

# Literacy This Week

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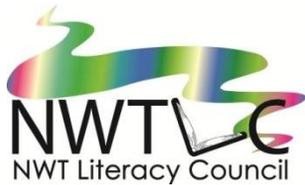
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

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## Literacy Dates

Canada's Democracy Week - September 14-21

NWT Literacy Week - September 20-26

Science Literacy Week - September 21-27

## Our Blog

### My summer with the literacy council

Emily Thagaard reflects on her summer working for the NWT Literacy Council. She's now back at the University of Alberta.

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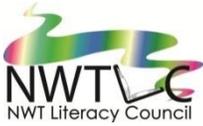


## Announcements and Events

### Welcome to Charlotte

Charlotte Upton is our new Family Literacy Trainee. She helped out with family literacy activities at the Yellowknife Farmers Market Tuesday. It was our last night there for this year.

## Support Literacy



You can support literacy in the NWT

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## Love the Land calendar photo contest

The Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society's fourth annual [Love the Land calendar photo contest](#) is open for entries until September 15, 2015. Submit up to five of your photos featuring people on the land or water, or that clearly evoke peoples' interactions with the land and water.

## We celebrated International Literacy Day



Thanks to K'alemi Dene School for hosting the annual International Literacy Day breakfast on Tuesday. NWT Literacy Council board member, Rachel Gauthier, her daughter, Aimee, and our part-time employee, David Buchanan all enjoyed breakfast supplied by St. Pat's High School.

## Funding

### **Diavik has community grants**

[Community Champions Grants](#) valued at \$2,000 are awarded to successful sport, art, recreation or cultural initiatives. The next application deadline is September 25, 2015.

### **Get Active funding applications due soon**

[Get Active](#) funds community events that get people more physically active. NWT Community organizations are encouraged to apply for \$750 or \$1000 to organize and deliver three community-oriented physical activity events. This year's application deadline is October 4, 2015.

### **Environment project one-time funding**

The [Environmental Stewardship Fund](#) will allocate grants one time only in memory of well-known NWT environmentalist, Doug Ritchie. Charities are invited to apply for grants up to \$10,000. The deadline for applications is October 13, 2015.

## News and Research

### **Aklavik woman wins national literacy award**

Carol Elanik, of Aklavik, is the 2015 Council of the Federation Literacy Award winner for the Northwest Territories. Canada's Premiers announced the winners this week. Carol will be honoured during NWT Literacy Week along with those receiving NWT Ministerial literacy awards...[Read more](#)

## **How parents can limit addicting screen time**

Too much time tapping away on an iPad, iPhone or similar screen - particularly around bedtime - can have a big impact on a child's mental well-being, says psychologist and parenting columnist Kim Knull...[Read more](#)

## **A lack of education could be as deadly as smoking**

In 2010 alone, more than 145,000 deaths in the US could have been prevented if high school dropouts had finished their secondary education, three public health researchers argue in a recent paper. Getting college dropouts to graduate could have saved 110,000 more...[Read more](#)

## **The decline of play in preschoolers - and the rise in sensory issues**

Like many other American parents, I had an obsession: academic success for my child. Only, I was going about it completely wrong. Yes, my daughter would later go on to test above average with her academic skills, but she was missing important life skills...[Read more](#)

## **Resources and Websites**

**A guide to national party child care platforms**  
[Federal election 2015](#)

**Thriving through nature**  
[Fostering children's executive function skills](#)

**Northern college calendars**

[Aurora College](#)

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[Yukon College](#)

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**Elections Canada**

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**30 questions to ask your child**  
Instead of 'how was your day?'