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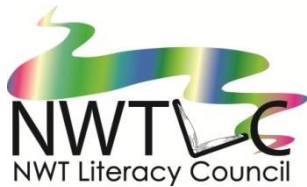
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We're the family, youth and adult literacy and essential skills centre for excellence.

We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

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## Literacy Dates

Financial Literacy Month - November  
Universal Children's Day - November 20

## Our Blog

### Youth literacy and essential skills training

In October, we held our three-day training on embedding literacy and essential skills in youth programs. Participants came from the communities of Fort Providence, Yellowknife, N'dilo, Dettah, Whati, Nahanni Butte, Deline and Sachs Harbour....[Read more](#)

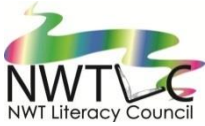


## Announcements and Events

### Book launch: Red Skin, White Masks

Dechinta Bush University Centre for Research and Learning and the [Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre](#) host a book launch Saturday evening at 7 pm at the Museum Cafe in Yellowknife. *Red Skin, White Masks - Rejecting the Colonial Politics of Recognition* is a new book by Yellowknives Dene member, Dr. Glen Coulthard. The launch includes a lecture and book reading followed by a reception.

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### Amnesty International free human rights course

[Amnesty International](#) is holding its first open online course on freedom of expression. Gain the knowledge to protect your rights, defend the rights of others and transform yourself into an agent of change. The course runs from November 17 to December 8, 2015.

### Territorial elections

Territorial elections are November 23, 2015. Check the [NWT Elections](#) website to find out where to vote. To learn more about the election process go to our new election [how-to-kit for adult learners](#).

### Care and share recycle toy drive

Take the opportunity before the holidays to clear out your closets of gently-used toys. A Yellowknife group wants donations of toys, books and stuffed animals. They will clean and distribute the toys during the holiday season to families in need in Yellowknife and surrounding area. Contact [payitforward@gmail.com](mailto:payitforward@gmail.com) or call 867-446-1667 before December 15, 2015.

## Funding

### Green Streets for urban trees

Canadian municipalities and aboriginal communities can submit proposals for innovative urban forestry project grants up to \$25,000. The deadline to apply for [Green Streets](#) is November 30, 2015.

### United Way

Funding is allocated to projects who fit under one or more of the three following focus areas:

- From poverty to possibility
- Healthy people, strong communities
- All that kids can be

The deadline to apply for [funding](#) is December 1, 2015.

### Girls' Fund Grants, 2015-2016

The Girls' Fund grants are intended to support community programs or networks designed to increase protective factors in girls aged 9 to 13 - such as confidence, critical thinking skills, social connectedness, and overall resilience. The deadline to apply for [grants](#) is December 2, 2015.

## News and Research

### New Yellowknife graphic novel

If you moved north to Yellowknife and are forever fending off the question 'Why?', or if you grew up here and are constantly asked about it, Alison McCreesh believes the graphic novel, *Ramshackle*, can help.... [Read more](#)



### Canada's literacy rates are troubling -- and America's are worse

A Canadian professor is calling out the new prime minister for a troubling statistic on literacy. In an open letter to Justin Trudeau, posted on the Book Riot website, Brenna Clarke Gray states that "a staggering 12 million Canadians - about 48 percent of the adult population - do not meet Level 3 literacy."...[Read more](#)

### Kids who read a book to this barber get a discount

In an effort to promote literacy and encourage kids to read, The Fuller Cut in Michigan is offering discounted haircuts for children who read to its barbers while receiving their trim....[Read more](#)

### Welcome to Chaos Ed: How Wallis Kendal plans to move a mountain

When he thought seriously about how to teach the kids many people believe are unteachable, he began from a simple premise: That the education system is profoundly broken and has been for a long time. Just maybe, he thought, those same kids could help fix it...[Read more](#)

# Resources and Websites

## **The NWT caregivers guide**

[Best health, best care, for a better future](#)

## **Aboriginal financial literacy**

[Journey to empowerment curriculum](#)

## **Elections NWT graphic**

[How to vote with and without ID](#)

## **Your money**

[Financial literacy information for students and seniors](#)