

Literacy This Week

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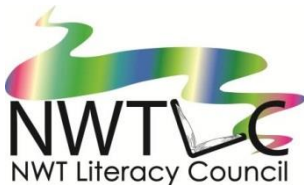
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

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Literacy Dates

International Human Rights Day - December 10

National Family Literacy Day - January 27

Holiday Hours - Closing December 23 at noon until January 4

Our Blog

Family fun for busy college students

During the school year we usually spend a couple of evenings a month with students who attend Aurora College in Yellowknife and their families.

Students are busy people, especially if they have children. It can be difficult for them to take their children to various events in town, so we bring crafts and fun times to the families through Aurora College's Family Night on Campus...[Read more](#)

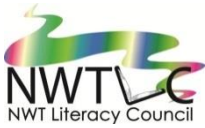


Announcements and Events

Send us a photo, we'll send you a 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 United Way NWT for the funding for this project. You can post on [Facebook](#) or email 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

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NorthwordsNWT is in for a busy weekend

NorthwordsNWT has several events planned this weekend in Yellowknife, including their annual general meeting.

- [Writers Workshop](#), with Richard Van Camp
 - Room 307, Aurora College
 - Saturday, December 12 - 10 am - 2 pm
 - Registration \$50 at the Yellowknife Book Cellar
- Annual General Meeting
 - Room 307, Aurora College
 - Saturday, December 12 - 2:30 pm
- [Christmas Northern Book Signing](#)
 - Sunday, December 13 - 1 pm
 - Lower YK Centre Mall

You can become a member of NorthwordsNWT anytime at Yellowknife Book Cellar for a \$30 fee. Or send a cheque to:

NorthWords NWT
Box 1256
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N9

Write for Rights on Saturday

To mark International Human Rights Day, you can drop by [Write for Rights](#) at Javaroma in Yellowknife from 10 am to 2 pm. Add your voice to the growing movement for justice and human rights.

Funding

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.

Funds for justice research and education

The [NWT Law Foundation](#) funds small projects related to justice education and research. The application deadline is March 31, 2016. December 31, 2015 is the deadline to apply for an award towards the costs of mediation training.

News and Research

The Internet and the death of languages

A large body of evidence shows that affordable and effective broadband connectivity is vital to economic growth, social inclusion, and environmental sustainability. Nevertheless, while internet access has spread around the world certain barriers still exist- like language...[Read more](#)

Media literacy: not just for big kids

Parents and early childhood educators can help young children learn to analyze and evaluate media messages...[Read more](#)

People choose screen time over sleep time

Studies show that people in the developed world are now spending upwards of eight hours per day staring at their smartphones and other screen devices - more time than they spend sleeping...[Read more](#)

Ebooks boost boys' reading abilities, research finds

Ebooks can help to boost boys' abilities in reading and encourage them to enjoy the subject, according to research...[Read more](#)

7 surprising things that libraries loan other than books

Libraries are branching out, loaning power tools and bicycles. If you are a child (or know a child) between the ages of 6-12, who loves reading and loves puppies, head over to the Yellowknife Public Library...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

5 video ideas

[For literacy instruction](#)

Teach your kids to think before they buy

Giftingsense.com

The Art of Advocacy

[Updated handbook for non-profits and charities](#)

CBC Parents

[Crafts, food, play, learning and more](#)