

# Literacy This Week

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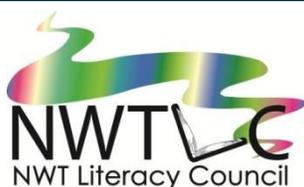
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

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## Literacy Dates

Children's Book Week - May 2-9

Intergenerational Day - June 1

NWT Disability Awareness Week - June 7-12

## Our Blog

### You can encourage post-secondary education

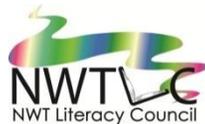
Do you want to help the next generation get a post-secondary education? You can - by passing on information about the Canada Learning Bond...[Read more](#)

## Announcements and Events

### 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.

## Support Literacy



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Kathryn Barry Paddock at the Family Literacy Training Institute in Edmonton this week with Cherl Lee Gargan, Martha Gargan, Christine Barker and Jennifer Bishop.

### Nominate an early childhood educator

The [Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Early Childhood Education](#) honour outstanding and innovative early childhood educators. The Awards are offered at the regional and national levels and carry cash prizes of \$1,000 and \$5,000 respectively. The nomination deadline is May 15, 2015.

### Adult education course offered in June

Aurora College is offering an [Elements of Instruction course](#) in June in Yellowknife. The course is part of the Certificate in Adult Education program.

### Apply now for FOXY peer leader retreat

[Fostering Open eXpression among Youth \(FOXY\)](#) has two Peer Leader Retreats this year (July 23-31 and August 6-14) for young NWT women. Participants receive two high school credits for active participation in the Retreat, with potential for two additional credits when they return home. Applications are due May 31, 2015.

## Funding

### **Funding to enhance participation of NWT women**

The Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations, through the [Women's Advisory Office](#), has funding to enhance the cultural, economic, political and social participation of NWT women. A maximum of \$5,000 is available for each special project. The deadline to apply is June 1, 2015.

### **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.

## News and Research

### **NWT celebrates Children's Book Week**

Storyteller and children's writer, [Kathy Jessup](#), of Edmonton, traveled this week to Wha-ti, Behchoko and Gamèti. She is at the Yellowknife Book Cellar on Saturday morning. For more information please contact Yellowknife Public Library at 669-3452.



The theme of TD Canadian Children's Book Week 2015 is Hear Our Stories: Celebrating First Nations, Métis & Inuit Literature.

## **Why sex ed and financial literacy have a lot in common**

Ontario's new sex education curriculum is causing a stir with its plans to make important changes to teaching material that many people in Ontario think needs to be updated.

The complexity of our world, the changing nature of families and relationships, the influence of the Internet are all things we ignore at our peril. The same things could be said of financial literacy...[Read more](#)

## **This is your brain on music**

When researchers observed brain activity in people who were reading or doing math, they noticed that certain parts of the brain would light-up. Generally, with any given activity, the brain would utilize just one specific region - however, when the researchers introduced music, something amazing happened...[Read more](#)

## **Resources and Websites**

### **The best kindergarten you've ever seen**

[Designed to let kids be kids \(video\)](#)

### **Screen-Free Week**

[May 4-10, 2015](#)

### **MediaSmarts.ca**

[Canada's centre for digital and media literacy](#)



