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**Congratulations to the 2011 Council of the Federation and  
NWT Ministerial Literacy Award Winners**

YELLOWKNIFE (September 28, 2011) – The NWT Literacy Council congratulates the recipients of the 2011 Council of the Federation Award for Literacy, and the NWT Ministerial Awards for Literacy. The award winners were celebrated at the Adult Learners' Luncheon in Yellowknife yesterday.

“These winners show how vibrant literacy efforts are in the NWT,” said Kathryn Barry Paddock, the Council’s Literacy Coordinator. “There are so many inspiring learners, dedicated educators and effective community-based programs. Exciting things happen every day to help NWT citizens increase their literacy and essential skills so they can participate fully in their communities and work places.”

Clarissa Rogers received the Ministerial Award for youth learners (aged 16-25) for her determination and success in returning to school to get her high school diploma. Lea Lamoureux is the Ministerial Literacy Award winner for Educators. Ms Lamoureux is a teacher and principal at Kaw Tay Whee School in Dettah, which has seen an improvement in student reading levels.

The Chekoa Program received the Ministerial Literacy Award for Organizations for its learning and literacy programs for children in Dettah and Ndilo. The NWT Literacy Council featured the Chekoa Program in its last newsletter which can be found at <http://www.nwt.literacy.ca/resources/newslet/may2011.pdf>

The winner of the the 2011 Council of the Federation Literacy Award for the NWT, Sylvia Clement, was announced earlier this year. Ms. Clement, who is enrolled at the Tulita Community Learning Centre was recognized for her role as learner, parent and community literacy volunteer.

The awards are presented annually during NWT Literacy Week.

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