

# Literacy This Week

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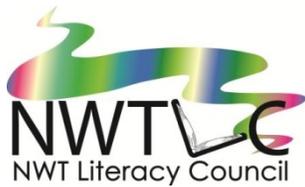
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

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## Literacy Dates

Canadian Library Month - October

World Teacher Day - October 5

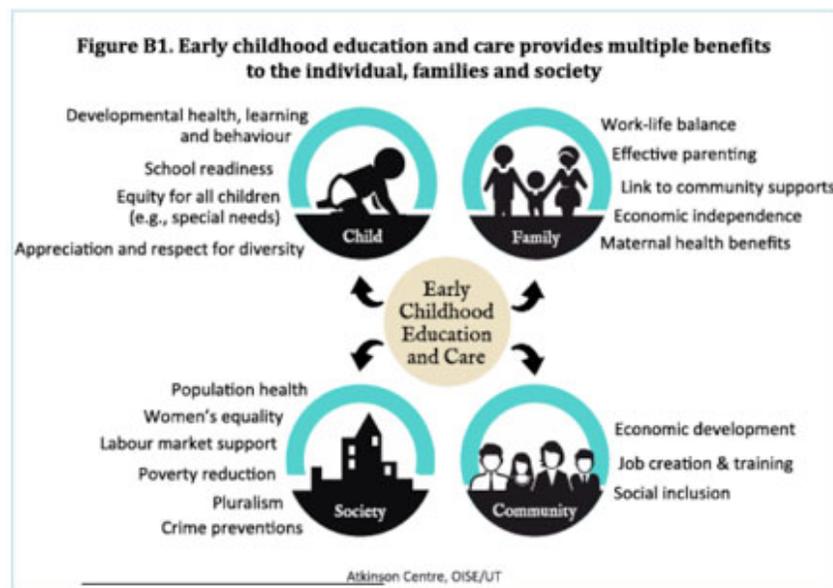
International Plain Language Day - October 13

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty - October 17

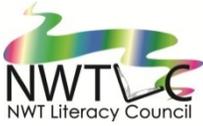
## Our Blog

### Universal child care study highlights benefits

Early childhood education and care has so many benefits it's little wonder it's an election issue both federally and territorially...[Read more](#)



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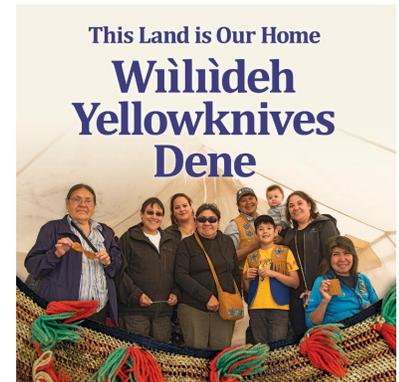
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## Announcements and Events

### This Land is Our Home exhibit opens Saturday

The Yellowknives Dene First Nation and the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre are hosting the official opening of [This Land is Our Home, Wiilìdeh Yellowknives Dene](#). The exhibit features artifacts,

traditional clothing, tools, photographs, and historical information on the Dene who have lived in and around Wiilìcheh (Yellowknife Bay) and Wiilìdeh (Yellowknife River) for thousands of years. The opening begins Saturday at noon with a fire feeding ceremony at the museum.



### Northern lives in five books

Come to the first live recording of a podcast exploring northern lives through the five books that shaped them. Episode one features former CBC North broadcaster, Paul Andrew. The [From the Top](#) recording is Friday at 8:15 pm in Yellowknife at The Book Cellar.



### Recycle your cellphone this October

Ecology North wants to partner with NWT schools to encourage responsible recycling of cell phones. Participating schools and/or school districts earn \$1 for every phone collected and have a chance to win a prize. Visit [Recycle My Cell](#) or contact [Jade Cambron](#) to participate.

## **Silent reading cafe in Yellowknife**

The [Yellowknife Public Library](#) is hosting silent reading cafes each Tuesday in October from noon until 2 pm. Bring a book and a snack and leave your electronics behind.

## **Funding**

### **Leadership development funding for charities**

The [PricewaterhouseCoopers Canada Foundation Leadership Grants Program](#) provides funding for professional development for staff and volunteers who work at small-to medium sized charities in Canada. The deadline to apply is October 30, 2015.

## **News and Research**

### **Bedtime story is key to literacy says author**

The childhood tradition of a bedtime story is in serious peril, as experts warn that parents are not making the time to read to their children at the end of the working day and stop reading to them at too young an age...[Read more](#)

### **Holding children back a year in school is not the right start**

Currently in the United States nearly one in 10 parents is holding their children back from school a year in the hope that the children will attain academic and physical advantages over their peers...[Read more](#)

### **SSDEC literacy initiative receives ministerial award**

Since the early 2000s, the South Slave Divisional Education Council has identified improving literacy rates among its student population as a top priority and now, it is being recognized for its efforts...[Read more](#)

## **Innovative outdoor program comes to Winnipeg daycare**

A new program at a Winnipeg daycare is taking preschool aged kids into the great outdoors in hopes connecting with nature will foster a life-long appreciation for the environment...[Read more](#)

## **Resources and Websites**

### **Superhero challenge: Get outside and save the world**

[Connecting with nature education guides](#)

### **180 technology tips**

[For educators and other professionals](#)

### **13 common sayings to avoid**

[Edutopia education strategies](#)

### **Moonshot review**

[Indigenous comics collection](#)