

Literacy This Week

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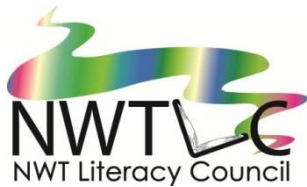
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

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Literacy Dates

Safer Internet Day - February 10

Freedom to Read Week - February 23-March 1

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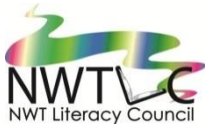
Making drums and building skills in young parents

Katie Randall and I travelled to Tulita recently to visit one of our Skill Builders Projects in action. Bradley Menacho, the community recreation coordinator, is leading a Drum

Making workshop at the Cultural Centre on Tuesday and Thursday evenings...[Read more](#)



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Announcements and Events

Family Literacy event big success in Trout Lake

On January 29, a Family Literacy Night was held at the Community Gym. It was well attended with many activities to engage people's interests in literacy.

Some features were a reading teepee, a giant scrabble game, circuit board games for matching vocabulary, a fishing game, a puppet centre and theatre, and a wall map scavenger hunt. Approximately 60% of the community turned out for this event. It was supported by the NWT Literacy Council, Charles Tetcho School, and the Sambaa Ke Dene Band Recreation Program.



Thanks to the Charles Tetcho School for sending this story and photos! Please share literacy-related stories and photos from your community.

Writing for kids is different

[NorthWords](#) presents a Writing for Kids Workshop at Aurora College on Saturday, February 14. You can register at the Yellowknife Book Cellar. Award-winning children's author, Sheryl McFarlane, is delivering the workshop. She will be at the Yellowknife Public Library that morning for a

family event.

You can nominate a mental health champion

The [Canadian Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health](#) seeks nominations for the Champions of Mental Health Awards for 2015. Nominations will be accepted in the following categories: Youth; Media; Workplace Mental Health; Community Organization; Community Individual; Parliamentarian; Researcher or Clinician. Nominations are accepted until February 27, 2015.

Funding

Internet related funding available

The [Canadian Internet Registration Authority](#) funds Internet related community projects. The deadline to apply is March 6, 2015.

After school project funding available

The [RBC After School Project](#) funds after school programs that provide a safe environment where kids can develop social skills and self-esteem. The application deadline is March 16, 2015.

News and Research

Top NWT principal transforms school with alarm clocks

Lea Lamoureux has led Ndilo's Kaw Tay Whee School for seven years. In that time, enrolment has more than doubled to 37 students...[Read more](#)

Our View: News literacy remains key skill

Northwest Herald, February 3, 2015

In 1938, Orson Welles staged a radio re-enactment of author H.G. Wells' "War of the Worlds," and it caused a nationwide panic. The show was scripted to seem as though an actual broadcast was interrupted with news bulletins that grew more

and more urgent...[Read more](#)

Smartphone, tablet overuse among toddlers may stunt development

CBC news, February 3, 2015

They're called "smart" devices, but overloading toddlers with smartphones and other mobile technology could hold back their development...[Read more](#)

64 word mistakes that crush our credibility

Despite spending most of my time writing, I am constantly nervous I'll click send on an email containing an error...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

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World Home Economics Day 2015

[Home Economics Literacy: Skills for Families and Consumers](#)

New Aurora College essential skills videos

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10 digital literacy resources for teachers

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