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Ministerial Literacy Awards

YELLOWKNIFE (September 30) -- The Department of Education, Culture and Employment would like to congratulate this year's recipients of the Ministerial Literacy Awards. We invite you to join us for a ceremony and luncheon at noon today in the Northern United Place Auditorium.

Annie Whane of Yellowknife will be receiving the Council of the Federation Literacy Award for her tireless work volunteering in the community and as an aspiring author, sharing her story in poems, song lyrics and in short stories, in addition to her ongoing studies at the Literacy Outreach Centre in Yellowknife.

For her work as a teacher in the NWT over 20 years, Kathy Borden of Yellowknife will be receiving the Ministerial Literacy Award for Educators. Kathy has touched many lives as a teacher, most recently working at Mildred Hall School as a Program Support teacher, facilitating literacy study groups, and as the literacy coach with Yellowknife Education District 1. Many teachers and students from across the NWT have benefitted from her commitment to literacy.

Over the last seven years, De Beers Canada provided more than 21,000 books to young readers through their Books in Homes Project. De Beers Canada has also provided safety materials in Aboriginal languages at their mine site and has supported the NorthWords Writing Festival, which helps develop Northern Authors.

“The development of education and literacy skills for all NWT residents is an important part of our work in *Building Our Future*,” says Minister Jackson Lafferty. “Congratulations to this year’s recipients.”

The Department of Education, Culture and Employment would like to thank the awards recipients for their commitment to literacy, supporting Northern people leading fulfilled lives and contributing to a strong and prosperous society.

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