

News Release

Literary Contest Launch

IQALUIT, Nunavut (**September 25, 2007**) – The annual Titiraliritti literary contest has been launched by the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth (CLEY) for the fifth year in a row. The deadline for story submissions is November 30, 2007.

"Titiraliritti recognizes literature written in Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun and is an important step in promoting creativity in our language," said Minister of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth Louis Tapardjuk. "The theme for this year's literary contest is to write about Kamanaqtut Unikkaat, a strange event, or an event that amazed you."

The contest is open to all residents. There are two categories for submission: general and youth. In the general category, first prize is \$5000, second prize is \$3000 and third prize is \$1000. In the youth category, the best story wins \$800 and the best poem wins \$200.

"We are excited to announce that we have added a youth category this year," said Tapardjuk. "Youth play a vital role in our society and we want to support and acknowledge the talent of young Nunavummiut."

Complete contest rules are available on the CLEY website at www.gov.nu.ca/cley under official languages.

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