

This Week in Literacy

June 11, 2010

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

Aboriginal Day	June 21
International Literacy Day	September 8
NWT Literacy Week	September 26 – October 2

Community Events and Information

Family Literacy Coordinator Job Opening

The NWT Literacy Council is looking for a family literacy coordinator. This position is responsible for developing and delivering training, developing resources, and providing support services to community organizations and other groups interested in family literacy. Deadline for applications is June 18, 2010. To view a job description visit <http://www.nwt.literacy.ca/index.htm>.

A Detailed View of Aboriginal Literacy

As a group, Aboriginal adults are among the most diverse in Canada. This diversity means that there are dramatically different levels of literacy amongst Aboriginal adults and very different economic and social demands for literacy skill use, depending on where and how one makes a living. Scott Murray will talk about what his recent research means for communities, literacy instructors and individuals **Tuesday, June 29** at the Baker Centre in Yellowknife from 9 am-noon. Please RSVP by June 24 to mbarton@bowvalleycollege.ca or 403-410-3198 or contact the NWT Literacy Council at nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca.

Family Literacy Funding for 2010-2011

You can apply to the NWT Literacy Council for family literacy funding for 2010-2011. Download the application and criteria for funding at http://www.nwt.literacy.ca/famlit_funding.htm or call Jill Vaydik at 1-866-599-6758.

Aboriginal Perspectives Workshop

This three-day workshop, based on a brand new resource, will be of interest to teachers who have First Nations, Métis and Inuit students in their classrooms. Open to both elementary and secondary teachers. To get more information on Ontario Teachers Federation programs click on Summer Program 2010 at www.otffeo.on.ca. Online registration closes June 18, 2010.

TD Financial Literacy Grant Fund call for applications

This new fund will provide grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000 to qualified community groups for financial education. The deadline for applications is July 31, 2010. The first of its kind in Canada, the \$11 million fund will bring financial literacy skills to low-income and disadvantaged individuals across Canada. Charitable and nonprofit organizations interested in applying for grants are encouraged to review the Fund's guidelines and application form at www.sedi.org/grantfund.

Canada Interactive Fund Call for Proposals

The Department of Canadian Heritage is launching a call for proposals under the new Canada Interactive Fund (CIF) for 2010-11. The application deadline is July 15, 2010. The fund supports the creation of online Canadian interactive content and applications developed by Official Language Minority Community (OLMC), Aboriginal, ethnocultural and other not-for-profit cultural organizations. The fund guidelines are available at <http://www.pch.gc.ca/fic-cif/index-eng.cfm>.

In the News

Financial Literacy Bailout for the Younger Generation

In the aftermath of the global financial crisis, financial literacy is still low among young adults. According to a new European study only 27% of people aged 23-28 can answer three basic questions about interest rates, inflation, risk diversification, and other basic financial concepts. Read more on this study at <http://www.alphagalileo.org/ViewItem.aspx?ItemId=77465&CultureCode=en>.

Literacy Strongly Linked to Access to Books

Research by the National Literacy Trust has confirmed that young people's reading ability is linked strongly to their access to books at home as well as parental encouragement to read. View more on this at <http://www.thebookseller.com/news/119705-page.html>.

Dolly's literacy program celebrates 15th season

Knoxnews.com, June 2, 2010

Fifteen years ago, a newborn in Sevier County got a book in the mail from the county's most famous native. For the complete story visit

<http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2010/jun/02/dolly-literacy-program-celebrates/>.

Six Tips to Stay Sharp on School Breaks

For many students, school holidays are an opportunity to visit friends, socialize, and sleep in.

However, before students plan a break filled with TV and video games, families need to create a holiday plan to keep students mentally stimulated. Find the tips for parents at

<http://www.oxfordlearning.com/features/six-tips-stay-sharp-school-breaks/>

Federal grant pulls First Nations University back from brink

Regina Leader-Post, June 2, 2010

After being tossed a \$4 million lifeline by the feds, the First Nations University of Canada can stay afloat for another 10 months. Its supporters hope that will be enough time to prove the university can stay alive even longer. For this story go to

<http://www.vancouversun.com/life/Federal+government+gives+troubled+First+Nations+University/3102606/story.html>.

Resources and Websites

Canadian Heritage Aboriginal Peoples' Program

The Aboriginal Peoples' Program (APP) supports the full participation and cultural revitalization of Aboriginal People in Canadian society. It enables Aboriginal Peoples to address the social, cultural, economic and political issues affecting their lives. Find resources and more at

<http://www.pch.gc.ca/pgm/pa-app/index-eng.cfm>.

The Oxford Learning Blog

This blog discusses education topics for parents, tips and tricks for teens. Learn how to study faster, learn more and make the most out of study time.

<http://www.oxfordlearning.com/letstalk/>

Story Keepers – Conversations with Aboriginal Writers

For the June feature at Ningwakwe Learning Press go to

http://ningwakwe.on.ca/catalogue_files/page0003.htm.

Top 20 downloads of NALD Resources in May

<http://www.nald.ca/top20/2010/may10.htm>

Summer reading for kids: Only the best

Here are some suggestions for cheering up, sobering down or whiling away a lazy afternoon of summer – good stuff for young people and old people.

<http://www.parentcentral.ca/parent/activities/familytime/stories/article/819133--summer-reading-for-kids-only-the-best>