

# Literacy This Week

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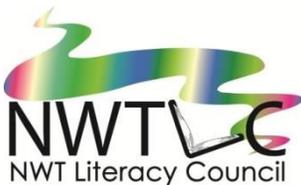
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

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## Literacy Dates

National Poetry Month - April

NWT Adult Learners' Week - April 11-19

Talk With Our Kids About Money Day - April 15

## Our Blog

### Let's celebrate adult learners

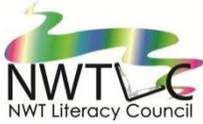
*This week's guest blog comes from Christine Abela, the adult educator in Fort Liard.*

It is International Adult Learners' Week April 11 to 19!

Let's take a few moments to appreciate adults who make improving literacy a priority in their lives. As an adult educator, I am lucky to be a part of the lifelong learning process for many people...[Read more](#)



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## Announcements and Events

### Nominate someone for a literacy award

The NWT Department of Education, Culture and Employment is calling for nominations for [NWT Literacy Awards](#). There are awards for youth and adult learners, an educator and an organization.

# 2015 NWT LITERACY AWARDS



### Canada Learning Bond and RESP webinars

Do you work with lower-income families? SmartSaver is hosting two webinars about how Registered Education Savings Plans (RESPs) and the Canada Learning Bond (CLB) can benefit lower-income families. The [RESP and CLB Basics webinar](#) is April 23 at 11 am and the [SmartSaver at Work and community incentive program webinar](#) is May 12 at 11 am.

### Good Turn Week coming up

During its [Good Turn Week](#) challenge, April 25 to May 3, Scouts Canada is challenging Canadians to perform a good turn for someone else. Studies show that performing an act of kindness has the power to create feelings of happiness, both with the giver and recipient.

### An evening of Fort Smith magic

Richard Van Camp will be giving a talk in Fort Smith in celebration of life North of 60. The event is April 13 at 7 pm at the [Northern Life Museum and Cultural Centre](#). Fort Smith actor Joel Evans will also make a presentation. Evans starred in the film *The Lesser Blessed*, which was based on a Van Camp novel of the same name.

## Funding

### Healthy school grant

One [Diavik](#) grant valued at \$25,000 will be awarded to a successful NWT school's health, wellness or academic initiatives in 2015. The application deadline is May 1, 2015.

### Yellowknife Community Foundation looking for proposals

The [Yellowknife Community Foundation](#) seeks applications for a variety of scholarships and grants. There are grants for emergency services, wilderness travel, health and wellbeing, seniors/elders and a Yellowknife community fund. The application deadline is May 15, 2015.

## News and Research

### Aboriginal Head Start rounding up grads to celebrate 20th anniversary

At 20 years old, Aboriginal Head Start - a culturally-influenced preschool program for indigenous youth - is all grown up now, as are its earliest graduates...[Read more](#)



### Why the conventional wisdom on schooling is all wrong

Kids go to school to learn stuff. Right? Not exactly, according to veteran educator Marion Brady, who has long argued that public education needs a paradigm shift - though not the same one pushed by school reformers who champion the Common Core State Standards, school choice and vouchers...[Read more](#)

### Work jargon we wish would disappear

Every office has its own sort of language - vocabulary that people frequently use when they're at work but probably wouldn't use that often otherwise...[Read more](#)

## **NWT Handbook for women facing abuse published**

The book, released by YWCA Yellowknife, is intended to form a comprehensive guide for women suffering from abuse. Its chapters deal with options available to women in that situation, such as emergency protection orders. Issues like what happens to children, family law, housing, and income support are also explained...[Read more](#)

## **Resources and Websites**

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### **15 words and phrases**

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