

# Literacy This Week

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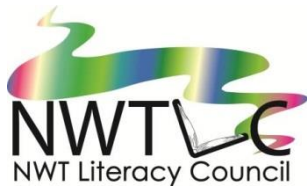
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We're the family, youth and adult literacy and essential skills centre for excellence.

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

We're also plain language specialists.

[Check out our website to learn more](#)

## Literacy Dates

Financial Literacy Month - November  
International Volunteer Day - December 5  
International Human Rights Day - December 10

## Our Blog

### The value of Storysacks

Children everywhere love our Storysacks. They are a fun way to engage children in reading and enjoying books.

A Storysack is a bag that holds a children's book, a non-fiction book related to the story's content, an audio recording of the book and either store-bought or handmade (sewn, crocheted, knitted, etc.) props...[Read more](#)



## Announcements and Events

### We have a new president

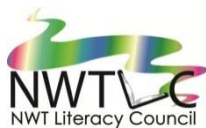
Ken Latour, of Hay River, was acclaimed as our new president at our annual general meeting Saturday in Yellowknife. The staff and board thanked our outgoing president, Jeri Miltenberger, who resigned from the board after many years of service. Thank you Jeri!



We also have a new treasurer, Norma Gauthier. Norma's place on the executive creates an opening for a board member from the Tłı̨chǫ region which we hope to fill soon.



## Support Literacy



You can support literacy in the NWT

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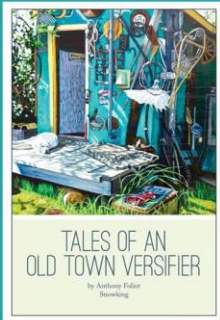
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## BOOK LAUNCH!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28 AT 1 PM  
PRINCE OF WALES NORTHERN HERITAGE CENTRE



COME HEAR OLD TOWN VERSIFIER ANTHONY FOLIOT READ AND PICK UP YOUR COPY. JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS.



## Anthony Foliot book launch on Saturday

Anthony Foliot's *Tales of an Old Town Versifier* are inspired by personal experience and the North's rich history. A launch of his book is this Saturday from 1 to 3 pm at the [Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre](#) in Yellowknife.

## Essay contest celebrates Black History Month

The [RBC Black History Month Student Essay Competition](#) asks students entering a Canadian university or college in the 2016/17 academic year to learn about and share their thoughts on how black Canadians have helped to define Canada's diverse heritage and identity. Essays should be 750 words or less, and must be submitted by December 4, 2015.

## Funding

### NWT On The Land Collaborative Fund

This fund promotes and supports on the land initiatives by communities and organizations. [NWT On the Land Collaborative Fund](#) applications are due January 31, 2016.

### Funding for youth projects

The [Youth Contribution Program](#) supports initiatives that promote positive lifestyles and improve the quality of life and well-being of youth in their communities. Community groups can apply annually, up to a maximum of \$5,000 for projects held within the NWT and \$4,000 for projects outside of the NWT. Applications are accepted anytime.

## News and Research

### Study finds housing conditions related to Inuit children's health

A family's lower satisfaction rate in living conditions and lack of home ownership are related to poor physical and mental health in Inuit children, according to a new Statistics Canada report...[Read more](#)

### YouTube Kids app under fire for marketing junk food to children

As Google's YouTube launched its children's app in Canada on Tuesday, two U.S. child advocacy groups filed new complaints with the Federal Trade Commission over its marketing of pop and candy to children...[Read more](#)

## **What will Canada's new national early learning and child care framework look like?**

Child care is about more than who looks after our kids when we're at work. High-quality care is important for the growth, development and the health of children. Early childhood experiences leave their mark on our mental and physical health...[Read more](#)

## **Teaching peace in elementary school**

For years, there has been a steady stream of headlines about the soaring mental health needs of college students and their struggles with anxiety and lack of resilience...[Read more](#)

# **Resources and Websites**

## **Territorial election results**

[Elections NWT](#)

## **Active toy guide**

[Gifts that encourage children to move](#)

## **Youth justice videos, lesson plans and courses**

[Department of Justice Canada](#)

## **27 online stores that benefit non-profits**

[Shopping for good this holiday season](#)

