

# Literacy This Week

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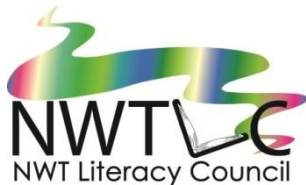
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We're the family, youth and adult literacy and essential skills centre for excellence.

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

Canadian Library Month - October

Vote for the Bison Bus - Every day until October 23

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty - October 17

Financial Literacy Month - November

## Our Blog

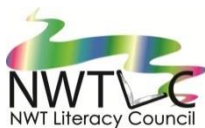
### A northerner's life in five books

Guest blogger, Ollie Williams, started a new podcast series for two reasons: to get to know interesting northerners, and to learn about books he might not know about otherwise.

Can you tell a northerner's life story in five books?...[Read more](#)



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## Announcements and Events

**Vote for the Bison Bus Family Centre**  
*Fun, exciting ways to learn and develop*

**How to Vote:**  
Go to [avivacommunityfund.org](http://avivacommunityfund.org)  
Register  
Check your email to complete registration  
Sign in to vote

The closing date is 4 pm on October 23

*The Bison Bus is the vehicle to take our family literacy activities, expertise and training on the road to more NWT families. Help it hit the road!*

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### Your vote needed to help the NWT get a literacy Bison Bus

A plan to transform an NWT school bus into a mobile literacy centre needs your vote...[Read more](#)

### Ian Hamilton: an evening of international mystery

Acclaimed

Canadian author

of the bestselling and award-winning Ava Lee series, will be in in Fort Smith November 2nd, Hay River November 3rd, and in [Yellowknife](#) on November 4th.

### Early childhood position open with GNWT

The NWT government has an opening for a new position, [Early Childhood Inclusive Learning and Wellness Coordinator](#). This job competition closes on October 21, 2015.

### Save the date

Our Annual General Meeting is November 21, 2015 in Yellowknife.

## Funding

### **NWT arts funding**

The NWT Government offers various kinds of [financial assistance programs and services](#) through the Departments of Industry, Tourism and Investment and Education, Culture and Employment. This funding builds and strengthens the NWT's unique and creative arts culture. The next NWT Arts Council deadline is October 31, 2015.

### **Getting teens moving**

The [ParticipACTION Teen Challenge](#) works to get teens moving across the country by breaking down the barriers that prevent teens from getting active. Grants of up to \$500 can help schools and community groups meet this goal. The deadline to apply is October 31, 2015.

## News and Research

### **Universal child care study deserves purposeful attention, says MLA**

The spectre of universal child care in the Northwest Territories lurched out of the ether once more last week. Inuvik Boot Lake MLA Alfred Moses regrets there wasn't more debate on feasibility study...[Read More](#)

### **Federal government won't recognize Dene fonts, says NWT health minister**

The NWT's health minister says the federal government is not in a position to consider Dene fonts on government-issued identification...[Read more](#)

### **A small Iqaluit publisher learns how to tell Inuit stories**

For an independent publishing company with a mandate to preserve and promote Inuit and Northern culture, gaining the trust of the people who hold that knowledge—who can tell

those stories-is paramount...[Read more](#)

## **Your paper brain and your Kindle brain aren't the same thing**

Would you like paper or plasma? That's the question book lovers face now that e-reading has gone mainstream. And, as it turns out, our brains process digital reading very differently...[Read more](#)



## **Literacy 'the foundation of everything'**

A promoter of literacy working for Yellowknife Education District No.1 was recognized with an award from the Education Minister late last month...[Read more](#)

## Resources and Websites

### **MediaSmarts**

[Canada's centre for media and digital literacy](#)

### **Kick action**

[An online community for young women](#)

### **5 principles of good adult literacy work**

[ePlatform for Adult Learning in Europe](#)

### **Halloween fun**

[ESL activities](#)

[Activities for children](#)