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NWT Youth/Seniors Mark Literacy Week (Sept 27-Oct 3)

YELLOWKNIFE (September 28) -- Teachers, students and seniors across the Northwest Territories (NWT) are celebrating the theme: *Youth and Seniors Learning Together* as communities across the Northwest Territories (NWT) mark Literacy Week (Sept. 27 – Oct. 3) with a variety of events.

The Department of Education, Culture and Employment (ECE) is sponsoring a series of projects in youth centres across the NWT in support of literacy among young people. They are designed to bring seniors and youth together in literacy events and community activities - bridging the generation gap and helping to make new and positive connections between younger and older adults.

Activities will include developing cook books with recipes from Elders, documenting Elders' stories and community histories, teaching Senior's computer skills such as email use, and having youth learn traditional harvesting skills from Elders.

"We have much to be proud of with our own culture and heritage. The opportunity to learn from our Elders adds to the overall education of our young people and helps them to develop a strong sense of identity," Minister of Education, Culture and Employment Jackson Lafferty says.

NWT residents are encouraged to participate in *TV-Free Night* on Thursday, Oct. 1st by engaging in literacy activities with friends and family.

On Friday, recipients of the 2009 Council of the Federation and 2009 Ministerial Literacy Awards will be honoured at a ceremony and luncheon at the Northern United Place Auditorium. The public is invited join in celebrating this year's recipients.

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