

# This Week in Literacy

Friday November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007

## Community Events and Information

### Countdown to closing date for Munsch at Home contest – Deadline December 14<sup>th</sup>

There is only one month left to enter the Munsch at Home contest to win a visit from Robert Munsch, best-selling children's author and honorary chair of Family Literacy Day(R). To be eligible, families must mail their applications to ABC CANADA Literacy Foundation by 5 p.m. on December 14. Contestants can download application forms at [www.abc-canada.org/fld](http://www.abc-canada.org/fld). Each entry must include a short description of how the family plans to celebrate Family Literacy Day. Entries are judged on creativity and originality. Families are also asked to name a public library or literacy organization of their choice that will also receive a special visit from Mr. Munsch. Read more about this at <http://www.newswire.ca/en/releases/archive/November2007/15/c8726.html>

### Lifelong learning needed to strengthen productivity and prosperity

Canada has an immediate challenge to increase skill levels in its adult population to strengthen productivity and make lifelong learning a reality, says a report issued Nov. 15 by Canadian Policy Research Networks (CPRN). For more information go to <http://www.nald.ca/info/whatnew/headline/2007/cnpolicy.htm>

### Yk Film Festival Screens Tiff Award Winning Film This Friday

**Film:** First Stories and other Aboriginal shorts

**When:** November 30th (Friday) 7:30 pm

**Where:** Northern United Place Auditorium

**Cost:** \$10 (general admission) \$8 (students/seniors)

Headlining the event will be a presentation of the National Film Board's First Stories Program. The First Stories program was initiated

to give young Aboriginal filmmakers the opportunity to develop their stories on film. With humour and compassion, their films deal with a range of topics including Native culture/identity, Native traditions, Native art and street gangs. The festival will also be screening several shorts produced by northern filmmakers, including "Darkness Calls" an animated short based on the comic book produced by Richard Van Camp. Also screening will be a film by Hay River's Kelvin Redvers.

### **Canada Reads 2008**

*Canada Reads* is a week-long radio special that celebrates books. CBC Radio announced the launch of Canada Reads 2008 on Wednesday, November 28 on Sounds Like Canada. They announced the panelists and books chosen for what we expect to be another exciting week of programming February 25 – 29, 2008. This year, school boards across the country will be able to find all of the *Canada Reads* information they need online at [www.cbc.ca/canadareads](http://www.cbc.ca/canadareads). Not only will there be information about the panelists and the books, but visitors will be able to download and print the official 2008 Canada Reads poster. The site will give teachers and students alike a guide through CBC's upcoming programming. CBC Radio invites you to continue to be part of the Canada Reads experience.

### **New Resources and Websites**

#### **Northern Workplace/Workforce Literacy Partnership.**

We are a group of educators, employers and government officials from Nunavut and the Northwest Territories with a strong interest in workplace and workforce literacy development in the north. We created this website to provide information about literacy programs and policies that support good practice in both the workplace and in preparing people to participate in the workforce. For more information check out this website <http://www.nald.ca/nwwlc/>

#### **QUILL (Quality in Lifelong Learning) Learning Network**

QUILL Learning Network is a regional non-profit, charitable organization that assists organizations that work with adults who struggle with their reading, writing, math and communication skills. For more information about this organization check out this website

<http://www.quillnet.org/index.htm>

### **Changing the Way We Teach Math: A Manual for Teaching Basic Math to Adults** by Kate Nonesuch

Kate wrote this manual for ABE math instructors who are interested in changing their teaching practice to bring it more in line with recommendations from the research literature on teaching numeracy to adults. She wrote it after consulting with more than 100 people in British Columbia about their practice, and she wrote it to address the concerns they expressed at these consultations. The manual sets out some "best practices" from the literature, then outlines some difficulties instructors may face in implementing them, and makes suggestions for overcoming the difficulties. Finally, there are many pages of activities ready for immediate classroom use, which provide examples of some ways of implementing the best practices. For the full document go to

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

### **Raising Kids Who Read** By YMCA Canada

We all know that a positive environment is vital for children to grow into healthy adults. The YMCA in Canada uses a values-based approach to give kids positive relationships with adults, good role models, supportive communities, and a commitment to learning. Their reach also extends

to strengthening families, as this is another key ingredient for a child's healthy development. The YMCA offers many different ways for families and

children to spend time together – to grow stronger and to thrive. They developed this booklet to reinforce the vital parent or adult-child relationship,

and to support children's ability to read for fun and to become lifelong learners. For the full document go to

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

## **Since 1921: The Relationship between Dehcho Métis and Canada**

The Métis Council is pleased to announce the launching of our book. It was written by Stephanie Irlbacher-Fox and the Fort Providence Métis Council.

Academic, archival, and oral history research associated with this project has been ongoing since 2001. Funding was provided by the Government of Canada,

the Government of the Northwest Territories and a contribution from the Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation. Aimed at the general public, Métis

descendants and particularly at Métis youth, the publication provides an overview of Dehcho Métis history, in the context of the Dehcho Métis relationship

with Canada. For more information or to request copies please contact:

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## **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](http://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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