

This Week in Literacy

May 27, 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.

In this E-News

- [Literacy Dates](#)
- [Community Events and Information](#)
- [In the News](#)
- [Resources and Websites](#)

Literacy Dates

Aboriginal Day

June 21

International Literacy Day

September 8

NWT Literacy Week

September 26 – October 2

Community Events and Information

Learning Supports for Persons with Disabilities

The Learning Support for Persons with Disabilities fund helps NWT adults with disabilities achieve their learning goals. Types of supports provided include assistive devices; books, tools and equipment; tutoring services; tuition; and transportation to and from an educational institution. For more information, contact Barbara Miron, GNWT Education, Culture and Employment at (867) 920-3482 or barbara_miron@gov.nt.ca

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>

Festival of Stories - May 28-30

The 6th Northern Arts and Cultural Centre (NACC) Festival of Stories in Yellowknife features tellers from Hawaii, Yukon and the Northwest Territories. Jim Green, Vicky Latour and Sharon Shorty are just a few of the scheduled performers. Seating is limited. A schedule and tickets are available at the NACC box office or by going to <http://www.nacnt.ca/events/301/>

NorthWords Festival 2010: Community Through Stories

The NorthWords 2010 program is its most ambitious ever! Join 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 and many local authors for the 5th annual NorthWords Writer's Festival. 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

The 2010 Canada Post Community Literacy Awards – Deadline extended to May 31, 2010

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

Aboriginal Achievement Award Foundation Bursaries and Scholarships

June 1 is the deadline to apply to National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation Post Secondary Education and Aboriginal Health Career bursaries and scholarships. For more go to

<http://www.naaf.ca/>

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

Limited Health Literacy Increases Safety Risks for Patients with Diabetes

PRNewswire, May 19, 2010

People with diabetes who have limited health literacy are at higher risk for hypoglycemia or low blood sugar, according to a new study from researchers at the University of California, San Francisco and the Kaiser Permanente Division of Research in Oakland, CA. More on this can be found at

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/limited-health-literacy-increases-safety-risks-for-patients-with-diabetes-94230884.html>

BRIDGES TO LITERACY: Early Routines That Promote Later School Success

Will this baby be “ready” for school? Will she “like” school? Will he become a reader? Will she gain the skills needed to garner a “good” job in adulthood? What are developmentally appropriate ways to foster pre-academic growth? These questions are increasingly asked by parents, child care providers, early educators, and policy makers at every level from the neighborhood parent group to the White House. To read more go to http://main.zerotothree.org/site/DocServer/Vol_22-4f.pdf?docID=1182

Canada's score on annual learning index stalls

Canada's progress on the Composite Learning Index (CLI) is at a standstill in 2010, and there has only been marginal progress over the past five years, according to the latest results from the Canadian Council on Learning's annual measure of lifelong learning. For more on the results visit

<http://www.cli-ica.ca/en/about/media/2010release.aspx>

Report calls for sustainable adult and family literacy programs

The Senate Subcommittee on Cities report, *In From The Margins: A Call To Action On Poverty, Housing And Homelessness* calls for the federal government to sustain strong financial support for adult and family literacy programs, especially for groups with low high school completion rates. The report can be downloaded at <http://www.parl.gc.ca/40/2/parlbus/commbus/senate/com-e/citi-e/rep-e/rep02dec09-e.pdf>. The Movement for Canadian Literacy also recognizes the link between poverty and literacy. It made poverty the theme of its latest newsletter, which can be found at http://www.literacy.ca/themes/mcl/lexpress/April_2010.pdf

Workplace Literacy Award Debuts

The Dr. Alan Middleton Workplace Literacy and Learning Award recognizes excellence in workplace literacy and essential skills. Deadline for submissions is July 30, 2010. To learn more about nominating someone go to <http://www.abclifeliteracy.ca/en/dr-alan-middleton-workplace-literacy-and-learning-award>

Essential Skills Online: A Consortium Approach

Can learners improve their essential skills by studying online? A pilot test that has been running from February to May 2010 with 240 students will determine the effectiveness of online learning using sector-specific, workplace-related materials and technological supports for disadvantaged learners. A second test will be conducted in the fall of 2010. For more information visit <http://www.nald.ca/info/whatnew/headline/2010/essentialskills.htm>

Resources and Websites

AlphaPlus Pathfinders

AlphaPlus pathfinders are guides on specific topics that help you quickly find relevant websites and information to support your literacy practice.

<http://alphaplus.ca/newsupdates.asp?eventID=275>

Canada's Got Treasures

Discover Canadian museum treasures and share yours.

<http://www.museevirtuel-virtualmuseum.ca/sgc-cms/expositions-exhibitions/tresors-treasures/>

Health Literacy Studies Policy: Reports and Initiatives

<http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/healthliteracy/policy/>

Household Hints

<http://www.nald.ca/library/learning/household/household.pdf>

High School to Apprenticeship Transition: Identifying and Sharing Best Practices

http://www.nald.ca/library/research/apprenticeship_transition/apprenticeship_transition.pdf

Reading and Language at the Park

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/readinglanguage/quicktips/park.html?contactID=159137917&gwkey=PFTHO7CM9A>

NWT Literacy Council
Box 761
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N6
Phone: 867-873-9262
Toll Free in NWT: 1-866-599-6758
Fax: 867-873-2176
communications@nwtliteracy.ca