

# Northwest Territories Literacy Council E-News – May 2006

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## Literacy Promotions

### The Many Faces of Literacy Photo Contest Winners

Thanks to everyone who submitted photos to our Many Faces of Literacy Photo Contest. Checkout June's E-News for the winning photos!

### Vinyl Café – **Sold Out!**

**When:** June 16 & 17

**Where:** Northern Arts Cultural Centre (NACC)

**Time:** **7:00 pm** - The tickets have the wrong time they say 8:00 pm.

Stuart McLean's loyal northern listeners snapped up tickets in record time this week for the June performances of the *Vinyl Cafe* in Yellowknife. Tickets for the June 16 and 17 *Vinyl Cafe* shows at the Northern Arts and Cultural Centre (NACC) sold out on Monday, May 15 in just over 12 hours. Jess Milton, producer of the award-winning CBC Radio show, says that's a record for selling out two shows.

McLean, who is currently on tour in the United Kingdom, is donating all proceeds from the shows to the NWT Literacy Council in honour of the late Peter Gzowski who was his friend and colleague, and a staunch supporter of literacy in the North. McLean will travel to Inuvik after Yellowknife. We thank First Air for donating air fare for Stuart McLean and Jess Milton, the producer of the show.

## **Canada Post Literacy Awards - Deadline May 26, 2006**

This is your opportunity to nominate a deserving individual, organization or business from your community for a prestigious award that recognizes personal achievement and grassroots literacy initiatives. For more information go to:

[http://www.canadapost.ca/personal/corporate/about/community/literacy/literacy\\_awards/default\\_2006-e.asp](http://www.canadapost.ca/personal/corporate/about/community/literacy/literacy_awards/default_2006-e.asp)

## **NWT Ministerial Literacy Awards – Deadline May 26, 2006**

Territorial literacy awards are now open for nominations. There are two awards:

- The **Council of the Federation** award is a learner recognition award presented by the Premier.  
**Who is eligible?:** NWT learners of all ages who have excelled in literacy achievement, improved personal literacy levels and helped others to improve their literacy levels. The learner must have been enrolled in classes within the past 18 months.
- The **Ministerial Literacy** award recognizes literacy practitioners.  
**Who is eligible?** NWT teachers, tutors or literacy facilitators, who have demonstrated an outstanding dedication to literacy; NWT organizations, literacy committees or programs, which have advocated for literacy and improved literacy levels in their communities.

## Upcoming Conferences and Courses

### **“Land and Language” - 23rd International Athabascan Language Conference**

Yamózha Kúé Society (Dene Cultural Institute) and the Department of Linguistics (University of Victoria)

Date: June 13 – 15, 2006

Place: Yellowknife – Explorer Hotel

“Land and Language” will be the 23<sup>rd</sup> International Dene (Athabascan) language’s conference to be held since the first one in 1976 in Calgary, Alberta. This year, for the first time, the conference will be held in the NWT. Dene language speakers, advocates, educators and supporters from the North will have the opportunity to share their experiences and showcase their efforts and successes in Aboriginal languages development initiatives in an international forum. The conference theme, “Land and Language”, speaks to the intrinsic relationship and expression of the land to language. For more information go to <http://www.uaf.edu/anlc/alc/>

### **Adult Learning Knowledge Centre’s National Symposium**

Canadian Council on Learning (CCL)

Date: June 21 – 23, 2006

Place: Fredericton, NB

The symposium will provide an opportunity for dialogue between stakeholders in the practice and research of adult learning. At the symposium, CCL’s state-of-the-field literature review will be presented and discussed by front-line practitioners and researchers. A showcase of action projects will highlight some adult learning initiatives.

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## **Summer Institute 2006 – Accountability and Public Trust: Restoring the Balance**

Centre for Literacy of Quebec

Date: June 28 -30, 2006

Place: Montreal, Quebec

Over three days, participants will present, respond to, question, and synthesize current thinking about accountability measures implemented over the past decade by government and other funders and their impact on the adult literacy and basic skills field.

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## **Aurora College - Certificate in Adult Education**

Summer 2006 Course Offerings

The Certificate in Adult Education is a part-time program made up of 9 courses and a practicum. Courses can be taken on an individual basis for personal interest or professional development, or they can be taken as part of the program requirements.

### **018 – 101 Elements of Instruction I**

Delivery Dates: 9:00 A. M. – 5:00 P. M.; Monday to Friday; June 19 – 30.

Delivery Mode: Classroom-based delivery at Yellowknife Campus

Instructor: Krystine Hogan

Topics include: Approaches to teaching adults using multi-level and cross-cultural principles; planning what to teach, how to teach, and how to assess; practice and participation in lesson deliveries. The Instructional Skills Workshop forms the core of this course.

