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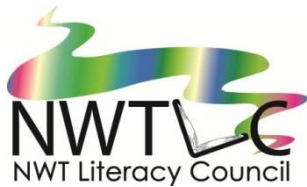
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We're the family, youth and adult literacy and essential skills centre for excellence.

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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Literacy Dates

National Aboriginal History Month - June

International Literacy Day - September 8

NWT Literacy Week - September 20-26

Our Blog

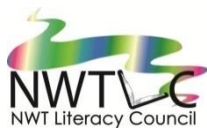
Learning can be short!



Mini. Micro. Short. What do you think of when you see these terms? I bet it wasn't learning!

Micro courses, or short courses are gaining in popularity throughout the adult literacy world and beyond...[Read more](#)

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Announcements and Events

Love the land calendar photo contest

The Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society fourth annual [Love the Land calendar photo contest](#) is open for entries until September 14, 2015. Submit up to five of your photos featuring people on the land or water, or that clearly evoke peoples' interactions with the land and water.

Smarten up! report advocates for essential skills investment

Workers with a shortage of the essential skills required by their jobs are less likely to be able to adapt to changing demands, think critically, work well in high-performing teams, problem solve or perform the less frequent but still important tasks of their jobs. [Smarten Up: It's time to build essential skills](#) suggests new investment skills would improve the capacity of workers to do their jobs well and provide a much needed boost to labour productivity.

Nominate a team for an Arctic Inspiration Prize

The \$1 million [Arctic Inspiration Prize](#) is awarded annually to teams who gather Arctic knowledge and apply it to benefit the Canadian Arctic, its peoples and Canada as a whole. The deadline for nominations is October 16, 2015.

Funding

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 to improve the lives of seniors. Groups can submit more than one application for a total of \$25,000. You must use the new application form. The deadline to apply is July 10, 2015.

Youth Catalyst fund accepting applications

The [Youth Catalyst Fund](#) grant program has more than \$1.2 million in grants for Canadian charities to help young

Canadians who face barriers or disadvantages to employment or completing post-secondary education or training. Grants range from \$30,000 to \$200,000 and can be for up to three years. The deadline for the first stage of the application process is June 30, 2015.

News and Research

Tapping millions in postsecondary education money for Aboriginal youth

Millions of dollars in federal funding for postsecondary education are currently going unclaimed by Aboriginal families, but a new partnership aims to change that. The partnership was announced at the closing events of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission...[Read more](#)

Cree album aims to inspire indigenous language learners

The NWT Cree Language Program's new musical compilation album celebrated an official launch on Aboriginal Day in Fort Smith, claiming its status as the first indigenous language album of its kind...[Read more](#)

More than 'expensive daycare'? Jury still out on whether Ontario's full-day kindergarten program has paid off

Proponents insist they can see a boost in children's engagement, vocabularies and social-emotional skills. Skeptics insist the new programs are no more than

"expensive daycare." The research, so far, is inconclusive...[Read more](#)



How I became trilingual in three years (and how you can too)

In 2012 I was your typical monolingual English-speaking American. Now, almost exactly three years after picking up my first *Teach Yourself Dutch* book, I'm a functional trilingual backpacking my way through Latin America. I didn't do it through expensive courses or an auspicious blow to the head, but instead by learning about how the brain naturally acquires languages and using it to my advantage...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Child care Canada

[Search for policy, research, practice documents](#)

How to cook a beaver tail

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