

The Literacy Connection

Yukon Literacy Coalition

Tuesday April 10, 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:

National Volunteer Week

Education Week

TD Canadian Children's Book Week

April.15-21

April.16-20

May 5 to 12

The Family Literacy Centre (FLC) – 2nd 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>

April 1st – April 30th

Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6	Saturday 7
Drop In Morning 10 – 12	Drop In Afternoon 12 - 3	Drop In All Day 9 - 3	Drop In Afternoon 12 - 3	Good Friday Closed	Closed
Monday 9	Tuesday 10	Wednesday 11	Thursday 12	Friday 13	Saturday 14
Easter Monday Closed	Drop In Afternoon 12 - 3	Drop In All Day 10 - 3	Drop In Afternoon 12 - 3	Drop In Afternoon 12 - 3	Drop In Morning 10 - 12

Monday 16	Tuesday 17	Wednesday 18	Thursday 19	Friday 20	Saturday 21
Education Week Drop – In 10 – 3				Drop In Afternoon 12 - 3	Drop In Morning 10 - 12
Monday 23	Tuesday 24	Wednesday 25	Thursday 26	Friday 27	Saturday 28
Drop In Morning 10 – 12	Drop In Afternoon 12 - 3	Drop In All Day 10 - 3	Drop In Afternoon 12 - 3	Drop In Afternoon 12 - 3	Drop In Morning 10 - 12

Special Events: Saturday April 21st & Sunday April 22nd 12 – 4pm @ Swan Haven Family Weekend
 There will be Science activities everyday during Education Week!
 For more details visit <http://www.yukonliteracy.ca/flc.htm> or phone (867)668-8698.

Community News

Earth Day – April 22

A “Unplugged” event at Lorne Mountain Community Centre (km 1 Annie Lake Road) 3-5pm

With all the things we can do on our own power...

Vegan and raw food cooking demos

Compost club Mt Lorne info

Transition Initiative Mt Lorne

Local acoustic music– open stage

Local food potluck...bring a treat!

Great— “recycled”– prizes for

- the longest bike ride to the event
- the most people in one car coming to the event
- the best idea for change....

Call for more information: 667-7083

Yukon Learn Society

In celebration of Yukon Education Week the Yukon Learn Society will be hosting an Open House on April 18th, 2012 10 AM to 2 PM. #107 Main Street.

Stop by for a visit, meet the staff, use a computer and get a free membership!

Volunteer Week 2012

Celebrating the Passion, Action, and Impact of Yukon Volunteers!

During National Volunteer Week 2012 - April 15 to 21 - organizations and communities across Canada will celebrate the contribution of volunteers. This year's celebration is a very special one for Yukon, as it is also the 10th anniversary of Volunteer Yukon. In recognition of this significant anniversary, Volunteer Yukon offers member organizations a number of FREE resources to support them in celebrating of the passion, action, and impact of Yukon's volunteers.

To participate - fill out the form on Volunteer Yukon's website:

<http://volunteeryukon.ca/spip.php?article72>

Photo Contest for Volunteer Week!

Conditions for participation:

- Deadline to send your pictures and participate to the contest: April 18, 2012, before 5:00 p.m.
- Photos can be submitted on behalf of an organization or an individual.
- Provide a picture of your volunteer in action with the names and an explanation of the activity. We will post your pictures on our website and Facebook page.

Do you have photos of volunteers who show passion, take action and make an impact in your community? Send us your best photo! Send them to Bruno at

executivedirector@volunteeryukon.ca and you will have a chance to win \$25 gift certificates from Mac's Fireweed, Coast Mountain or Knit Know.

Literacy in the News

Roch Carrier, Ken Dryden to attend premiere of 'The Hockey Sweater' symphony

TORONTO - The beloved kids tale "The Hockey Sweater" is going to the symphony.

The Toronto Symphony Orchestra says it's offering up a musical take on the classic Canuck story on May 12. http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2012/04/03/roch-carrier-ken-dryden-_n_1400295.html

Tips for encouraging innovation

How do you go about boosting innovation in the workplace? Well, don't ask staff for fresh ideas, says "innovation expert" Stephen Shapiro in his book *Best Practices are Stupid: 40 Ways to Out-Innovate the Competition*.

<http://www.working.com/calgary/resources/career/Tips+encouraging+innovation/6396944/story.html>

A life devoted to literacy

For more than 50 years, Ruth Colvin and her husband have traveled to more than 60 countries and provided literacy training in Africa, Asia and South America.

<http://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/19618/20120410/a-life-devoted-to-literacy>

Contests

The 2012 Great Northern Canada Writing Contest

Deadline - April 30, 2012

To enter, submit a piece of prose, either fiction or non-fiction, of up to 1,000 words about life in the Yukon, Northwest Territories, Nunavut or Nunavik. Previously published items are not eligible. Entries should be typed and double-spaced with the title, but not your name, on each numbered page. Please submit a separate cover sheet with your name, address, phone number, email address, word count and whether your piece is fiction or non-fiction.

Entries must be mailed to:

Great Northern Canada Writing Contest Box 1256, Yellowknife NT X1A 2N9

Conferences, Workshops, and Awards

NALD extends its award nomination deadline to April 16, 2012

FREDERICTON, N.B. - The [National Adult Literacy Database](#) (NALD) has issued a call for nominations for its third annual NALD Innovative Technology Award.

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

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.vanierinstitute.ca/our_approach_to_family

Daily Sudoku

<http://www.cbc.ca/diversions/sudoku/>

Contact us if you have suggestions for our newsletter!

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