

This Week in Literacy

December 3, 2009

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

International Volunteer Day
Human Rights Day
National Family Literacy Day

December 5
December 10
January 27

Community Events and Information

Yellowknife book reading

"Anne's Dogsledding Adventure" is a short novel for ages 8-12 years old. It is about a young girl who goes out on a dogsledding adventure and the lessons she learns along the way. A book reading will be held at the Yellowknife Public Library Meeting Room on December 6th at 2 pm. There will be a draw for free copies of the book and some interesting dogsledding equipment to check out. For more information contact 873-5464 or erika_wallbridge@hotmail.com

Hay River Public Library busy this December

The Hay River Public Library has many events happening before Christmas including offering specialty teas and coffees Wednesdays between 10 and 11 am. For a full list of events go to <http://www.nald.ca/top20/2009/nov09.htm>

Climate change and health adaptation funding guide available

Health Canada's Climate Change and Health Adaptation Program is now accepting funding proposals for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. The Climate Change and Health Adaptation in Northern First Nation and Inuit Communities program is designed to be carried out by communities in cooperation with Aboriginal associations, academics, governments and agencies. Proposal deadline is January 24th, 2010. The guide can be found at <http://www.afn.ca/misc/Funding-App.pdf>

Aboriginal Language Revitalization Certificate Program

The Certificate Program in Aboriginal Language Revitalization at the University of Victoria has put out its schedule of courses for the spring and fall, beginning in March 2010. To learn about the courses and the certificate requirements go to

<http://www.uvcs.uvic.ca/aspnet/Program/Detail/?code=BHATI>

7th Biannual LINX Conference

To register or get information about the Strengthening Northern Practices to Build Stronger Communities conference, December 2- 3, 2009 in Yellowknife go to <http://www.ece.gov.nt.ca/>

NWT Literacy Council Training Calendar for 2009-10

Get our training calendar online at <http://www.nwt.literacy.ca/whatsnew.htm> and sign up for our upcoming workshops.

Yellowknife Film Festival Seeks Submissions

Western Arctic Moving Pictures (WAMP) is looking for film and video submissions for the 3rd Yellowknife Film Festival February 5th to 14th. Genre and length don't matter; all submissions will be considered. Deadline for submissions is January 31, 2010. For more information contact Jeremy Emerson at (867) 766-2586.

Youth Eco Internships

Voluntary groups are invited to apply to have a young person aged 15 to 30 work with them as part of a Youth Eco Internship. Interns will be paid by the YMCA to YWCA Canada. The positions are being allocated on a first-come, first served basis. Contact Theresa toll free at 1-877-826-9922.

Family Literacy Day Toolkit now online

Download the *Sing for Literacy* Toolkit or the Family Literacy Day Event Guide at www.FamilyLiteracyDay.ca for all the information you need for your Family Literacy Day *Sing for Literacy* event. ABC CANADA is encouraging groups across the country to participate by hosting sing-alongs in their communities. There is also another Munsch at Home Contest. To enter, families must write a short story and submit it online by 2 p.m. December 11, 2009. Register your Family Literacy Day event by January 8, 2010 and be eligible to win a FLD prize pack!

First Nations Language Keepers Conference

The conference is December 8-9, 2009 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. It celebrates and supports language education for First Nation people. For more information visit www.sicc.sk.ca, or phone (306) 244-1146.

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In the News

Canada Reads announces 2010 reading list

CBC news, December 1, 2009

Pickering, Ont., hurdler Perdita Felicien will jump to the defence of *Fall on Your Knees* and rapper Cadence Weapon will go to bat for *Generation X* as CBC's Canada Reads series returns in 2010. To read more go to <http://www.cbc.ca/arts/books/story/2009/12/01/canada-reads-choices.html>

Toronto Public Library announces First & Best booklist 2009

Toronto, November 26, 2009

Toronto Public Library is pleased to announce its third annual First & Best booklist: a selection of the best 2009 Canadian books for children from birth to five, as chosen by the Toronto Public Library.

