

# Literacy This Week

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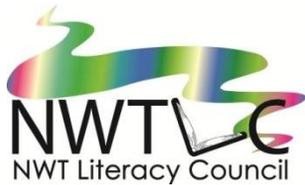
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

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## Literacy Dates

Intergenerational Day - June 1

NWT Disability Awareness Week - June 7-12

National Aboriginal Day - June 21

## Our Blog



### We're looking for guest bloggers

Have you found a great lesson plan that resonates with the adult

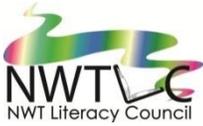
learners in your community? Is there a literacy activity that brings children and parents together for laughter and fun in your community?...[Read more](#)

## Announcements and Events

### We're hiring

We're hiring a [Youth and Community Literacy and Essential Skills Coordinator](#). 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. The application deadline is Friday, May 22.

## Support Literacy



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## Birdwatching and crime come together in birder murder mysteries

Steve Burrows' first novel, *A Siege of Bitterns*, was named a Globe and Mail top 100 book of 2014. Steve will be at the Fort Smith library this Sunday at 7:30 pm and at the Parks Canada office at 7:30 pm on Monday. You can meet him in Hay River at the NWT Centennial Library at 7 pm Tuesday and at the Yellowknife Public Library next Wednesday at noon.

## Two northern book launches this coming week

Sheila Watt-Cloutier launches her new book, *The Right To Be Cold*, at 2 pm on Sunday at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife. Next Thursday, Jamie Bastedo launches his new book, *Cut Off*, at the Baker Centre in Yellowknife as part of the [NorthWords Writers Festival](#).

## Have your say about junior kindergarten

As part of a [comprehensive review of junior kindergarten](#), the Department of Education, Culture and Employment has hired consultants to gather feedback from individuals or organizations that answers the question: "Should the GNWT incorporate JK into the K-12 school system? Why or why not?" The submission deadline is June 1, 2015.

## Incentive program to help families save for their child's education

SmartSaver has a community incentive program that rewards partner organizations who help families apply online for the Canada Learning Bond. For information contact Joe March at [jmarch@smartsaver.org](mailto:jmarch@smartsaver.org)

## Funding

### Get Active grants fund June activities

To celebrate Recreation & Parks Month, [Get Active](#) is awarding \$400 grants to community organizations who apply to organize and deliver a community-oriented physical activity event during the month of June. The deadline to apply is May 29, 2015.

## **The Canada 150 Fund**

The [Canada 150 Fund](#) 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**

### **Lutselk'e celebrates first high school graduates**

For the first time in its history, Lutsel K'e Dene School will be handing out high school diplomas. The school expanded to include grades 11 and 12 in 2011. Two students - Tristen Lockhart and Lucas Enzoë - will graduate from Grade 12 this year...[Read more](#)

### **Reframe Canada's social safety net so we can rebuild it before it crumbles: report**

A group of think tanks wants to reframe our social safety net as our collective "social architecture," with a series of papers just in time for an election campaign...[Read more](#)

### **Nunavut university promoted as voice and inspiration for Inuit culture**

An Inuit university is an old Arctic dream that's getting a renewed push due to corporate money and a recent high-level report that sketches out what Canada's northernmost academic institution could look like...[Read more](#)

## Resources and Websites

### **Payday loans**

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

### **Breaking the Silence**

[Community Action Research Team video](#)

### **The Medicinal Uses of Our Land**

[A K'asho Got'ine Charter Community Council booklet](#)

### **A gift fit for baby Charlotte**

[Finnish baby boxes](#)

### **You're not alone**

[Mental health video](#)

