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SUPPORT CONTINUES THROUGH LITERACY ACTION COMMITTEE FUNDING

WHITEHORSE – Thanks to continued support from the Government of Yukon, the Literacy Action Committee has disbursed another round of funds to a number of valuable literacy projects, most of which serve people living in Yukon communities.

Approximately \$75,000 will be awarded to 17 groups operating literacy initiatives throughout Yukon. The Literacy Action Committee met to consider 23 proposals.

“The Literacy Action Committee plays an important role in funding community literacy programs throughout the territory,” alternate Education Minister Elaine Taylor said. “The Government of Yukon is pleased to continue our support of the Literacy Action Committee and the literacy programs it enables.”

The funding for the Literacy Action Committee is allocated through the government’s 2001 Yukon Literacy Strategy. To date, 127 literacy projects have received Literacy Action Committee funding in order to increase literacy skills development in the territory.

"Literacy is a priority for the government because we want Yukoners to have access to the training they need to succeed in the work force and in their communities," Taylor said. "There is a real need for literacy programming here in Yukon and through direction from the 2001 Yukon Literacy Strategy, we are allocating funds to where they will be of greatest benefit to all Yukoners."

The next call for Literacy Action Committee funding proposals will be September 2006. Interested individuals and organizations can call the Department of Education at (867) 667-8682 for more information.

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Attachment: Awards Allocated through Literacy Action Committee

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Literacy Action Committee Funding Awarded this Year

Organization	Activity	Total Approved
Teslin Library Board	Story hour - to engage children aged 5-9 in after school literacy events to strengthen their skills and enhance their love of reading and books.	\$2520
Yukon College - Old Crow	Empowering Old Crow through computer literacy – to encourage residents of Old Crow to become involved in computer literacy activities. Drop in and after-school tutoring will be available along with special computer projects related to photography or card-making.	\$6000
Yukon Family Services Association	Parent-child Mother Goose teacher refresher - to deliver a Parent-Child Mother Goose refresher course in the fall of 2006 to 18 instructors	\$6000
Teslin Tlingit Daycare	Teslin reading programs - to host a variety of community family literacy activities	\$4849
SOFA Yukon	Les contes sur roués - to deliver live storytelling sessions followed by games	\$2510
SOFA Yukon	Promotion of French literacy services - to prepare a plain language pamphlet to publicize and promote literacy services available in French in Yukon	\$1710
Teslin Tlingit Daycare	Tlingit language and literacy programming - a Tlingit language instructor will be hired to instruct children and staff	\$5000
Yukon College - Dawson City	Adult literacy sessions - to deliver a reading and writing literacy class in the summer and fall semesters	\$1500
The Yukon Literacy Coalition	Yukon literacy theatre - preschoolers and their families in Dawson City will experience the presentation of a book in a theatre setting with songs, stories, rhymes and fun	\$4996
The Yukon Literacy Coalition	First years literacy project - research and promotion of early literacy skills development	\$6000
Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation	Growing our literacy garden – to provide opportunities for local greenhouse and garden workers to improve their literacy skills while documenting the successful Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation greenhouse and garden project.	\$5940

Teslin Tlingit Council Daycare	Travel the world with literacy - to host mini-workshops to promote Teslin literacy programs	\$4650
Liard First Nation	Community family events - to host family literacy nights to encourage oral history, storytelling, games and crafts	\$5937
Dawson City Community Library	Story sack program – to prepare story sacks for distribution and use by families in Dawson City	\$1630
Nlaye Ndasadaye Daycare Society	Spring into reading - to purchase a variety of literacy resources, including books, games, listening activities and a story board system	\$4250
Selkirk First Nation	Our children our language - to provide Northern Tutchone language instruction to preschoolers and their parents	\$5990
Child Development Centre	Music therapy program - to provide training and consultation to staff so that music therapy can be incorporated into their work	\$5880