

# Literacy This Week

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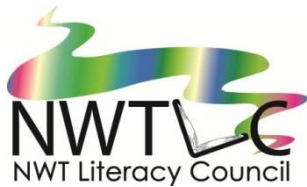
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

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## Literacy Dates

Intergenerational Day - June 1

NWT Disability Awareness Week - June 7-12

## Our Blog

### Learning to slow it down

If I had to choose one word to sum up what I learned during my week at the Centre for Family Literacy's Family Literacy Training Institute (FLTI) in Edmonton last week; it would be slow...[Read more](#)

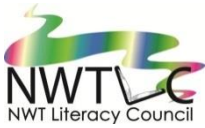


## Announcements and Events

### We're Hiring

We are looking for a new [Youth and Community Literacy and Essential Skills Coordinator](#) to join the NWTLC this summer. This is a full-time three-year term position with the possibility of renewal, based in Yellowknife. We offer a competitive salary and benefits. For a job description please contact [nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca), 873-9262 or 1-866-599-6758. This position is conditional on program funding.

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Competition closes Friday, May 22.

### Celebrate 10 years of northern writing

[NorthWords](#) NWT is very excited to announce the line up for this year's festival. We are thrilled to be welcoming Kathleen Winter, Garry Gottfriedson, Alexander MacLeod, Drew Hayden Taylor, Joanna Lilley, Jacqueline Guest and the North's very own Richard Van Camp. The festival runs May 28-31 in Yellowknife.

### The Last Summer Institute hosted by The Centre for Literacy

The [2015 Summer Institute](#) will be the last hosted by The Centre. It will take place June 11-12, in collaboration with and supported by their long-standing partners. However, with deep regret, the Board of Directors announces the closure of The Centre for Literacy to take effect at the end of May 2015. Following the elimination of federal core funding for the literacy and skills sector last year, they have not been able to confirm sustainable alternative funding going forward...[Read more](#)

### Food for Fines at Yellowknife Public Library

The library is a great place; don't let your existing fines keep you from coming to the [library](#). Bring in un-expired non-perishable food donations, as well as any overdue library material(s), in exchange for waiving overdue fines from June 8-22.

## Funding

### Family Literacy funding

Funding is available for the 2015-2016 fiscal year for community based Family Literacy projects. If your program supports children 0-6 years old and their family, and someone in your organization has taken Family Literacy training from the NWTLC, your program could be eligible for \$3000-\$5000 this year. Visit our [website](#) for more information or contact [pat@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:pat@nwtliteracy.ca).

## **The Canada 150 Fund**

The Department of Canadian Heritage is the lead department on the celebrations of Canada 150 and has created [the Canada 150 Fund](#). This funding initiative aims to promote Canadian values, culture and history, generate national pride and bring citizens together to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation.

## **News and Research**

### **PhD student defends thesis in Mi'gmaq language, a York first**

While researching the historical rights of his First Nation's community of Listuguj in the Gespe'gewa'gig district of the Mi'gmaq on the southwest shore of the Gaspé peninsula for his doctoral thesis, York PhD candidate Alfred Metallic came to believe there was something missing in what he was doing - an integral piece of a larger picture... [Read more](#)

### **NT Power Corporation's SPARK! Contest**

NorthWords and the Northwest Territories Power Corporation are delighted to announce the winners of Spark! the emerging young writers' competition. We had an amazing 100 submissions from all five regions across the NWT and a shortlist of 14 was submitted to the judges... [Read more](#)

### **Youngsters learn about cash and credit with financial literacy classes**

At St. Bernard school in Saskatoon, math teacher Albert Couture poses a question that leads to a lesson about finances: "Can you guys tell me the best way to pay these bills?" Couture asked, as part of a course for his Grade 6 and 7 students. The responses show the youngsters have much to learn...[Read more](#)

## **Improving millennials' financial literacy with mobile technology**

The global growth of handheld digital devices among younger people is transforming the way consumers are getting their information in general and financial information in particular. On April 15, the 2015 Financial Literacy Summit, co-hosted by Visa Inc. and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, brought together senior international financial literacy experts to discuss how mobile technology can improve financial literacy for today's young adults...[Read more](#)

## **Resources and Websites**

### **Parent-Child Mother Goose Program**

[This national program is referenced in our blog this week](#)

### **Interview with an Art Therapist**

[What do kids learn through doing crafts?](#)

### **8 best Canadian books for babies and toddlers**

[#8 is one of our favourites!](#)



