--(Marketwire - Dec. 29, 2011) - The Government of Canada is helping francophone Islanders develop their literacy and essential skills. The Honourable Gail Shea, Minister of National Revenue, made the announcement today on behalf of the Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development.

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/government-of-canada-supports-skills-development-in-prince-edward-island-1602274.htm>

## **Art Incubators: How Libraries Offer More Than Books**

What is a library? A good place to go if you like stern, bun-headed women shushing you mercilessly? A place to store soon-to-be-obsolete books? A cultural institution past its prime in a digital age? [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/erinn-batykefer/libraries-incubate-art\\_b\\_1174493.html?ref=books](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/erinn-batykefer/libraries-incubate-art_b_1174493.html?ref=books)

## **We don't talk any more - is technology harming communication?**

In a world of tweets and texts, email and instant messaging, are we communicating any better? Or is modern technology making us lazy about actually talking to each other, with damaging effects on both business and society? <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-16313832>

## **Conferences, Workshops, and Awards**

### ***The Great-West Life, London Life and Canada Life Literacy Innovation Award***

Honoring innovation in the creation, development, implementation and delivery of adult literacy or adult-integrated family literacy programs delivered by a community organization in Canada. Award applications are being accepted until June 1, 2012. [More...](#)

## **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>

### ***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](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](mailto: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](mailto: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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