



# Literacy This Week

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## Literacy Dates

International Volunteer Day - December 5  
International Human Rights Day - December 10  
National Family Literacy Day - January 27

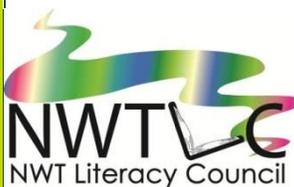
## Our Blog



### Seeking a literacy champion in the Tłı̄chǫ region

The annual general meeting of the NWT Literacy Council took place November 21, 2015 in conjunction with a face-to-face meeting of our Board of Directors.

Changes to our executive mean we have a board vacancy for a Tłı̄chǫ regional representative...[Read more](#)



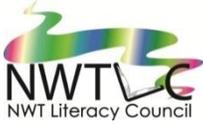
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

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# Announcements and Events

## Welcome to our new office manager

Chances are the first voice you'll hear on the phone or face you'll see in our office is Uma's. Welcome to our new office manager, Uma Sivakumar, who joined the NWT Literacy Council last month.



## Thank you De Beers Canada

Thank you De Beers Canada for your support for the Bison Bus. We were unsuccessful in competing for funding earlier this fall, but De Beers liked the idea of a mobile family literacy program. At its Business Opportunities Breakfast they gave us a cheque and asked people at the breakfast to donate. Thanks to all who donated - a great kickstart to fundraising for this initiative.



Literacy Council Youth Services Coordinator Amanda Grobbecker and former Executive Director Helen Balanoff received a cheque supporting the Bison Bus from Glen Koropchuk, Chief Operating Officer of De Beers Canada Inc.

## **NWT Human Rights Facebook Action Week**

The NWT Human Rights Commission is celebrating International Human Rights Day with a [Facebook Action Week](#) December 7-11, 2015. You could win daily prizes or a grand prize of a 32 GB Ipad Mini. The topic will focus on diversity and inclusion in the media.

## **Aboriginal Arts and Stories competition open**

Canadians of Aboriginal ancestry between the ages of 9 and 29 are invited to submit a piece of art or a story by March 31, 2016 to the [Aboriginal Arts and Stories](#) competition.

## **Funding**

### **NWT On The Land Collaborative Fund**

This fund promotes and supports on the land initiatives by communities and organizations. [NWT On the Land Collaborative Fund](#) applications are due January 31, 2016.

### **Housing repair programs**

The NWT Housing Corporation has a number of programs to help NWT residents with [housing repairs and renovations](#). You can call toll free 1-844-698-4663 or contact your [district housing corporation office](#).

## **News and Research**

### **What you need to know to protect your child's online identity**

This week, VTech, a Hong-Kong-based company that makes electronic learning products for kids, confirmed a massive data breach. More than five million users' personal information was stolen, including that of Canadian parents and kids...[Read more](#)

### **The right kinds of encouragement for language learners**

A little encouragement goes a long way. In language learning, hearing from a local person, particularly a local with some experience learning languages themselves, that you're doing well is a big boost in confidence. ..[Read more](#)

### **Five early warning signs of speech and language issues**

Given the importance of identifying speech and language problems as early as possible in your child's development, what signs should parents look out for?...[Read more](#)

### **Why college is increasingly seen as the smart choice**

This post-secondary option is no longer the poor cousin to university...[Read more](#)

### **Rethinking ultra-safe playgrounds**

Due to increasing liability and safety concerns over the years, we've replaced the metal playground equipment that towered over us as young children with brightly colored ultra-safe alternatives...[Read more](#)

# Resources and Websites

## **Curiosity stream**

[Non-fiction program for the curious mind](#)

## **Recognizing life's work**

[A practitioner's resource kit](#)

## **Canadian financial literacy database**

[One-stop shop for information on budgeting, saving, investing, fraud prevention and more](#)

