

# Literacy This Week

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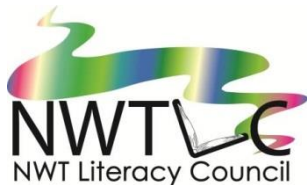
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## Literacy Dates

NWT Aboriginal Languages Month - March

Nutrition Month - March

World Poetry Day - March 21

## Our Blog

### Our journey with dyslexia



*Guest blogger Lisa Campbell is a former NWT Literacy Council staff member. She continues to do contract work with us.*

I've worked in the education field for over 20 years and specifically in literacy for 15 years. I was certain that my daughter would be reading by the age of five...[Read more](#)

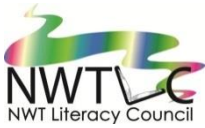
## Announcements and Events

### Complete disability survey by March 31

The [NWT Disabilities Council](#) is asking people with disabilities, parents/caregivers and service providers to complete the NWT Disability Services Survey. This is a chance to have your voice heard and call attention to disability services in the NWT. The survey is online, or you can download surveys from the Council website. Contact Meg Labron, at [projects@nwtcdc.net](mailto:projects@nwtcdc.net) or (867)-873-8230 for more information.

- [Personal survey](#)
- [Parent/caregiver survey](#)
- [Service provider survey](#)

## Support Literacy



You can support literacy in the NWT

- [Make a donation](#)
- [Join the Council](#)

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## Come fishing at the Long John Jamboree

We'll have a fish pond this weekend at Yellowknife's Long John Jamboree from 2-4 pm each day of the spring carnival. Come see us and enter for a chance to win a book or a family fun day kit.

## Author finishes NWT tour tomorrow



Tish Cohen's book, *Town House*, was a 2008 finalist for the Commonwealth Writers' Prize, and is in development as a

feature film. Tish be at the Hay River library tonight at 7 pm and the Yellowknife library meeting room for a brown bag lunch tomorrow at noon. A similar event was held this week in Fort Smith.

## Funding

### Co-op launches new capital funding program

Co-op now funds projects to protect, beautify and improve the spaces that help communities thrive. [Co-op Community Spaces](#) will donate up to \$1 million annually to fund projects related to recreation, environmental conservation and urban agriculture. Submit your online applications by May 15, 2015.

### Yellowknife Community Foundation looking for proposals for grants and scholarships

The [Yellowknife Community Foundation](#) is seeking applications for a variety of scholarships and grants. There are grants for emergency services, wilderness travel, health and wellbeing, seniors/elders and a Yellowknife community fund.

### **North has highest rates of food insecurity**

*CBC news, March 25, 2015*

Researchers are concerned because people who experience food insecurity also tend to report poor or fair health. For children, going without food can harm their healthy growth and development...[Read more](#)

### **Rickets re-emerges among northern Aboriginal children**

Debate among researchers over the optimum dose of vitamin D is obscuring what one pediatrician calls a far more pressing problem: public health's "abysmal failure" to prevent a resurgence of rickets among Aboriginal children in Northern Canada and Alaska...[Read more](#)

### **Finland schools: Subjects scrapped and replaced with 'topics' as country reforms its education system**

For years, Finland has been the by-word for a successful education system, perched at the top of international league tables for literacy and numeracy...[Read more](#)

### **Am I too old to learn a new language?**

The brain's neuroplasticity decreases with age, but this shouldn't put off older learners - they do have some advantages...[Read more](#)

### **Reader to Reader takes literacy efforts online with help of five college students**

Read, Think, Share is an innovative literacy program that engages college students who read the same book with a middle-school student and share an online conversation about the book through daily blogs between mentor and student...[Read more](#)

## Resources and Websites

### **International Children's Book Day**

[2015 theme: Many Cultures, One Story](#)

### **A three-question test of financial literacy**

[Are you financially illiterate?](#)

### **10 traits that make non-profits great**

[Infographic with good advice](#)

### **Encyclopedia of Early Childhood Development**

[Early childhood education and care](#)

