

Literacy This Week

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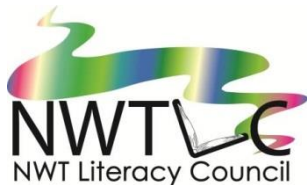
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We're the family, youth and adult literacy and essential skills centre for excellence.

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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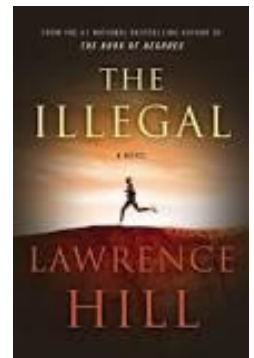
National Family Literacy Day - January 27

Holiday Hours - Closed December 23 until January 4

Our Blog

Our gift book picks for Christmas 2015

We put together a list of books we're giving as gifts this Christmas. There's something for everyone - Canadian and northern fiction, children's books, a graphic novel, colouring book and a self-help book. What are you giving this Christmas?...[Read more](#)



Announcements and Events

Remember us in your end-of-year giving

The [NWT Literacy Council](#) is a registered charity. We depend on donations to enhance our programs and for special projects, such as a proposal for a Bison Bus, to bring a mobile family literacy centre to NWT communities accessible by road.

Our new family literacy resources are online

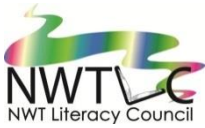
We've sent out hundreds of National Family Literacy Day packages to NWT programs and organizations. You can also find these new resources on our [website](#).

- How to Kit - Indoor and Outdoor Winter Games and Activities
- Storysacks You Can Borrow
- Ideas for Family Literacy Day
- Creating a Literacy-rich Environment in Family Day Home

There's still time to get a child's t-shirt

Our Talk to Me shirts just arrived and we're having a giveaway. Send us a photo of you talking, playing, singing, or reading with children and we will send you a t-shirt! Thanks to the United Way NWT for the funding for this project. You can post your photo on [Facebook](#) or email us at nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca. The shirts are available in sizes 2T and 4T. By the time a child is 3 years old, about 85% of their brain will already be developed.

Support Literacy



You can support literacy in the NWT

- [Make a donation](#)
- [Join the Council](#)

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Funding

Canada 150 Fund to celebrate national pride

The goal of the [Canada 150 Fund](#) is to create opportunities for Canadians to participate in local, regional, and national celebrations that contribute to building a sense of pride and attachment to Canada.

There is no deadline for projects but you should apply 30 weeks before an event. Contact Canadian Heritage for an application form toll free at 1-866-811-0055 or by email at pnr.rpn@pch.gc.ca.

Plan now for summer student help

[Canada Summer Jobs](#) provides funding to not-for-profit organizations to create summer job opportunities for full-time students aged 15 to 30 years who intend to return to their studies in the next school year. Applications must be in by February 26, 2016.

News and Research

Truth and Reconciliation report sheds light on problems families still face

First Nations leaders say the final report from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission released Tuesday marks a new chapter in the relationship between indigenous and non-indigenous Canadians, but counselors say the impact of residential schools remains for survivors' children and their children...[Read more](#)

Nannygate: real or nonsense?

Recently Canadians learned that two nannies had been hired as part of the Prime Minister's publicly-funded household to help care for his three children aged 8, 6 and 2. The ensuing media storm ranged from negative commentary calling for the PM to cover his child care costs himself to discussion of the need for national child care for other Canadians too. This collection of news and commentary presents opinion from both sides of this story...[Read more](#)



Does cursive still matter?

Some teachers are facing a new and unexpected challenge in the classroom. They write on whiteboards. They make comments in the margins of essays they grade. A few students complain, claiming they can't read their teachers' handwriting...[Read more](#)

Ending a text with a period makes you seem like a jerk, study says

The world of text-based messaging is no place for proper punctuation, according to a newly released American study - unless, of course, you want to be seen as a jerk...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

**Canadian children record welcome messages
for Syrian refugees**

They go up so fast

[2015 child care fees in Canadian cities](#) (sadly no northern cities in the study)

**Top 10 family reading and writing ideas
for the winter holidays**

Scratch art Christmas cards

[A great family activity](#)