

# Literacy This Week

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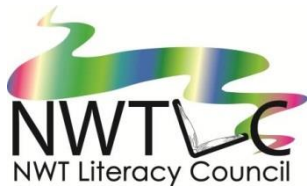
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## Literacy Dates

National Family Literacy Day - January 27

## Our Blog

### The latest research on e-reading to your child

Is e-reading to your toddler story time, or simply screen time? This is the title of an article posted by the New York Times in October, 2014. It caught our attention because it's a question parents have been asking, and we've been trying to answer...[Read more](#)



## Announcements and Events

### Walk to Tuk needs your support

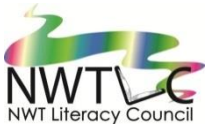
[Walk to Tuk](#), a NWT Recreation and Parks Association program, is in the running to go national with a \$1 million dollar prize. Today is the last day to vote for this northern program. You can vote at [Play Exchange](#). You can watch the Walk to Tuk pitch made on [national TV](#). And, today's the deadline to register a Walk to Tuk team.



### Campaign school for women in February

The Status of Women Council of the NWT is offering its

## Support Literacy



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Take part in literacy activities in your community

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[Campaign School for Women](#) February 6-7, 2015 in Yellowknife. The Campaign School provides workshop training for women and for potential members of their campaign teams. The workshop purpose is to encourage more women to run in the NWT election in 2015.

### Outstanding volunteer nominations open

Do you know someone who goes above and beyond the call of duty? You can nominate an individual, group, youth or elder for a volunteer award sponsored by the [NWT Department of Municipal and Community Affairs](#).

## Funding

### Annual violence prevention grants

The [Canadian Women's Foundation](#) has four streams of grants with the goal of preventing violence against women and girls. The deadline for applications is February 2, 2015.

### GoodLife encourages physical activity

The [GoodLife Kids Foundation](#) wants every Canadian kid to have the opportunity to live a fit and healthy good life. It is accepting requests for funding for inclusive physical activity programs for children with special needs. Upcoming application deadlines are February 20 and April 24, 2015

### Green Grants for under-served communities

Walmart Canada and Evergreen [Green Grants](#) partially fund community-based greening initiatives across Canada. The next application deadline is February 2, 2015.

## News and Research

### **Alcohol, Pregnancy, and Racial and Social Class Bias**

*Psychology Today, December, 2014*

The irony of timing: just last month two articles appeared within weeks of each other. The first was published in the on-line version of Cosmo magazine, detailing why a 30-something year old new mother had decided to have the occasional drink during pregnancy...[Read more](#)

### **For Kids That Struggle with Reading, Digital Literacy Programs Show Promise**

Can an electronic device actually improve literacy skills? Schools with high percentages of low-income students are seeing promising gains in reading ability and enthusiasm since they've introduced tablet reading programs in about 30 schools in Brevard County, Fla...[Read more](#)

### **Study Finds Reading to Children of All Ages Grooms Them to Read More on Their Own**

*New York Times, January 8, 2015*

Cue the hand-wringing about digital distraction: Fewer children are reading books frequently for fun, according to a new report released Thursday by Scholastic, the children's book publisher...[Read more](#)

### **The most important thing you can do with your kids? Eat dinner with them.**



*Washington Post, January 12, 2015*

As a family therapist, I often have the impulse to tell families to go home and have dinner together rather than spending an hour with me. And 20 years of research in North America, Europe and Australia back up my enthusiasm for family dinners...[Read more](#)

## Resources and Websites

### **Coping with stress**

[when your child has a chronic disease or disability](#)

### **Caregiver curriculum**

[FASDchildwelfare.ca](http://FASDchildwelfare.ca)

### **Consumer affairs**

[Tips, advice, complaints](#)

### **Project Happiness**

[Spreading happiness in classrooms and communities](#)

