

# Literacy This Week

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## Literacy Dates

National Aboriginal History Month - June

National Aboriginal Day - June 21

NWT Literacy Week - September 20-26

## Our Blog

### Preparing baby to be a book lover

First a confession: during my first year with the NWT Literacy Council I worked in family literacy, talking about the need to start early with child language and literacy development. As a 21-year-old with no kids, I felt like a bit of a fraud talking about this even with research and experienced people to back me up.



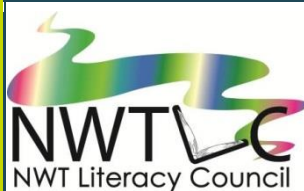
In November, when I found out I was pregnant I thought, "Great, now I can put all of that knowledge to work!" I intended to talk to and read to my belly every day...[Read more](#)

## Announcements and Events

### Order of the NWT nominations open

You can nominate a current or former NWT resident for the highest honour awarded to residents of the NWT.

Nomination forms are on the [Legislative Assembly website](#). You can also contact Haylee Carlson at 867-669-



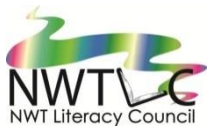
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

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2241. Up to 10 people will be given the Order of the NWT this year, and up to three people in future years. The deadline for nominations is Friday, September 4, 2015.



We have a new book mobile! We bought it second hand with funding from the Yellowknife Community Foundation. We'll have free books in the book mobile each Tuesday evening at the Yellowknife Farmer's Market.

## Vote 2015 webinar for literacy practitioners

Register now for a webinar: [A Guide to Voting in 2015 for Literacy Practitioners](#). ABC Life Literacy Canada and Elections Canada produced the guide to help literacy practitioners introduce civic literacy into the classroom. The webinar is at noon, Thursday, June 25, 2015.

## Funding

### **{Re}Conciliation arts funding**

This initiative promotes artistic collaborations between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal artists, to inspire dialogue, understanding and change. The [Canada Council](#) invites artists and arts organizations to submit proposals for project funding up to \$75,000. The deadline for proposals is July 24, 2015.

### **New Horizons for Seniors funding**

The [New Horizons for Seniors](#) program funds community-based projects that help seniors share their knowledge and skills or help communities increase their capacity to improve the lives of seniors. Groups can submit more than one application for a total of \$25,000. Larger funding amounts are available for pan-Canadian projects. The deadline to apply is July 10, 2015.

## News and Research

### **Literacy concepts and misconceptions**

Basic skills learning (literacy included) is often seen as the most "disadvantaged" area of adult learning. And from a certain perspective it is. First by looking at how governments, in their race to qualifications and employment, are failing in understanding that no employment strategy can be efficient without complementary basic skills policies....[Read more](#)

### **The language learner**

She's not fluent herself, but she's learning. And she's become something of a one-woman language revitalization campaign, using social media to publicize language-learning materials and even creating her own resources...[Read more](#)



### **Can reading make you happier?**

Several years ago, I was given as a gift a remote session with a bibliotherapist at the London headquarters of the School of Life, which offers innovative courses to help people deal with the daily emotional challenges of existence. I have to admit that at first I didn't really like the idea of being given a reading "prescription." ...[Read more](#)

### **Aboriginal economic development report shows little progress**

The gaps between aboriginal people and the rest of Canada are not closing, and are widening in some cases, according to a report by a federally-created group...[Read more](#)

### **Inuktitut iPhone, iPad keyboards help strengthen Inuit language**

It's suddenly a whole lot easier for Inuit to share their thoughts - in their language - in Facebook posts and text messages...[Read more](#)

## Resources and Websites

### **Traditional knowledge principles**

[Arctic Council](#)

### **Learn about indigenous issues**

[Online learning resources](#)

### **Aboriginal awareness cultural training**

[For GNWT employees and the public](#)

### **Learning on the land**

[Dechinta photo essay](#)