

Literacy This Week

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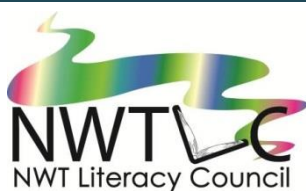
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We're the family, youth and adult literacy and essential skills centre for excellence.

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

NWT Disability Awareness Week - June 7-12

National Day of Healing and Reconciliation - June 11

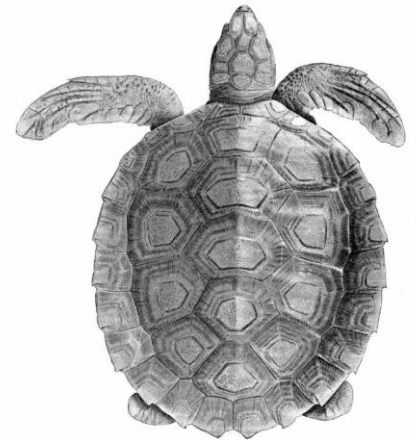
National Aboriginal Day - June 21

NWT Literacy Week - September 20-26

Our Blog

Learning to speak so others come first

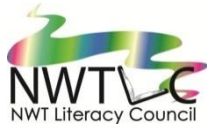
Our guest blogger, Kyle Napier, is the Cree Language Manager with the Northwest Territory Métis Nation. June is National Aboriginal History Month in Canada. Kyle suggests we celebrate it by learning to speak one of the NWT's official Aboriginal languages.



opāskāhopīsim e nēhiyawēwin kayāsitotamowin pīsim -
miyawātamowin asici pīkiskwewinahk

Several Elders have told me that it takes about a year to develop a strong enough grasp of an indigenous language to speak it fluently - but the benefits of learning my indigenous language are immediate. I've been learning Cree for six months, and it's already helped me to understand life in a new way...[Read more](#)

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Announcements and Events

We're 25!

The NWT Literacy Council began its work 25 years ago. We're compiling some documents to help celebrate and need your help. We want you to contribute your ideas to:

- 25 ways we've made a difference
- 25 favourite NWT Literacy Council resources
- 25 ways to use literacy and essential skills so you don't lose them

Send your ideas to katie@nwtliteracy.ca

Register now for fall family literacy training

This year our popular Family Literacy Training Institute is September 14-18, 2015. We already have lots of registrations. If you are interested in participating in this training, contact pat@nwtliteracy.ca or call 1-866-599-6758. You need this training to access our [Family Literacy funding](#).

Nominate someone for a literacy award

The NWT Department of Education, Culture and Employment wants nominations for [NWT Literacy Awards](#). There are awards for youth and adult learners, an educator and an organization. The deadline for nominations is June 12, 2015.

2015 NWT
LITERACY AWARDS



Mark your calendars

NWT Literacy week is September 20-26! We'll send out information packages in the late summer.

Funding

NGO Stabilization funding deadline soon

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

NGO Stabilization Fund

The NGO Stabilization Fund provides special funding to help NGOs that deliver critical GNWT funded programs or services to the public to stabilize or develop their capacity to manage programs and services.

Support can be granted for eligible one-time general management, governance, organizational development, and extraordinary general operations costs related to the delivery of critical GNWT funded programs or services. Collaborative projects that build the capacity of more than one NGO are encouraged.

For more information and to obtain an application form, please go to: www.maca.gov.nt.ca/ngostabilization

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The 2015-2016 application deadline is Friday, June 19, 2015.



New Horizons for Seniors funding

The [New Horizons for Seniors](#) program funds community-based projects that help seniors share their knowledge and skills or help communities increase their capacity to improve the lives of seniors. Groups can submit more than one application for a total of \$25,000. Larger funding amounts are available for pan-Canadian projects. The deadline to apply is July 10, 2015.

Premier's Award for NWT Literacy Council



The NWT Literacy Council was recognized at the 2015 Premier's Awards yesterday at the Legislative Assembly. Pictured here are: staff member Katie Randall, board member Suzanne Robinson, acting executive director, Kathryn Barry Paddock, a former executive director Helen Balanoff, staff member Pat Ilgok and Emily Thagard, our new summer student.

NWT anti-poverty action plan released

The NWT Minister of Health and Social Services released the [territorial anti-poverty action plan](#) this week. It includes as a priority an expansion of the Student Financial Assistance program to make it available for students in short term or upgrading programs. We pushed for this change and look forward to its implementation.

New GNWT funding helps CKLB get back on air

Comments of joy and excitement flooded CKLB Radio's Facebook page on the weekend as Nadira Begg took back to the airwaves for the much loved Saturday request show for the first time in almost a year...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Honouring the Truth, Reconciling for the Future

[TRC findings](#)

[Read the 94 recommendations](#)

The residential school system in Canada

[Teacher's guide](#)

Sets'ani - be a friend

[Chief Sunrise School anti-bullying video](#)

5 ways to write concisely

[Grammarly blog](#)