

This Week in Literacy

April 4, 2008

The NWT Literacy Council is a non-profit, non-government agency dedicated to supporting the development of literacy in all official languages of the NWT.

Community Events and Information

PGI Fundraiser for Literacy

Tickets for our two fundraiser evenings, April 14 and 15, 2008 at the Northern Arts and Culture Centre are on sale now at the Yellowknife Book Cellar. Starting at 6:00 pm come on out and putt against your favourite celebrity for a donation or buy a raffle ticket and win a great prize! The celebrity concert hosted by Shelagh Rogers will start at 7:00. Our performers are the Four Leaf Clover Jazz Combo, Murray McLauchlan, Ian Thomas, Connie Kaldor, Mike Stevens, Jonathan Torrens, and home grown celebrity Godson. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for students.

The Land is our Storybook – Book Launch

Mindy Willet and First Nation Storytellers have written a series of books about northern culture and tradition. There are 10 books in the series and the first 2 books will be launched on May 4th – *We Feel Good Out Here* and *The Delta is My Home*. Information about these books and the series is attached

When: May 4th
Where: Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre
Time: 2:00 pm

The Great Northern Canada Writing Contest

Do you have a story about the North? The NorthWords Writers Festival and *Above & Beyond*, Canada's Arctic Journal invite you to enter the Great Northern Canada Writing Contest. To enter, write 1000 words about life in northern Canada. Cash prizes, plus publication in *Above & Beyond*. For more information and contest details go to www.Northwordsfestival.ca

Bread and Roses Writing Contest (information attached)

The Bread and Roses Writing Contest started as a celebration of International Women's Day and has developed as a means of highlighting emergent women's issues. The 2008 Bread and Roses Contest theme is: **I'm going to be nicer to me**. The purpose is to have women discuss, reflect, brainstorm, share, and write down their ideas about how women can be better to themselves when they are learning and how they can stop putting themselves and others down. The details are on the attached flyer but the key information is:

1. Submit writing electronically by **April 30th, 2008**.

2. Review the flyer to make sure your learner is eligible before you submit her writing. If everything's okay, send a completed Permission and Contact Information Form along with the writing. If there is more than one submission, you do not need to fill out the mailing address details more than once - just make sure we know for each piece of writing: the learner's name, the title of the piece, your name, contact information for your literacy organization, and the details of the permission the learner gives.
3. A diverse panel of judges, drawn from published authors, will select 12 winners. The learner and the literacy organization will receive a small gift of acknowledgement and achievement.
4. Send all submissions to elaine.gaber-katz@rogers.com.

If you have any questions, email or call Elaine Gaber-Katz at 416-530-0253.

Scholarship and Grant applications

The Yellowknife Community Foundation is pleased to announce its' 2008 call for Scholarship and Grant applications. Annual scholarships are available for individuals studying in the fine and performing arts, sport and physical activity, language studies and aviation training. A wide range of grants are also available for registered charities. For further information: www.yellowknifecommunityfoundation.ca or email info@yellowknifecommunityfoundation.ca

In the News

Nothing noteworthy about literacy this week.

New Resources and Websites

How to Train Homework Club Volunteers, A Frontier's College Trainer's Guide, 2007

<http://www.nald.ca/library/learning/frontier/hthcv/cover.htm>

Learning to Learn: A Living Resource for Literacy, by the Nunavut Literacy Council

<http://www.nald.ca/library/learning/lern2lrn/lern2lrn.pdf>

Smart Steps to Organizational Excellence, Community Literacy Of Ontario by Joanne Kaatari & Vicki Trottier August 2002

With the increased demands on all of us, is your literacy agency struggling with administrative issues? Do you wish you had more training and resources for your key administrative needs? If so, then Community Literacy of Ontario's *SmartSteps to Organizational Excellence* is for you!

<http://www.nald.ca/library/learning/smartsteps/cover.htm>

Top Twenty Downloads in pdf Format of Resources from the NALD Collections for the Month of March 2008

NALD monitors the number of documents that are viewed and downloaded by its users.

<http://www.nald.ca/info/whatnew/top20pdf/2008/mar08.htm>

ABC Canada

Check out ABC Canada's new website at www.abc-canada.org