

Literacy This Week

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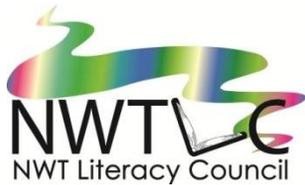
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

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Literacy Dates

NWT Aboriginal Languages Month - March

Nutrition Month - March

World Poetry Day - March 21

Our Blog

Wellness is the Jackpot

Dëneze Nakehk'o captured the feeling at the Weaving our Wisdom: A Territorial Wellness Gathering in his comment

"wellness is the jackpot". That was his response to a

participant who joked that one conference activity resembled BINGO. A strong, healthy, collaborative north is the best prize any of us can hope for...[Read more](#)



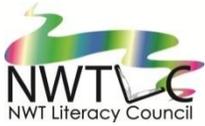
Announcements and Events



We have a new president

Jeri Miltenberger, of Fort Smith, was acclaimed as president of the NWT Literacy Council at our annual general meeting on the weekend. Thank you to outgoing president, Cate Sills, of Yellowknife.

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Helen's retirement party is March 13

We're hosting a party for our former executive director, Helen Balanoff on Friday, March 13 from 4-7 pm at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre Museum Cafe. We're celebrating her time with the Council and her long career in education in the NWT. If you can't come but would like to pass on well wishes to Helen, or to RSVP, contact katie@nwtliteracy.ca

Learn more about youth empowering parents

You can [register for a webinar](#) about the [Youth Empowering Parents](#) program on March 30. This award winning program brings together youth volunteers to teach adults and turn traditional roles on their heads.

Unplug and Play

[Participaction](#) encourages Canadian families to pledge to unplug from screens and play for at least 60 minutes a day. The challenge is from March 23 - 29, 2015.

Aboriginal language communities celebrate successes



We hosted representatives of NWT Aboriginal language communities this week for a networking workshop.

Funding

Canada Post fund benefits children

The [Canada Post Community Foundation](#) funds programs for children. The focus for its funding program is community, education and health. The deadline to apply is April 17, 2015.

Environmental funding opportunity open

The [Automotive Recyclers of Canada](#) and Summerhill Impact award four grants worth a maximum of \$25,000 each to Canadian groups. Projects must result in reduced emissions or prevent pollution in transportation or excel in automotive recycling. Applications are accepted until April 10, 2015.

Grants to take care of our watersheds

The [RBC-Evergreen Watershed Champions Awards](#) recognizes classes that demonstrate learning about their local watershed and who take action to care for it. Apply by April 17, 2015.

News and Research

Book launch celebrates Aboriginal languages month

Northern Journal, March 10, 2015

Richard Van Camp was lively and animated as he stood in front of a packed house over the weekend to release his latest book for a worthy cause. Kicking off Aboriginal Languages Month in the NWT, Van Camp launched his newest book, *Three Feathers...*[Read more](#)

Déline self-government bill passes

Northern Journal, March 10, 2015

The new Deline government, which will receive funding from the federal and territorial governments, will give the community control over areas like education, housing, social services, justice, health care and economic development, as well as the authority to collect taxes from residents...[Read more](#)

Learning about words and money at early age helps children get solid start in life

London Free Press, March 9, 2015

As one mom chases after a busy toddler, another talks to a friend about coupon clipping. Someone else is asking about monthly budgeting while another mom explains to a reporter about teaching her child to save for big-ticket toys...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

How children learn language

[Our video on brain development and implications for Aboriginal language learning](#)

Five learning resources for

[Information literacy](#)

Five steps for internet safety

[Quick tips for young people](#)

World Poetry Day

[Refugees and human rights: student poetry contest](#)

