

Literacy This Week

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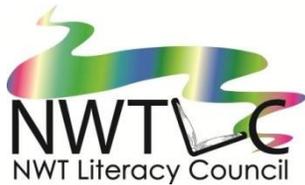
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

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Literacy Dates

NWT Aboriginal Languages Month - March

Nutrition Month - March

World Read Aloud Day - March 6

World Poetry Day - March 21

Our Blog

You can be a language champion - talk to a baby

Everyone can celebrate NWT Aboriginal Languages Month. It's as easy as talking to a baby or toddler in one of our Aboriginal languages...This is how we'll keep our languages alive... [Read more from our guest blogger, Norma Gauthier.](#)

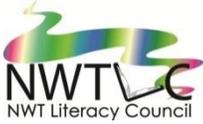


Announcements and Events

Join us for our annual general meeting

Join us for the NWT Literacy Council annual general meeting at noon this Saturday at the Explorer Hotel in Yellowknife. There will be elections for president and secretary. A light lunch will be served. For more information contact nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca

Support Literacy



You can support literacy in the NWT

- [Make a donation](#)
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Interesting webinars this month

- [Prosper Canada](#) has a March 26 one-hour webinar on financial counselling for people living on low incomes.
- Registered Education Savings Plans and Canada Learning Bond Basics is March 13 with [Smartsaver](#).
- Canada Learning Bond Enrolment for Kids in Care March 31 webinar with [Smartsaver](#).

Developing language and literacy workshop

A two-day [Developing Language & Literacy: The Animated Literacy Workshop](#) will be held in Edmonton March 23-24 and in Saskatoon on March 26-27. This workshop shows teachers how to use the universal stages of language development to create "scaffolds" that enable students to rise from simple to increasingly complex language skills and concepts in an emotionally supportive and stimulating environment.

Family night on campus



Families made masks and painted mittens and used our [The Mittens Storysack](#) this week at Aurora College in Yellowknife.

Funding

Healthy Choices Fund open for applications

The [Healthy Choices Fund](#) supports health promotion and prevention activities that support individuals, families, and communities to make positive lifestyle choices in the Northwest Territories. Applications are accepted until the money in the fund is used up.

World War Commemorations Community Fund

Funding is available for national and community-based commemorative and educational projects that foster a greater awareness and understanding among Canadians of the [importance of the world wars in our country's history](#). The deadline to apply is April 2.

News and Research

Dechinta University declared in demand, underfunded

Members of the Legislative Assembly and staff running the only Canadian land-based post-secondary outfit are fighting together for increased funding to provide wider access to the North's sole university institution...[Read more](#)

Mackenzie River traditional names now official

Five Aboriginal names for the Mackenzie River now join the English and French versions as official names...[Read more](#)

MLA suggests basic income replace income support

Weledeh MLA, Bob Bromley says 20% of the income assistance budget is spent on administration. "The current system of income assistance in the NWT is not working. It is complex, intrusive and inefficient...Read his [statement](#) and

[questions](#) in the NWT Legislative Assembly.

How hunger became a first world problem

There's something horribly wrong when Canada produces plenty of food for everyone, yet there are many people who are dependent on food banks to eat, says Graham Riches, the co-editor of a new book looking at how wealthy countries around the world address hunger...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Our new adult and youth literacy resources

- [Northern biography series: Sharon Firth and Shirley Firth-Larsson](#)
- [Essential skills at work in the north study guide vol. 3](#)

March is Nutrition Month

[Government of the Northwest Territories info](#)

5 apps to improve literacy

[Including MoToLi - a suite of digital tools for early literacy in local languages](#)

7 ways to motivate your child

[To speak the minority language](#)

13 things babies learn

[When we read to them](#)

