

This Week in Literacy

Friday, January 25th, 2007

Community Events and Information

This Sunday, January 27th is Family Literacy Day

The NWT Literacy Council wants you to celebrate Family Literacy Day with your family and/or community. There are lots of things you can do at home to celebrate:

- Play word games
- Read books
- Tell stories
- Sing and dance

Have fun this weekend celebrating the wonderful gift of literacy!

1. Family Literacy Day Event in both French and English

When: Sunday January 27, 1:00 - 2:30pm

Where: Library Meeting Room

Families with children of all ages are invited to celebrate Family Literacy Day on Sunday January 27. This free program will include stories, games, crafts and prizes in both French and English!

2. Family Literacy Calendar

To celebrate 10 years of Family Literacy Day ABC Canada has published a Family Literacy Calendar that showcases learners and supporters of literacy. Each month also shares a tip for lifelong learning. Download a copy of the calendar in PDF at <http://www.abc-canada.org/fld/>

Funding help for training through Volunteer Development Fund

If you want training for your board members, volunteers or staff, check out the Volunteer Development Fund for financial help. Information is available at www.maca.gov.nt.ca/sport/volunteerism/index.html along with information about the Aurora College Subsidy Fund.

Be a Youth Ambassador or Games Volunteer

Join in the excitement! The Arctic Winter Games needs hundreds more folks to register by February 1 to volunteer during the March 9-15 Games. Youth from across the NWT can have their way paid to the games even if they are not involved in the competition. For information about the Youth Ambassador Program email kyoungblut@awg2008.ca, call 765-2958 or go to www.awg2008.ca/News/Jan04_2008.pdf. Application deadline is January 28.

Nominate a NWT Outstanding Volunteer

Nominations are open for the NWT Outstanding Volunteer Awards until March 17. There are four categories: youth, elder, individual and group. The awards are announced and given out during National Volunteer Week, April 27-May 3, 2008. For a nomination form and brochure go to What's New at www.volunteernwt.ca or www.mace.gov.nt.ca or contact info@volunteernwt.ca

2008 Wise Women Awards Nominations

The Status of Women Council of the NWT is asking for nominations for the 2008 Wise Women Awards. Contact them at 920-6177 or toll free at 1-888-234-4485 for more information. Nominations are due before noon on February 15, 2008.

International Women's Day, March 8, 2008

The Status of Women Council of the NWT invites you once again to join together in the celebration of International Women's Day. Call the Status of Women Council if you would like more information at 920-6177 or toll free at 1-88-234-4485.

In the News

Centre for Family Literacy and its Radical Reader celebrate Family Literacy Day

Edmonton's Centre for Family Literacy wants to help spread the word that Family Literacy Day, coming up Sunday, January 27, is a day to celebrate literacy activities that take place in families.

Literacy begins in the home, long before children start school. Whether recognized as such in the beginning, babbling, scribbling and playing with books are signs of early literacy. How can you help your children with literacy? Children learn by what happens around them so why not take part in some of the following activities with your child:

- Sing songs and rhymes.
- Talk with your child.
- Listen to what he or she says back to you.
- Write a grocery list together.
- Read to your child – not only at bedtime but at all times of the day.
- Take notice of signs and pictures as you drive in your car or go for a walk.

In addition to these activities, children may want to meet the centre's Radical Reader who is making a return visit to mark Family Literacy Day. Click <http://www.famlit.ca/resources/Radical%20Reader.pdf> to help the Radical Reader find his way to the library.

New Resources and Websites

Indicators of Well-being in Canada

Indicators of Well-being in Canada gathers data from different sources and presents a comprehensive, up-to-date picture of the well-being of Canadians and Canadian society. It also shows how this picture may be changing over time. Whether you are a student, a researcher, a community volunteer, a public servant, or someone who is simply interested in knowing about this country, there is information here for you.

You will find a wide range of indicators, or statistical measures, that show how things are going for Canadians. For example, there are data on how many hours we work each week, our education levels compared with the levels in other countries, the affordability of housing, and much more.

For more information go to <http://www4.hrsdc.gc.ca/home.jsp?lang=en>

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