

This Week in Literacy

April 15, 2009

Due to some computer trouble we didn't send out an e-news last week

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.

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Literacy Dates

World Book Day	April 23, 2009
International Literacy Day	September 8
NWT Literacy Week	September 27 – October 3
World Teachers' Day	October 5
Human Rights Day	December 10

Community Events and Information

Canada Post Community Literacy Awards

Nominations for the Canada Post Community Literacy Awards are now open. These awards highlight the achievements of Canadians making a special effort or important contribution to improving Canada's literacy landscape. The Awards recognize adult learners and educators in either Individual Achievement or Educator categories. Nominations must be received in Ottawa by May 31, 2009. The names of the finalists will be announced in late July and the winners will be notified in August. Winners will be recognized at ceremonies in their communities and awarded a prize of \$300 (Individual) or \$500 (Educator). For more information, visit:

<http://www.canadapost.ca/aboutus/community/literacy/awards/?ecid=murl07001102>

National Aboriginal Adult Literacy Institute and Conference – Postponed Attention Conference Participants

Due to the flooding in Southern Manitoba (including Winnipeg), the conference has been **postponed until September 2009**. www.nila.ca

Yellowknife Public Library Spring Book Sale

Thursday, April 16th from 6 – 9 pm (Early Bird Special – admission \$5)

Friday, April 17th from noon – 8 pm

Saturday, April 18th from 10 am – 5 pm

Sunday, April 19th from 1 – 4 pm

Author Visit to Yellowknife Public Library

Canada Council for the Arts and the Yellowknife Public Library present celebrated Canadian author Julie Lawson. Children and their parents or caregivers are invited to a free presentation at 10:30 am Tuesday April 21st in the children's area of the Library. Julie Lawson is an award winning author of books for children. Born and raised in Victoria, B.C., Julie Lawson spent 18 years as an elementary school teacher before becoming a full-time author in 1991. Since then, she has published over twenty books for young people. Julie divides her time between writing at home and visiting schools and libraries. Signed books available to be won!

Workshops for Parents, Teachers and Therapists

May 25 – Sensory Processing/Fine Motor Development

May 26 – Addiction and Attachment

May 27 – Science of Learning/Successful Schools

For workshop details and registration information go to

www.Regonline.com/YellowknifeNTMay252009

The Great Northern Canada Writing Contest 2009 - Deadline for entries: April 30, 2009

Above & Beyond magazine is sponsoring the Great Northern Writing Contest. To enter, submit a piece of prose (fiction or non-fiction) up to 1,000 words about life in the Yukon, Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Nunavik or Northern Labrador. First Prize is \$500 with a Special Emerging Writer Prize of \$250, and publication in Above & Beyond magazine. This is for writers who have never been published for payment. For more information, visit

<http://nationtalk.ca/modules/news/article.php?storyid=18128>

Children and Families: Social Development Partnerships Program - Deadline: May 8, 2009, at 4:00 p.m.

The Children and Families component of the Social Development Partnerships Program (SDPP) invites not-for-profit organizations to apply for funding through Calls for Proposals. Each Call for Proposals has specific eligibility criteria, funding priorities and funding levels. The SDPP is currently inviting proposals for contribution funding that support Canadian families, children/youth and other vulnerable populations. For more information go to:

http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/community_partnerships/sdpp/call/social_wellbeing/2009/child_family.shtml

Yellowknife Community Foundation - Call for Scholarship Applications

The Yellowknife Community Foundation is looking to give away \$100,000 in grants and scholarships in 2009. The next deadline for scholarship applications and funding through the Foundation's named funds or the Yellowknife Community Fund is May 15th. A number of the scholarships have an arts and culture focus. For further information check out the Foundation's website at: www.yellowknifecommunityfoundation.ca.

In the News

Inuit and Partners Agree to National Committee on Inuit Education

The Honourable Chuck Strahl, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians, and Mary Simon, President of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK), today added their signatures to the Inuit Education Accord. The Accord is a 14 party agreement between Inuit of Canada, as represented by the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, and their partner organizations and governments, to establish a National Committee on Inuit Education. The committee will work together to develop a strategy for moving forward on educational outcomes for Inuit students. The federal government's integrated Northern Strategy includes a commitment to promote social and economic development, and recognizes that Inuit communities across the country are important partners in creating a strong, sustainable northern economy. To read more go to <http://news.gc.ca/web/article-eng.do?m=/index&nid=440809>

Post-secondary education in Canada: Who is missing out?

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Canada has high participation rates in post-secondary education and its performance in terms of educational attainment is ahead of most other developed countries in the world. In 2006, 55% of Canadians between the ages of 25 and 34 had completed a post-secondary program of study, compared to an average of 33% among all OECD countries.[1] However, post-secondary participation remains low among some demographic groups in Canada, including students from low-income families, students with no history of higher education in their family, and Aboriginal students. To read more go to <http://www.ccl-cca.ca/CCL/Reports/LessonsInLearning/LinL200900401PSEUnderrepresented.htm>

Resources and Websites



Start Spring in good health with our
Healthy Life Series.



In the tradition of our culture, our *Healthy Life Series* are teachings on improving your health are told through stories.

Check out the *Healthy Life Series* at <http://www.ningwakwe.on.ca>

New Readers Bookstore Catalogue 2008-2009

<http://www.frontiercollege.ca/english/bookstore/NRBcatalogNEW08.pdf>

UIL Launches New Database on Effective Practice in Literacy and Numeracy Worldwide

Recognizing that knowledge exchange is a crucial means of promoting literacy and numeracy efforts, the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL) has established a database

<http://www.unesco.org/uil/litbase> that provides examples of effective literacy and numeracy programs worldwide. This new Effective Practices Database supports the role of UNESCO – and in particular UIL – as a clearinghouse in the field of adult literacy and numeracy.

Heavy Equipment Operator (HEO): Skills Passport

Workplace Education Manitoba Steering Committee, 2006

http://www.nald.ca/library/research/manitoba/heo_passport/cover.htm

Skilled Labourer: Skills Passport

Workplace Education Manitoba Steering Committee, 2006

http://www.nald.ca/library/research/manitoba/skilled_passport/cover.htm

Zero to Three – Baby Brain Map

ZERO TO THREE is a national nonprofit organization that informs, trains and supports professionals, policymakers and parents in their efforts to improve the lives of infants and toddlers. Their Baby Brain Map is a fascinating interactive tool that is well worth viewing. Find the Baby Brain Map at http://www.zerotothree.org/site/PageServer?pagename=ter_util_babybrainflash1

Top Twenty Downloads in PDF Format of Resources from the NALD Collections for the Month of March 2009

<http://www.nald.ca/top20/2009/mar09.htm>