

This Week in Literacy

May 6, 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

National Mental Health Week	May 3-9
International Day of Families	May 15
Aboriginal Day	June 21

Community Events and Information

Family Literacy Funding for 2010-2011

You can now apply to the NWT Literacy Council for family literacy funding for 2010-2011. The application and criteria for funding can be downloaded at

http://www.nwt.literacy.ca/famlit_funding.htm or call Jill Vaydik at 1-866-599-6758.

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

Call for Nominations: 2010 Council of the Federation Literacy Award

The Northwest Territories Council of the Federation Literacy Award honours a learner who has overcome obstacles and demonstrated outstanding progress in the pursuit of literacy skills in any of the NWT official languages. Nominations require two letters of support and the deadline is May 28, 2010. For a nomination form call 920-8843 or email Margaret_Erasmus@gov.nt.ca

Call for Nominations: 2010 Ministerial Literacy Awards

Do you know an educator or an organization in your community that has excelled in promoting literacy and helping others to improve their literacy levels in any of the NWT's official languages?

Nominations require two letters of support. The deadline is May 28, 2010. Contact (867) 920-8843 or Margaret_Erasmus@gov.nt.ca

2010 Aboriginal Education Incentive Awards

Submissions are accepted now until July 31, 2010 for Aboriginal Education Incentive Awards (AEIA) from Canada Post's nationwide scholarship program. Download a brochure at http://www.canadapost.ca/cpo/mr/assets/pdf/aboutus/content_en.pdf or contact france.coulombe@canadapost.ca.

EVOKE - Human Rights Digital Art Contest

EVOKE is a call to young Canadians aged 13 to 25 to express their perspectives on human rights through art. The contest closes May 25, 2010. Winners from each province and territory will travel to Winnipeg during summer 2010 and have their art exhibited in front of thousands of people at a ceremony for the Canadian Museum for Human Rights! Find more information at <http://evoke.tigweb.org/>

Science Fiction Writing Contest - \$1000 Award- Deadline November 1st, 2010

Open to Native, First Nations, Indigenous, and Aboriginal students currently enrolled part-time or full-time in any accredited university, college, or high school. Send a personal statement and previously unpublished science fiction story (up to 4,000 words) to Professor Grace L. Dillon (Anishinaabe) as attachments to dillong@pdx.edu

National Family Literacy Conference – July 15 – 17th, 2010

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

International Conference on Dynamic Governance – Yukon College June 14-16.

This conference will appeal to those looking for more harmony and engagement in the workplace. For more information visit <http://www.riverflowsbothways.com/>

In the News

Toddler TV linked to low math scores: study

The Canadian Press, *May 4, 2010*

Too much time in front of the tube as a two-year-old can predict some negative consequences at the age of 10, a new study suggests. Researchers studied more than 1,300 children in Quebec and found that higher TV exposure as toddlers corresponded to less achievement in math, an increase in being victimized by classmates and less physical activity at age 10. Read more at

<http://www.cbc.ca/health/story/2010/05/04/tech-television-children.html#ixzz0mz1nGHmo>

Best Practices in Aboriginal Learning

The Canadian Council on Learning has released Promising Practices/Programs in Aboriginal Learning. This document can be downloaded at [http://www.ccl-](http://www.ccl-cca.ca/pdfs/ablkc/AbLKC%20Promising%20Practices.pdf)

[cca.ca/pdfs/ablkc/AbLKC%20Promising%20Practices.pdf](http://www.ccl-cca.ca/pdfs/ablkc/AbLKC%20Promising%20Practices.pdf). It has also put online the Synthesis Report

of the Aboriginal Learning Knowledge Centre's Literature Reviews: Responsive Educational Systems at http://www.ccl-cca.ca/pdfs/ablkc/ResponsiveEduSys_en.pdf

May is the Time to Celebrate Speech and Hearing

CNW, May 3, 2010

Many of us take our abilities to hear and speak for granted but as Hosea Ballou said, "every word spoken within the hearing of little children tends towards the formation of character."

Communication skills are vital to our fundamental development.... Read more at

<http://www.newswire.ca/en/releases/archive/May2010/03/c7800.html>

First Nations University Selling Saskatoon Campus

Globe and Mail, May 4, 2010

First Nations University of Canada announced Monday it will sell off its Saskatoon campus to help pay off the school's mounting debt. Interim president Shauneen Pete told reporters the sale is necessary to ensure the future of the school, adding that there isn't enough money to run courses after the summer. For this story go to <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/prairies/first-nations-university-selling-saskatoon-campus/article1555812/>

Hard Work Pays Off for Young Metis Dentist

Edmonton Journal May 2, 2010

If there was one thing her mother taught her, it was how to work hard. Read more at

<http://www.edmontonjournal.com/news/edmonton/Hard%20work%20pays%20young%20Metis%20dentist/2977180/story.html#ixzz0n1HIB59x>

Resources and Websites

Whole Life Approach to Learning Disabilities

"Whole Life Approach to Learning Disabilities in Adult Literacy Settings" is a project, based at Literacy BC. This site is a place for adult educators in BC and Canada to share ideas and resources to support adult learners who may have a learning disability, or for whom learning is difficult for all kinds of reasons. <http://www.literacybc.ca/LatestNews/LDProject.pdf>

Financial literacy: What's your grade?

More people are giving themselves higher marks for being money-savvy, but this US survey indicates many still need help. Check out this site for details:

<http://articles.moneycentral.msn.com/SmartSpending/blog/page.aspx?post=1744249>

Circle of Stories

Circle of Stories uses documentary film, photography, artwork and music to honor and explore Native American storytelling.

<http://www.pbs.org/circleofstories/>

Why Parents Don't Need to Know It All

Don't feel bad about not knowing the answers, but instead use the opportunity to investigate alongside your children.

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/experts/archive/2010/04/why-parents-dont-need-to-have.html>

At My Best

At My Best™ is a comprehensive curriculum-supported toolkit for children in Grades Kindergarten to Grade 3 to promote and develop children's overall wellness.

<http://www.cahperd.ca/atmybest/home.cfm>

Newcomer Finances Toolkit"

This series includes eight worksheets on topics such as banking, credit and fraud.

<http://library.nald.ca/learning/browse/series?name=Newcomer+Finances+Toolkit>