

This Week in Literacy October 27, 2011

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The NWT Literacy Council is a non-profit, non-government agency dedicated to supporting the development of literacy and essential skills in all official languages of the NWT.

Literacy Dates

Canadian Library Month - October
Financial Literacy Week - October 30 - November 5
National Child Day - November 20
Human Rights Day - December 10

Announcements and Events

Photo Storytelling Contest winners announced

Jonathan Buckley, of Fort Liard, is the winner in the adult category of our Photo Storytelling contest. The two youth winners are Destiny Ekotla and Leanna Vital, both of Nahanni Butte. All three winners will receive an Ipod



Shuffle as a prize. Check out the winning entries on our [website](#). Thank you to everyone who entered!

Computers for Schools available

[Smart Communities](#) has 200-300 refurbished computers to give away, complete with software. Schools are first in line for these computers, then community groups.

Fundraising strategies workshop

The Cultural Resource Management Program, University of Victoria and the Yukon Historical & Museums Association are co-sponsoring a two-day workshop: [Fundraising Strategies for Arts, Heritage and Cultural Organizations](#). It is November 24-25 in Whitehorse.

Our board and staff members

Annual General Meetings are a good time to take a photo!

So that's what we did last Saturday. Here's our staff and board members from left to right: Emma Amundson, Karen Wall, Cathy Comeau, Patricia Iglok, Kathryn Barry Paddock, Jeri Miltenberger, Katie Randall, Bette Lyons, Suzanne Robinson, Joyce Karau, Bev Garven, Amanda Mallon, Helen Balanoff and Wendy Mantla. Missing are staff member Marianne Bromley and Sahtu regional board member Mary Ann Vital.



Funding

Digital Citizenship and Social Action

The Canadian Teachers' Federation in partnership with the Media Awareness Network funds school projects focusing on [Digital Citizenship and Social Action](#).

Applications for subsidies of \$500 to \$750 per project must be received by November 7, 2011. Projects must be completed by the end of the 2012 school year.

National Victims of Crime Awareness Week

The Government of Canada will provide funding for organizations to host events during [National Victims of Crime Awareness Week](#) April 22 - 28, 2012. This year's theme is Moving Forward. The deadline to submit your funding application is November 7, 2011.

News

How does Canada's 1% compare to other countries?

reWORKit.net, October 14, 2011

In light of Occupy Wall Street and the spin offs that are growing in many other cities. there have been a large

number of excellent articles and studies looking at the top 1% of income earners in the United States. What is Canada's place in this debate?...[Read more](#)

Young parents squeezed for time and money, report finds

Toronto Star, October 18, 2011

Canadian parents are raising children with far less money and time than their baby boomer predecessors, despite the doubling of the Canadian economy since 1976, says a report from the University of British Columbia. At the same time, Canadians approaching retirement are wealthier than ever before, setting up an intergenerational tension...[Read more](#)

Tablets boost news reading, study suggests

CBC, October 25, 2011

Tablet users are more avid news readers than the general public and many read even more news after getting one of the devices, a new study suggests...[Read more](#)



Index finds inequalities in Canadians' quality of life

CTV News, October 20, 2011

A generation of solid economic growth has meant little in the everyday lives of most Canadians, according to a new index of well-being. The finding is a yellow light for decision-makers that social unrest is just around the corner unless deep changes are made...[Read more](#)

A visiting voice on FASD

Yukon News, October 19, 2011

Shortly after Elizabeth King entered high school, people mistook her for a university student. "She's very articulate," said her mother Helen Hoy. But in the same breath, Hoy recounted how Elizabeth was admitted to the hospital for frostbite, in July...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Financial Literacy Week

[Tips and Resources for people of all ages](#)

Kids Invent!

[Wildly creative learning](#)

50 games and activities to use with a small group

[Published by Laubach Literacy Ontario](#)

Media Literacy Week - November 7-11

[Resources and ideas](#)

Pockets of Potential

[Using mobile technologies to promote children's learning](#)