

# This Week in Literacy

**November 26, 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.

**Literacy Council staff member Lisa Campbell gave birth to a new baby boy this week! Matthew Campbell Triggs was born on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> in Winnipeg. Congratulations to Lisa and the rest of the Campbell/Triggs family.**

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## **Literacy Dates**

National Family Literacy Day

January 27

## **Community Events and Information**

### **Two New Ways to Support the Work of the NWT Literacy Council**

#### **Canada Helps**

If you want to support the NWT Literacy Council's work at this holiday season – or at any time during the year – you can donate right from our webpage [www.nwt.literacy.ca](http://www.nwt.literacy.ca). Just go to the Canada Helps button, and donate. You will immediately receive a tax receipt. The Literacy Council uses all donations to support community-based literacy programs or to buy children's books for community literacy programs.

#### **Cangive.ca**

This is another way that lets you donate to the work of the NWT Literacy Council. Cangive has more than two hundred merchants listed, like Dell, Amazon and The Source. When you buy a product from one of the listed stores, you can choose the NWT Literacy Council as your charity of choice. A portion of the sales is then donated to the NWT Literacy Council. Again, the money will be used to support community literacy programs.

### **Open Sky Festival Call for Submissions**

The OSC Gallery and Open Sky Creative Society in Fort Simpson are now accepting submissions from Canadian, Northern and Deh Cho artists and performers for the 2010 gallery programming and festival. The deadline is January 15<sup>th</sup>. For more information go to:

<http://www.openskyfestival.ca/artistopp.htm>.

### **Alaskan Periodical Seeks Poetry Submissions**

*Ice Floe*, an Alaska-published periodical dedicated to poetry, is seeking poetry submissions for a volume to be published in 2010. Submissions of no more than five poems can be sent to

[icefloe@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:icefloe@uaa.alaska.edu) or by mail to University of Alaska Press c/o Ice Floe PO Box 756240 Fairbanks, AK 99775-6240 by January 1, 2010

### **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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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>

### **Family Literacy Day Toolkit now online**

Download the *Sing for Literacy* Toolkit or the Family Literacy Day Event Guide at

[www.FamilyLiteracyDay.ca](http://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!

## **In the News**

### **Learning Report Dispels Native Stereotypes**

CBC North

First Nations, Inuit and Métis people display higher rates of volunteerism and informal learning — participation in clubs, sports, arts and music — as well as more community involvement than non-

aboriginal Canadians, according to a new study. The report by the Ottawa-based Canadian Council on Learning recognizes that aboriginal learning is lifelong, goes beyond the classroom and is about much more than just school dropout rates. To read more go to

<http://www.cbc.ca/canada/north/story/2009/12/08/learning-report008.html>

## **Resources and Websites**

### **Adult Literacy Lesson Plans**

The Centre for Canadian Language Benchmarks has posted two new lesson plans for adult educators. The topics are resume writing and machine operation. To download the lesson plans go to [http://www.nald.ca/library/learning/cclb/lesson\\_occspec/lesson2/lesson2.pdf](http://www.nald.ca/library/learning/cclb/lesson_occspec/lesson2/lesson2.pdf)

### **Beginnings and Beyond: The Caregiver and Kindergarten Readiness**

This fact sheet, produced by the Learning Disabilities Association of Canada, gives information about how young children learn and how to support school readiness in the early years. To download it go to <http://library.nald.ca/item/8463>.