



# News Release

## New Book Supports Efforts to Preserve and Strengthen Inuit Language

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (September 2, 2005)** – As the school year begins, *Anarniyak*, the first in a series of books written in Inuinnaqtun by Lilly Klengenberg for students in Kindergarten through Grade 12, has been released Education Minister Ed Picco announced today.

“We are honoured to add this unique book to our made-in-Nunavut curriculum,” said Picco. “The author - the late Lilly Klengenberg - collected stories that she heard herself as a child, she did not want her stories to be forgotten. Her wishes were to produce a collection that students and others would learn from.”

*Anarniyak* was launched during the District Education Authority chair and principal meetings held by the department in Kugluktuk. The book, illustrated by Lilly's daughter Ida Jane Kapakatoak, was celebrated during a feast that included square dancing, slide show and book distribution.

“New materials for students add to our growing made-in-Nunavut curriculum and support our commitment to *Ilippallianguinnarniq* (continuing learning) and *Pilirigatigiiniq* (working together for a common cause),” said Picco.

Two more books of legends will be produced as part of the series from Lilly Klengenberg.

Production of new made-in-Nunavut school books usually take about a year, from the first concept to delivery to each school. The Teaching and Learning Centre of the Department of Education produces books and teaching materials for Nunavut classrooms.

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