

# Literacy This Week

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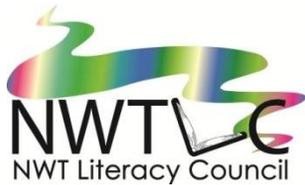
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We're the family, youth and adult literacy and essential skills centre for excellence.

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 Poetry Month - April

Children's Book Week - May 2-9

World Press Freedom Day - May 3

## Our Blog

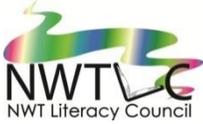
### Circle Time helps parents provide early literacy skills

*Our guest blog was submitted by Amy Ryan and Larissa Doyle, with the Healthy Families Program in Fort Smith.*

Every week we bring together parents and preschoolers for Circle Time at Tapwe House in Fort Smith...[Read more](#)



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## Announcements and Events

### Wildland fire safety poster contest in schools

The NWT government department of Environment and Natural Resources is holding a [poster contest!](#) Show how wildland fires can be prevented. There are categories from kindergarten to Grade 12. The deadline to enter is May 1, 2015.

### Apply to be our summer student

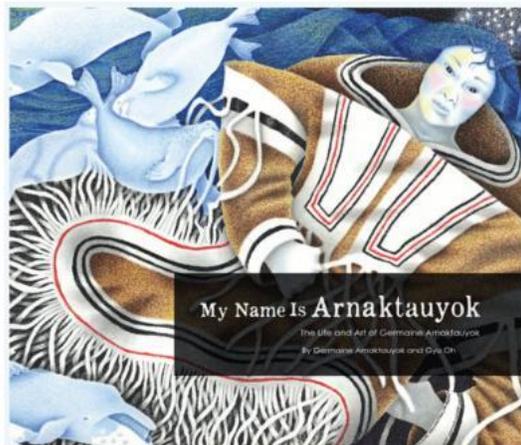
We're hiring a summer student to help prepare resource materials for publication and to help with summer literacy events. Applicants must be full-time students, under 30 years of age, and intending to return to their studies in the fall. Please send your resume by 5 pm on April 29 to [nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca)

### Youth leadership camps accepting registrations

Youth between 11 and 17 years of age can register for camps that provide leadership development, outdoor adventure and traditional skills. Register by May 15 for the [Northern Youth Leadership Summer Camps.](#)

### Artist's book launch next Tuesday

Visual Effects Gallery in Yellowknife hosts the launch of *My Name is Arnaktauyok: The Life and Art of Germaine Arnaktauyok* next Tuesday at 5:30 pm.



Germaine and friends invite you to celebrate the release of *My Name is Arnaktauyok: The Life and Art of Germaine Arnaktauyok*

Where : Visual Effects gallery, YK Centre West  
4905 48th Street, Yellowknife, NT

When: Tuesday April 28th  
Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Come meet artist and writer Germaine Arnaktauyok, who will be signing copies of her book.

Refreshments available.



## Funding

### RBC Learn to Play grants available

The [RBC Learn to Play Project](#) provides grants to local organizations and communities that build the physical literacy of Canada's kids and youth. The deadline to apply is May 8, 2015.

### Justice funding call for proposals

The [Aboriginal Justice Directorate Capacity Building Fund](#) supports the increased knowledge, skills and training of existing community-based Aboriginal justice programs. The 2015-16 call for proposals has two priority areas - building bridges or fostering partnerships and training for existing programs. The deadline for submissions is June 1, 2015.

## News and Research

### Dettah students' ambitions soar



Working at a mine or raising babies at home were the two main career goals that Lea Lamoureux heard from students...but seven years later she's hearing different things...[Read more](#)

### **Do you spend enough time with your kids? The better question is, do you have fun doing it?**

Now that we have even more reason to believe that quality trumps quantity, thanks to a new study, perhaps parents can relax, even if it is just a little bit, and free ourselves from the cultural pressures that have turned parenting into a joyless, anxiety-laden job...[Read more](#)

## **Time with Mom matters most in adolescence**

The more time mothers spent engaged in activities with their adolescent children the less teens were involved in delinquent behavior...[Read more](#)

## **11 ways Finland's education system shows us that less is more**

Good teaching is good teaching and it can be found in both Finland and in the US. (The same can be said for bad teaching.) The difference is less tangible and more fundamental. Finland truly believes "Less is More." ...[Read more](#)

## **Lively Minds: Distinctions between academic versus intellectual goals for young children**

The extent to which academic instruction should be a major goal of the curriculum for preschool and kindergarten children is a constant topic of debate among the many parties concerned with early childhood education...[Read more](#) or [watch the video](#)

## Resources and Websites

### **Play outside**

[5 benefits of outdoor play](#)

[Join the 30x30 challenge](#)

### **2014 Help Directory**

[NWT health and social services information](#)

### **Writing tips**

[These 9 words don't mean what you think they mean](#)



### **TD Canadian Children's Book Week**

[Theme, materials and more](#)