

Youth and Seniors' Literacy Event Funding Guidelines **September 20 – October 3, 2009**

Funding is available for youth centres to set up literacy related events during Seniors' Week (September 20 – 26) and Literacy Week (September 27 – October 3). These events would bring Seniors and youth together in a variety of different literacy activities. Funding may be spent on wages for project facilitators, project materials (learning materials, food or door prizes), hall rental, and transportation to the event. Projects will be funded up to a maximum of \$1500, however, depending on the project and amount of proposals received, proposals over that amount may be considered. Proposals may be submitted using the attached proposal template.

Some examples of acceptable projects are:

- Invite Seniors to youth led demonstrations of computer uses.
- Have a lunch for Seniors and read thank you notes written by the youth.
- Develop "talking books" (using Powerpoint) in the local language, starring local Elders and following up with a presentation celebration.
- Develop health supports for Seniors, such as short dramas on health issues that Seniors encounter.
- Create family trees, seeing how far back you can go.
- Put together a community cookbook with recipes from Elders; Cook up some of the recipes and have a community feast to celebrate.
- Set up a workshop on learning how to write in the Aboriginal languages – the Elders could provide correct pronunciation, and youth do the spelling once they learn how to spell in their language.
- Play literacy games such as AEIO Bingo in the Aboriginal languages.
- Meet with Elders to see what types of literacy supports they would like in their community.
- Hold storytelling sessions by Elders, and document the stories (written and/or audio-visual)
- Interview Elders on the history of your community, and some interesting things they remember from their own lives or what was told to them.
- Create a photo documentary of Elders in your community.

The above list is intended to provide examples and projects will not be limited to those listed. Please also refer to the NWT Seniors' Society Event Planning Guide for Schools at www.nwtSeniorsSociety.ca and the How-To-Kits on the NWT Literacy Council website http://www.nwt.literacy.ca/famlit_res.htm for more ideas on literacy events you can plan with Seniors.