The announcement and list of books can be found at

<http://www.newswire.ca/en/releases/archive/November2009/26/c5295.html>

Giving to Charities a win-win

National Post, November 28, 2009

The economic crisis may claim more victims: charitable organizations. Their outlook is far from rosy as they wrestle with an unfortunate convergence of events. You can download this story at

<http://www.nationalpost.com/related/topics/story.html?id=2278472>

How not to ruin a job interview

Globe and Mail, November 20, 2009

It can take months to get an interview but just seconds to blow it. Wallace Immen talked to hiring experts about some of the biggest gaffes candidates make - and how to avoid them. Read the story at

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/how-not-to-ruin-a-job-interview/article1370809/>

Experts find holes in plan for full-day kindergarten

Toronto Sun, November 26, 2009

Full-day kindergarten is off to a "rough start" because the province is ignoring research on what makes it work best, says a new report from early childhood experts who studied a similar successful program in Toronto.

<http://www.parentcentral.ca/parent/education/article/731036--experts-find-holes-in-plan-for-full-day-kindergarten>

Millions of children missing out on education because of language barriers: new report

Canadian Press, November 26, 2009

A report says that millions of children are missing out on an education because their schools teach in a language they don't understand. <http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/breakingnews/74537537.html>

Rich v. poor: The lives we can expect from our income

Globe and Mail, November 27, 2009

Both longevity and quality of life are now measured by statisticians, but however you parse the data, Canada's poor have worse life expectancy than the well off

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/life/health/rich-v-poor-the-lives-we-can-expect-from-our-income/article1377610/>

Fix poverty, fix health, top MD says

The Ottawa Citizen, November 24, 2009

The president-elect of the Canadian Medical Association has called on the country's doctors to become advocates for the eradication of poverty.

<http://www.ottawacitizen.com/news/poverty+health+says/2258118/story.html>

Access and Support to Education and Training Survey

November 25, 2009

Growing numbers of Canadians, particularly middle-aged and older Canadians, participated in job-related education or training in 2008 compared with five years earlier. Family responsibilities, needing to work and conflicts with work schedules were cited as the most common reasons for not pursuing further education or training. Read more at <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/091125/dq091125b-eng.htm>

International Spotlight on Adult Education

The 6th Conference on Adult Education, is taking place in Brazil, December 1-4. To read about this gathering go to [http://www.unesco.org/en/education/dynamic-content-single-view/news/sixth conference on adult education brazil december 1 4/back/9195/cHash/972059293b/](http://www.unesco.org/en/education/dynamic-content-single-view/news/sixth%20conference%20on%20adult%20education%20brazil%20december%201%204/back/9195/cHash/972059293b/)

NALD celebrates 20th Anniversary

The [NALD anniversary booklet features highlights of the last 20 years at http://www.nald.ca/about/20years/20thBookletEnglish.pdf](http://www.nald.ca/about/20years/20thBookletEnglish.pdf)

In the Works: A compendium of projects from across the country

The Movement for Canadian Literacy (MCL) has created this compendium to capture a snapshot of the variety of literacy projects currently taking place across the country, including those of the NWT Literacy Council. <http://www.literacy.ca/themes/mcl/PDF/MCL-InTheWorksCompendium-November2009.pdf>

Study Shows Home-Educated Become Model Citizens

Toronto, December 2, 2009

A new study released today by the Canadian Centre for Home Education reveals that home-educated adults excel in all measured areas of adult life.

<http://www.newswire.ca/en/releases/archive/December2009/02/c7005.html>

Resources and Websites

Tis' the Season for Learning!

For 10 family literacy tips and activities to warm the winter holidays go to <http://abc-canada.org/en/tistheseasonforlearning>

Publishers/distributors with literacy/essential skills material

The contact information for ordering these materials is available at:

<http://www.nald.ca/info/whatnew/headline/2009/publishers.htm>

Top 20 Downloads of Resources from NALD for November

<http://www.nald.ca/top20/2009/nov09.htm>

Literacy and Essential Skills Awareness Guide

This guide provides tips to assist you to identify clients who need to improve their Literacy and Essential Skills. <http://www.nald.ca/library/learning/occl/les-guide/les-guide.pdf>