

This Week in Literacy

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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 Day of Families

May 15

Aboriginal Day

June 21

International Literacy Day

September 8

Community Events and Information

Join Annelies for a cup of iceberg tea

iceberg tea is Annelies Poole's new book, a collection of columns written during the past 20 years for northern publications. The book is available at the Yellowknife Book Cellar or online at

http://www.anneliespool.ca/Annelies_Pool/Iceberg_Tea.html

International speakers for family literacy conference announced

The Centre for Family Literacy has announced international speakers for its Cultivating Connections Family Literacy Conference set for July 15-17 in Edmonton, Alberta. On the agenda are: Thomas Sticht (United States), who will deliver a presentation entitled "From Parents to Progeny: Toward a Multiple Life Cycles Education Policy;" Snoeks Desmond (South Africa), "Family Literacy: Harvesting the Dream;" and Eve Gregory (United Kingdom), "Handing Down the Magic: Literacy as a Gift between Generations and Siblings." More information on the conference and registration can be found at <http://famlit.ca/ccc/index2.shtml>

Saskatchewan Aboriginal Literacy Gathering 2010

The Saskatchewan Aboriginal Literacy Network Inc. (SALN) is hosting the 4th provincial meeting of learners, practitioners, and leaders in Aboriginal literacy on May 25 – 27 in Manitou Beach, Saskatchewan. Keynote speaker is well-known author Richard Van Camp. Besides engaging learners, Elders, practitioners and participants in learning opportunities and showcasing successes and challenges, participants will enjoy a rich cultural environment of First Nations and Métis cultural

activities. Everyone is welcome. For more information go to www.aboriginal.sk.literacy.ca or call 306-716-2890.

The 2010 Canada Post Community Literacy Awards – Deadline May 21, 2010

This is your opportunity to nominate a deserving adult learner and/or educator from your community for a prestigious award that recognizes personal achievement. For more information visit http://www.canadapost.ca/cpc_email/Literacy/literacy_2010_1.htm

CNIB's Shades of Fun Day – May 27, 2010

Only one in nine Canadians knows that overexposure to sunlight can cause long-term, irreversible damage to our eyes. Join Canadians from coast to coast on Shades of Fun day - and help raise awareness about vision health and raise money for CNIB programs and services. For fundraising information or to purchase sunglasses contact the CNIB in Yellowknife by email at Norma.Jarvis@cnib.ca or visit www.shadesoffunday.ca. If you are collecting donations, your name, phone number and address are required to provide a charitable tax receipt for donations over \$15.

In the News

Time to reinforce equality of aboriginal women
The StarPhoenix May 7, 2010

Aboriginal women today are outpacing men in education and succeeding in their careers. However, they also occupy the bottom rungs of society's ladder when it comes to suffering poverty, racism and domestic abuse. Read more at

<http://www.thestarphoenix.com/news/Time+reinforce+equality+aboriginal+women/2997114/story.html>

Educational toys: Learning to play or playing to learn?

Educational toys appeal to many parents, especially those hoping to promote their child's healthy development and encourage learning through play. Are they necessary? See the Canadian Council on Learning report at <http://www.ccl-cca.ca/CCL/Reports/LessonsInLearning/LinL20100505EducationalToys.htm?Language=EN>

Best-selling Canadian authors to pen new Good Reads books

Authors Joseph Boyden, Marina Endicott, Joy Fielding, Anthony Hyde, and Frances Itani to write original books for adult literacy learners in second year of series. To read more about this story go to <http://www.abclifeliteracy.ca/en/best-selling-canadian-authors-pen-good-reads-new-releases-2011>

We should pay attention to oracy in addition to literacy: Columnist

The column by International Consultant in Adult Education, Tom Sticht, can be found at http://www.nald.ca/info/whatnew/headline/2010/sticht_may2010.htm

Frontier College kindergarten to grade 6 programs research report

Frontier College conducted research on its programs for children in Kindergarten to Grade 6. These programs include reading circles, after-school programs, and in-school tutoring programs. The goal of this research was to obtain valid reading assessment data, to identify best practices, and to investigate the impact of these programs. In total, 12 programs in Sudbury, Thunder Bay, Hamilton,

Kingston, Halifax and Toronto were evaluated. To read more go to
<http://www.nald.ca/library/research/frontier/kindergarten/kindergarten.pdf>

Resources and Websites

The American Sign Language Dictionary for Kids

<http://aslphabet.com/>

Make it Count

A Parent's Resource for Youth Money Management. <http://www2.makeitcountonline.ca/csa/parents/>

Native Peoples Magazine

<http://www.nativepeoples.com/index.php>

Our Favorite Family Recipes...and why we love them!!

<http://library.nald.ca/learning/item/8651>