

# Literacy This Week

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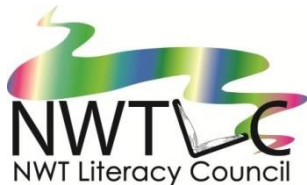
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We're the family, youth and adult literacy and essential skills centre for excellence.

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

National Aboriginal History Month - June

National Aboriginal Day - June 21

NWT Literacy Week - September 20-26

## Our Blog

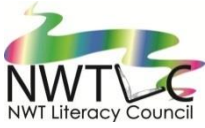
### It can take two months to recover from summer slide

*This week's guest blogger, Emma Welsh, is a student working at the Yellowknife Public Library this summer.*

With school out, it's easy to leave the idea of schoolwork and reading behind, distracted with thoughts of lazy beach days or long car trips. That's why summer holidays are the home of the 'summer slide'...[Read more](#)



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## Announcements and Events

### What are your favourite resources, lifelong learning tips?

We're compiling NWT Literacy Week materials to help celebrate our 25th birthday. We need your help. Send us a couple ideas that we can include in these resources:

- 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

Please send your ideas to [katie@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:katie@nwtliteracy.ca) by Wednesday, June 17.

### Food For Fines at Yellowknife Public Library

Until June 22 you can return overdue library materials to the Yellowknife Public Library and have your fines waived if you donate an un-expired nonperishable food item per overdue item. You can also donate a food item to clear unpaid fines for materials returned at an earlier date. For more information, contact the library at 920-5642 or [visit the library's website](#) for program information.

### Are you registered to vote?

You must be registered to vote in the federal election on October 19, 2015. Use the [online voter registration service](#) to:

- check if you're registered to vote
- update the address on your voter registration or
- register to vote



Our summer student, Emily Thagard, guiding family literacy activities at this week's Yellowknife Farmer's Market.

## Funding

### **NGO Stabilization funding deadline extended**

The deadline for the [NGO Stabilization Fund](#) is extended until June 25, 2015.

## **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](http://www.maca.gov.nt.ca/ngostabilization)

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

## **Youth Catalyst Fund accepting grant applications from across Canada**

The [Youth Catalyst Fund](#) grant program has more than \$1.2 million in grants for Canadian charities that help young Canadians who face barriers or disadvantages to employment or completing post-secondary education or training. Grants will range from \$30,000 to \$200,000 and be offered over one, two or three years. The deadline for the first stage of the application process is June 30, 2015.

## **News and Research**

### **Count Me In: Canada aims to improve financial literacy**

More than 50 new financial-literacy initiatives are launching across Canada, part of a national strategy the federal government has rolled out to improve the money-managing skills and habits of Canadians...[Read more](#)

### **Canada's child care champion honoured**

If you have been lucky enough to get your children into a licensed, high quality daycare, you can thank Martha Friendly. The Toronto-based founder of the Childcare Resource and Research Unit has toiled in Canada's daycare trenches on behalf of parents, children and the community for almost 40 years...[Read more](#)

### **Scholar overcomes obstacles**

**Photo: Paul Bickford, NNSL**

Lorraine MacDonald quit school in Grade 7 when she was just 14 years old but that didn't keep her from academic achievement. Now in her early 60s, she can look back at an amazing journey as an adult learner...starting with adult upgrading...[Read more.](#)



## **Participation's prescription for healthy play: get the kids outside**

Let children play outdoors in nature to get them to move more, sit less, play longer and learn limits, according to a new report card that assigns a grade of D minus to the physical activity levels of Canadian children and young people...[Read more](#)

## **Resources and Websites**

### **Feasibility study of universal affordable day care in the Northwest Territories**

[Tabled in the Legislative Assembly last week](#)

### **Technology tips for teachers**

[Lifelong learning is for everyone](#)

### **Land as pedagogy**

[To nurture new generations with indigenous values and culture](#)

### **National strategy for financial literacy**

[Count me in, Canada](#)

