

Literacy This Week

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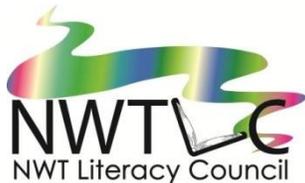
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

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Literacy Dates

Freedom to Read Week - February 23-March 1

Anti-Bullying Day - February 25

NWT Aboriginal Languages Month - March

Our Blog

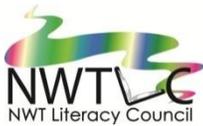
Read slowly to reduce stress

Do you buy books and don't get past the introduction? Do you want to improve your reading habits? Do you miss reading because of your busy and stressful life?

Then read slowly to reduce stress or consider joining a silent reading café. You could join the "slow reading" movement...[Read more.](#)



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Announcements and Events

We have a new website address

We changed our website address to

www.nwtliteracy.ca. Please change your bookmarks. We dropped the period between nwt and literacy.

Celebrating Chinese New Year



The Aurora College Yellowknife Campus family literacy program shared their Chinese New Year celebration with the seniors at Aven Manor.

Thanks to Xiaoyi Yan for sharing this photo.

Nominate an early childhood educator

Do you know an outstanding early childhood educator? Someone who has made a major difference in the lives of children in your community? Nominate them for a [2015 Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Early Childhood Education](#) by April 30, 2015.

Victim Services volunteers wanted

The Yellowknife Victim Services Program offers 24/7 emotional support for people who have experienced crime or trauma. The deadline to sign up for volunteer training is March 2. Contact vscoordinator@nativewomens.com or call 920-2978.

Funding

Urban Partnership funding call for proposals

The focus of the [Urban Partnership](#) program is on the development of partnerships that, in the broadest sense, advance Aboriginal peoples' participation in the Canadian economy. Applicants must apply under one funding stream - social enterprise, innovation or youth. Contact Ernie Abel at the Tree of Peace at 867-873-2864 for more information. The deadline to apply is February 27.

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, email [Grant Gowans](#) or call 920-3319. The deadline to apply is March 12, 2015.

News and Research

Nunavut begins two-week celebration of traditional language

CBC news, February 18, 2015

The Nunavut Language Commissioner is calling on people in the territory to make a special effort to speak, teach or learn Inuktut - which is a single term used to refer to both the Inuinnaqtun and Inuktitut languages together...[Read more](#)

NWT early childhood development action plan update

The departments of Health and Social Services and Education, Culture and Employment continue to ensure that there is increased access and participation in early childhood programs, enhanced quality of early childhood services, and improved integration and collaboration at all levels of the early childhood system...[Read more](#)

A post-degree teaching program could be coming to Yellowknife

myyellowknifenow.com, February 18, 2015

Aurora College is exploring whether there is enough interest to introduce a post-degree Bachelor of Education program in Yellowknife...[Read more](#)

Study finds large online literacy achievement gaps among students

While teachers find that their students are masters at social media, they are disappointed to find a large achievement gap when it comes to online literacy...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

The Healthy Aboriginal Network

[Convention on the Rights of the Child poster series](#)
[Health, Social and Financial literacy comic books](#)

Neurological conditions among Aboriginal peoples

[Youth oriented interactive posters](#)

New SmartSAVER Canada Learning Bond video

[Jess' Story - Everything Starts Somewhere](#)

Nutrition fact sheets

[Traditional foods/fruit and vegetables](#)

