

# Literacy This Week

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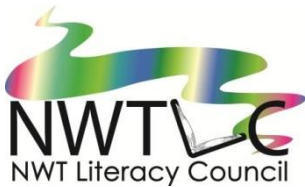
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

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## Literacy Dates

International Book Giving Day - February 14  
International Day of Social Justice - February 20  
Freedom to Read Week - February 23-March 1  
Anti-Bullying Day - February 25

## Our Blog



### What's love got to do with literacy?

This weeks' blog is about love.

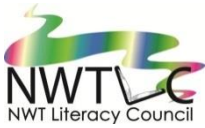
You may well ask what love has to do with literacy and learning. A lot, as it turns out...[Read more](#)

## Announcements and Events

### Come to our annual general meeting

Everyone is welcome to come to our annual general meeting Saturday, March 7 at noon at the Janvier Room of the Explorer Hotel. We'll provide lunch.

## Support Literacy



You can support literacy in the NWT

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

Take part in literacy activities in your community

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## Big turnout at Behchokò family literacy event



Thanks to Emily who sent us photos of the recent National Family Literacy Day event at the Behchokò library. There was a big turnout - 70 people came to the event.

## Certification offered for community leaders

The [NWT Recreation and Parks Association](#) is offering a Community Leaders Certificate course this spring. It includes a March 4-6 program at Blachford Lake Lodge as well as work before and after that in-person session. It's for anyone who wants to play a stronger role as a leader in their community.

## Nominations open for NWT disability awards

The [NWT Disabilities Council](#) seeks nominations for the 2015 disabilities awards. There are three categories. The nomination deadline is March 10, 2015.

## Make your voice heard on disability services

The [NWT Disabilities Council](#) is asking people to provide input on disabilities and services available in the NWT. There are surveys online for [people with disabilities](#), [parents and caregivers](#) and [service providers](#).

If you have questions or need help to complete a survey, contact Meg Labron at 873-8230 ex. 210 or toll free at 1-800-491-8885.

## Funding

### **Anti-poverty fund open for applications**

The NWT government is inviting applications for its [Anti-Poverty Fund](#). If you have any questions about the fund, contact [Grant\\_Gowans@gov.nt.ca](mailto:Grant_Gowans@gov.nt.ca) or 920-3319. The deadline to apply is March 12, 2015.

### **Literacy and essential skills call for concepts**

[Employment and Social Development Canada](#) invites eligible concept papers for innovative training models. The models should focus on an essential skills issue through a new approach or by expanding an existing approach. The deadline for papers is February 18, 2015.

### **Diavik community grants open for applications**

Diavik \$2,000 [Community Champions Grants](#) are awarded to successful sport, art, recreation or cultural initiatives. The application deadline is February 27, 2015.

## News and Research

### **National plan to end poverty released**

Canada Without Poverty and Citizens for Public Justice have a new national plan for ending poverty. Dignity for All: A National Anti-Poverty Plan for Canada. The plan calls for the Federal Government to take action on the needs of the 1 in 7 Canadians who live in poverty...[Read more](#)

### **Alberta's Northland school board examines South Slave literacy strategies**

*Northern Journal, February 9, 2015*

Officials from a school division in northern Alberta visited the southern NWT last week seeking answers on ways to improve literacy among their struggling student population...[Read more](#)

### **How to be the most productive person in your office - and still get home by 5:30 pm**

Some days the to-do list seems bottomless. Just looking at it is exhausting. We all want to know how to stop being lazy and get more done. I certainly want the answer...[Read more](#)

### **Manitoba commits to redesign early childhood learning and care**

The Manitoba government established a commission to look at ways to redesign Manitoba's early learning and child-care system. The commission will guide future plans including developing options to create universally accessible early learning and child care for all Manitoba families who need it...[Read more](#)

## **Resources and Websites**

### **80 degrees north**

[Interactive digital Canadian Arctic Expedition resource](#)

### **BPA-coated till receipts**

[Don't recycle \(don't touch?\)](#)

### **Five ways to incorporate family literacy**

[Into everyday life](#)

### **Good Minds**

[Source for Indigenous books and resources](#)



