

# Literacy This Week

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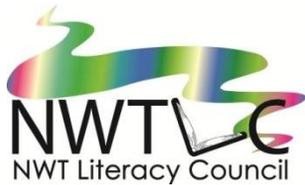
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

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## Literacy Dates

National Poetry Month - April  
NWT Adult Learners' Week - April 11-19  
Earth Week - April 18-25

## Our Blog

### What's the difference between taking a course and being a learner?

*Welcome to our guest blogger, Jim Stauffer. Jim is an adult educator in Whatì.*

As I contemplated Adult Learners' Week this year, I recalled some of my own failures and successes at fulfilling the trust adult learners place in me when they come to the Community Learning Centre...[Read more](#)



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## Announcements and Events

### We're looking for a summer student

We're hiring a summer student to help prepare resource materials for publication and 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 to [nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca) by 5 pm on April 29, 2015.



Our 2014 summer student, Martha Hamre, at the Yellowknife City Market.

### Nominate a volunteer for a national award

It's National Volunteer Week. That makes it a good time to consider who to nominate for a national volunteer award. You can nominate an individual or business for one of 17 [Prime Minister's Volunteer Awards](#). Nominations must be in by June 30, 2015.

## 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

### **Dyslexia diagnoses delayed**

The expense and difficulty of identifying reading disorders means children could be falling through the cracks...[Read more](#)

### **Hold on to the will to read**

Polls of reading habits in both Canada and the United States typically find that one in three people no longer reads even a single book a year. That's a concern, but the good news is that two-thirds of adults are still reading books - and at an impressive average rate of one a month. So there's no danger of books becoming obsolete any time soon...[Read more](#)

### **Can we auto-correct humanity?**

You need not delete your social networks or destroy your cell phones. The message is simple: be balanced, be mindful, be present, be here...[Watch video](#)

## **Could free online courses improve financial literacy?**

The efforts of US universities to educate the population with free online courses has inspired private businesses to do the same - and in the process, improve financial literacy among the nation's students and teachers...[Read more](#)

## **Resources and Websites**

### **Literacy in Canada**

[Infographic shows room for improvement](#)

### **Four short videos about self-regulation**

[Government of Ontario child care information](#)

### **Top education apps**

[From the Irish Times](#)

### **The Magic of Everyday Moments**

[Child development videos for parents and students](#)

