

This Week in Literacy

June 3, 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

A Market Segmentation 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

2010 Aboriginal Education Incentive Awards

Submissions for Canada Post's Aboriginal Education Incentive Awards will be accepted until July 31, 2010. To learn more about eligibility and submission criteria go to

<http://www.canadapost.ca/cpo/mc/aboutus/community/aboriginaleducation/default.jsf?LOCALE=en>

or contact France Coulombe at france.coulombe@canadapost.ca. for a hard copy of an award brochure.

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 the 2010-11 fiscal year. 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>

Youth Take Charge

June 14 is the next deadline to apply for Youth in Charge funding from Canadian Heritage. This program will provide \$12.3 million over three years to youth-led projects promoting youth attachment to Canada. There is also an October application deadline. For more information go to <http://www.pch.gc.ca/eng/1268358616111/1273511621149>

NorthWords Festival 2010 begins today

The NorthWords 2010 Writer's Festival features Giller Finalist Annabel Lyon, Novelist and Memoirist Sharon Butala, Storyteller Ivan E. Coyote, Children's Author and Storyteller Bob Barton, Comic Book Writer/Artist Steve Sanderson and Novelist Cathleen With and many local authors. The festival takes place June 3-6 in Yellowknife. More information and the full program can be viewed at http://www.northwordsfestival.ca/NorthWords_Writers_Festival/Home.html

National Family Literacy Conference

The National Family Literacy Conference is in Edmonton July 15 – 17th, 2010. The conference will profile the critical contributions of family literacy across Canada and around the world! For more information call (780) 427-5704 or email deborah.landry@gov.ab.ca

In the News

Online privacy at risk, warn educators at the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences

CNW, May 31, 2010

Facebook may not be your only privacy risk. Online learning tools - even password-protected ones - are a lot less private than students and professors believe, warn two Nova Scotia educators. Wendy Kraglund-Gauthier and David Young both design online courses at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, N.S. In a paper presented at the 2010 Congress for the Humanities and Social Sciences taking place at Montreal's Concordia University, they say most people have a false sense of security about their online dealings. For this story visit

<http://www.newswire.ca/en/releases/archive/May2010/31/c8153.html>

Student debt: Can you teach financial literacy?

Toronto Star, May 28 2010

On this warm spring morning, these kids at London South Collegiate Institute are getting a lesson that goes mostly untaught in Ontario's high schools. For more go to

<http://www.thestar.com/news/insight/article/815838--student-debt-can-you-teach-financial-literacy>

Teens getting creative with Web 2.0 tools

CNW, June 1, 2010

A pilot study of teens and their use of Web 2.0 technologies confirms what most parents probably already know: Teens are really good at it. But what surprised the researcher doing the study is how the teens she talked to were able to use technological tools in new and innovative ways to connect with each other - ways that the creators of the tools had probably never thought of. And she suggests that what's evolving is a whole new multi-dimensional way of communicating.

<http://www.newswire.ca/en/releases/archive/June2010/01/c8588.html>

ABC Life Literacy Canada bolsters workplace education

ABC Life Literacy Canada has launched a new workplace education website. Workplace education encompasses many important literacy and essential skills that are needed in work, learning and life. Providing a foundation for lifelong learning, workplace education enables people to evolve and businesses to prosper. Training employees is one of the best investments a company can make. To access helpful tools and resources on workplace training, visit <http://www.workplaceeducation.ca>

Sexual Literacy

Ottawa Citizen, May 28, 2010

On the heels of a divisive debate about sex education in Ontario schools, new research suggests the more information young people receive, the better. Read more at

<http://www.ottawacitizen.com/health/Sexual+literacy/3080877/story.html#ixzz0pEts5PMv>

In e-mail age, still nothing like a handwritten letter

CNN, May 27, 2010

E-mail is quick. Texting is convenient. Facebook has photos, videos and games. But for all the fancy, multimedia modes of communication out there, nothing beats the thrill of opening the mailbox and finding a personal letter, written and addressed just to you. For more on this story visit

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/LIVING/05/27/letters.irpt/index.html?hpt=C2>

Resources and Websites

Aboriginal Funding Tool

<http://www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca/acp/site.nsf/en/funding.html>

Youth and Philanthropy Initiative

Since rocketing on the scene in 2002 at Royal St. George's College in Toronto, YPI has blasted into over 220 Canadian schools. YPI empowers young student philanthropists to donate over \$1.2 million annually to social service programs in their communities. And the good news: What began as a great idea has become a potent agent for change globally. <http://www.goypi.org/CA/how-to-get-involved/teachers>

Childcare Resource and Research Unit

The Childcare Resource and Research Unit (CRRU) is a policy and research oriented facility that focuses on early childhood education and child care (ECEC) and family policy in Canada and internationally. <http://www.childcarecanada.org/>

National Film Board

For over 70 years, The National Film Board has worked with Canadian teachers to bring documentary films into the classroom.

<http://www.nfb.ca/education/en/>

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