

# Literacy This Week

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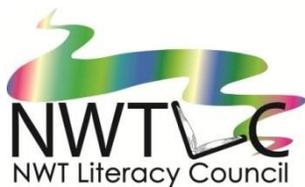
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

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## Literacy Dates

National Poetry Month - April  
International Children's Book Day - April 2  
NWT Adult Learners' Week - April 12-18

## Our Blog

### Our journey with dyslexia continues

*Last week Lisa Campbell wrote about her daughter's struggle to learn to read. Maria was diagnosed with dyslexia in grade 2 - but only after her parents did their own research and paid for testing.*



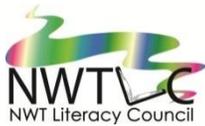
Luckily we caught it early. Cheryl, the executive Director of KC Dyslexic Learning Centre in Winnipeg, told us her story. Her daughter struggled all through elementary school...[Read more](#)

## Announcements and Events

### Parents and caregivers sought for iPad pilot

The Government of the Northwest Territories invites parents or primary caregivers of babies born between April 2014 and April 2015 to participate in the testing phase of the [iPad Mini for New Parents pilot project](#) launched by Education, Culture and Employment. The deadline to apply is May 1, 2015.

## Support Literacy



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## Upcoming Aboriginal language revitalization course

Register by April 6 for a week-long Tłı̨cẖo̱ literacy course. The special topics in [Aboriginal language revitalization course](#) is April 13 to 17 in Behchoko̱. Contact Nora Wedzin at 392-6381 (extension 1328) or at [nwedzin@tlichocom](mailto:nwedzin@tlichocom).

## Human Rights course online this spring

You can take a four-week online course called Economic and Social Rights Education with [Canada Without Poverty](#). It runs from April 13 to May 10. The cost is \$120. Leading experts will help you understand social justice from a human rights framework.

## Opportunity for Aboriginal editors

The [Aboriginal Editors Circle](#) provides editors with peer mentorship, informed dialogue and knowledge about issues distinct to editing manuscripts by Indigenous authors. Eight Aboriginal editors from across the country will be selected to participate in the intensive five-day Circle held June 21 to 26 in Saskatoon. The deadline to apply is April 15, 2015.

## 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.

### Fund supports healthy choices

The [Healthy Choices Fund](#) supports health promotion and prevention activities that help NWT individuals, families, and communities make positive lifestyle choices. Projects with a budget between \$10,000 and \$75,000 a year will be considered. Multi-year projects are permitted. Proposals are assessed on an ongoing basis until the fund is allocated.

### **PWK students celebrate with poetry and prose**

April is National Poetry Month in Canada. The following is a selection of winning poems and story excerpts from the recent creative writing contest held at PWK High School in Fort Smith...[Read more](#)



**NWT delegation with Truth and Reconciliation Commission Chair, Murray Sinclair, at the 2015 International Summit on the Teaching Profession in Banff this week.**

### **Capturing Canada's youth vote**

There is much media focus and discussion on lagging interest and engagement of Canadian youth in politics. But what are the political priorities of young Canadians? Are these priorities similar to those of older Canadians?...[Read more](#)

### **Nonprofit advocacy during elections: Better to lie low or get active?**

Wondering what your nonprofit or charity should do - if anything - at election time? With a federal election slated for later this year, many Canadian organizations must decide soon whether they will take steps to advance their issues once the race is on...[Read more](#)

## Resources and Websites

### **What the homeless want you to know**

[Humans for Humans](#)

### **National Poetry Month 2015**

[The theme is food and poetry](#)

### **Easter and spring**

[Crafts and activities for kids](#)

### **Intergenerational handbook**

[Inspiration for projects connecting seniors and youth](#)

