

# Literacy This Week

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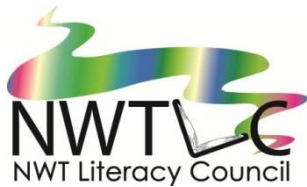
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## Literacy Dates

Children's Book Week - May 2-9

World Press Freedom Day - May 3

Intergenerational Day - June 1

## Our Blog

### Stop, drop and read!

*This week's blog was written by Christine Abela, the adult educator in Fort Liard.*



Our family doesn't follow many house rules. It's OK if boots stay on to run in and grab forgotten keys; it's OK if a jacket hangs over the back of a chair; it's even OK if the dog is on the couch...[Read more](#)

## Announcements and Events

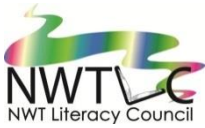
### Get writing for Great Northern Writing Contest

To enter the [Great Northern Writing Contest](#), submit a piece of prose, either fiction or non-fiction, of up to 1,000 words about life in the Yukon, Northwest Territories, Nunavut or Nunavik. Previously published items are not eligible. The deadline for entries is August 31, 2015.

### NorthWords Festival next month

The [NorthWords 10th Anniversary Festival 2015](#) is May 28-31 in Yellowknife and features a long list of authors from southern and northern Canada. Make plans to

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## Literacy innovation award nominations sought

The [Great-West Life, London Life and Canada Life Literacy Innovation Award](#) honours innovation in the creation and delivery of adult literacy or adult-integrated family literacy programs delivered by a community organization in Canada. The deadline to apply is May 29, 2015.

## Indigenous Writing Program application deadline tomorrow

The [Banff Centre Indigenous Writing Program](#) offers an intensive residency with faculty mentors who explore Indigenous storytelling and voice, culture and worldview, structure and style, and commitment and discipline in a highly transformative and encouraging environment.

## Funding

### Canada 150 Fund to celebrate national pride

The goal of the [Canada 150 Fund](#) is to create opportunities for Canadians to participate in local, regional, and national celebrations that contribute to building a sense of pride and attachment to Canada. For large-scale national projects, expressions of interest must be submitted by May 29, 2015.

There is no deadline for other projects. Contact Canadian Heritage for an application form toll free at 1-866-811-0055 or by email at [pnr.rpn@pch.gc.ca](mailto:pnr.rpn@pch.gc.ca)

### **Grads weave tradition into convocation with beaded stoles**

As Theresa Kakwfi accepted her Bachelor of Education degree at last week's graduation ceremony in Fort Smith, she incorporated her culture into her robe, woven into a V-stole personalized with her own beaded designs...[Read more](#)



### **Four out of five children don't recognize when they're being advertised to, a study finds**

It's hard enough for adults to navigate the internet's maze of content-editorial, "advertorial," sponsored, or native. So it's perhaps unsurprising that children have an even harder time telling the difference between journalism and advertising ...[Read more](#)

### **I read books by only minority authors for a year. It showed me just how white our reading world is.**

In 2014, I decided that for the entire year, I would not read books written by white authors. My goal was to address the reading practices I developed growing up in Australia, where white authors dominated the literary world...[Read more](#)

### **Is coding the new literacy?**

Computer scientists have been warning for decades that understanding code will one day be as essential as reading and writing. If they're right, understanding the importance of computational thinking can't be limited to the elite, not if we

want some semblance of a democratic society...[Read more](#)

## Resources and Websites

### Blended learning 101

[Infographic](#)

### Ag in the classroom

[Education kits](#)

### Canadian Children's Book Centre

[Help for teachers, librarians, parents](#)

### American Indians in children's literature

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