Textbooks: 1) Renner, P. (1999). *The Art of Teaching Adults*.  
Vancouver: Training Associates.  
2) Centre for Curriculum, Transfer and Technology.  
(2003). *Instructional skills workshop (ISW) handbook for  
participants*. (provided by program)

### **018 – 121 Tutoring Literacy and Numeracy**

Delivery Dates: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday to Friday, June 5 – 16  
Delivery Mode: Classroom-based delivery at Yellowknife Campus  
Instructor: Paula (Cookie) Letemplier  
Topics Include: Different approaches to literacy instruction, reading,  
and assessment; responding to individual needs of  
students through assessment and instructional  
practices; numeracy instruction; developing holistic  
lesson plans.

Textbooks: 1) Campbell, P. (2003). *Teaching Reading to Adults: A  
balanced Approach*. Edmonton, AB: Grass Roots Press.  
2) Campbell, P. (2000). *Canadian adult reading assessment*.  
Edmonton, AB: Grass Roots Press. (Student manual  
and instructor's guide)

Tuition is \$325 per course.

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## New Resources

### Empowering the Spirit II

This updated version of *Empowering the Spirit: A Native literacy curriculum*, is designed to assist Native literacy coordinators and tutors in providing and using culturally appropriate materials with Native learners at various ages and levels of literacy. It contains recent research and includes more cultural support for practitioners. In addition, the 30 lesson plans have been restructured using the medicine wheel as a guide while being referenced to Ontario's LBS literacy levels. The updated edition includes both a book (\$59.95) and workbook (\$19.95). To order, contact the Alphaplus store at [www.store.alphaplus.ca](http://www.store.alphaplus.ca) or tel: 1-416-322-1012.

### NALD's New Online Library

The newly developed **NALD Library** is made up of three main collections:

- **Research Materials**

From this page, access is provided to whole documents such as research reports, directories, articles and reviews.

- **Learning Materials**

From this page, access is provided to resources such as online books which may be used at home or in the classroom.

- **Resources Available for Purchase**

This page contains abstracts about educational resources which are usually commercially available for purchasing.

These online library collections are fully searchable. You can use a search feature to search all three collections at once or you can view *Recent Additions*, or do an *Advanced Search* or *Browse* to select by title, author, date or subject.

Bookmark the **NALD Library** today at: <http://library.nald.ca/>

## **Guide for Family Health and Literacy**

This easy-to-read guide of health materials and websites is for adult literacy practitioners and health educators alike. It lists resources to teach health to families with lower literacy skills. It also discusses how to integrate health and literacy education, how to get started and engage adult learners, and how to build connections between literacy programs and local health services.

You can find Family Health and Literacy online at:

[www.worlded.org/us/health/docs/family](http://www.worlded.org/us/health/docs/family). Hard copies of the guide are also available free of charge for a limited time by contacting Leah Peterson at: [Leah.Peterson@worlded.org](mailto:Leah.Peterson@worlded.org).

## **Math Websites**

- The world of math online: [www.math.com](http://www.math.com)
- A+ Math: [www.aplusmath.com](http://www.aplusmath.com)
- Mrs. Glosser's Math Goodies [www.mathgoodies.com](http://www.mathgoodies.com)

## **Research**

### **Student Assessment in Adult Education: A Canadian Snapshot**

An online national survey of student assessment in adult basic education programs was conducted to gather information on assessment tools, procedures and practices, professional development, and critical issues. A total of 480 colleges, school boards, community-based agencies, and workplaces were contacted to complete the survey. Of the 480 educators, 400 completed the survey yielding a response rate of 79%. In general, the participants were mature, female, well-educated program coordinators.

The report's recommendations include:

- developing assessment tools for specific populations and skills
- creating an on-line directory of tools
- expanding professional development opportunities
- developing and supporting capacity
- addressing uniformity and diversity.

The report was researched and written by Pat Campbell with funding from the National Literacy Secretariat. You will find it online at NALD (<http://www.nald.ca>) in both English and French by the end of May.

## **Special Days, Weeks and Months**

It is time to start planning for next year. Here are some important dates to remember.

September 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	<b>International Literacy Day</b>
October 1 – 7, 2006	<b>NWT Literacy Week</b>
January 27, 2007	<b>National Family Literacy Day</b>
March 2, 2007	<b>World Book Day</b>
March, 2007	<b>Aboriginal Languages Month</b>
April 2, 2007	<b>International Children's Book Day</b>