

This Week in Literacy

Friday November 16th, 2007

Community Events and Information

T.A.I.L.S. Program (Therapy Animals Involved in Literacy Success) (Yellowknife)

St John Ambulance in partnership with the NWT SPCA and the Yellowknife Public Library has started a new program where kids read to therapy dogs at the library. This program is new but has been well received by the kids and dogs!

Canadian Children's Book Week Presents

Dianna Bonder, author and illustrator, will do a presentation at the Library on Friday November 23rd at 2:00 pm. For more information call 920-5642

Yellowknife's Newest Author Launches Book, Saturday, November 24 at the Yellowknife Book Cellar from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Building upon his popular series, Tyler Heal's *Street Stories* which appear in the *Yellowknifer*, Tyler Heal has written *The Times Behind the Signs*. The 72 page book features detailed descriptions of the stories behind Yellowknife's street names and includes archival photos and maps. Each story is a fascinating portrayal of those who shaped Yellowknife. The people after whom our city's streets were named include Yellowknife's First Peoples, southern transplants, aviation pioneers and a Distinguished Flying Cross recipient. Tyler, who is only sixteen years old, is donating all of the proceeds of this book to the NWT Mining Heritage Society.

Introductory Linguistics for Language Revitalization (LING 181, 1.5 units) January – April 2008

This course provides an introduction to topics in the study of language and linguistics, as a foundation for understanding language revitalization. Topics include: sound systems and how they relate to orthographies, word structures and

dictionaries, sentence structures and understanding texts, meaning and vocabulary, language acquisition and historical change. Develop your awareness of languages targeted for revitalization, linguistic topics and resources. Please register by: **December 10, 2007 (late registrations accepted** if space permits) This course is open to students in all faculties. Students outside of UVic wishing to take the course should contact Anissa Paulsen, Program Coordinator. This course is part of the Certificate Program in Aboriginal Language Revitalization. For more information please contact:

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New Resources and Websites

Learning to Learn

The very first cognitive program for individuals with little schooling. This training program is aimed at teaching adults with little schooling the methods necessary to learn.

Source: The Centre DÉBAT (Développement de l'éducation de base au travail)

Information: Lise Duplain, 514- 522-8691 • www.centredebat.qc.ca

Nonprofit Library Commons

<http://nonprofitscan.imaginecanada.ca/en/find>

Find the latest research, practical resources and tools, web sites and information about the best practices of nonprofit and charitable organizations, philanthropy and volunteering, and corporate giving... and much more!

Literacy Activities Handbook: Supporting Literacy for People with Intellectual / Developmental Challenges

<http://www.nald.ca/library/learning/sarc/cover.htm>

The Saskatchewan Association of Rehabilitation Centres (SARC) developed the *SARC Literacy Activity Handbook* to be a useful resource for people working with adults with intellectual / developmental disabilities. This may be volunteer tutors working one-on-one with learners through mainstream literacy programs, or disability practitioners delivering programs in group homes, rehabilitation centres, sheltered workshops, day programs and so on.

Tales From The Island: A Collection of Cape Breton Poetry and Prose

<http://www.nald.ca/library/learning/tales/cover.htm>

This volume, *Tales From The Island*, is an anthology of work produced by the members of the Sydney Seniors' Writing Circle. A few of these selections were previously included in other publications, but most were written since October, 2006 and are published here for the first time.

From Self to Story: Stories by Toronto adult literacy learners

<http://www.nald.ca/library/learning/selfstory/cover.htm>

NWT Literacy Council Membership?

Have you renewed your membership with the NWT Literacy Council? If not, why not take a moment and do so right away - that way you can stroke it off your New Year's resolution list! Donations are also gratefully accepted. A membership application form is posted on our web site at: www.nwt.literacy.ca/aboutus/about.htm. It's halfway down the right hand column under "About Us." Memberships are \$10 for an individual, \$20 for families, and \$25 for organizations and businesses.

You can print a copy of the form from our web site and mail in your cheque or money order. Or you can drop by our office at 5122 - 48th Street in Yellowknife.

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