

Literacy This Week

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Literacy Dates

Canada's Democracy Week - September 14-21

NWT Literacy Week - September 20-26

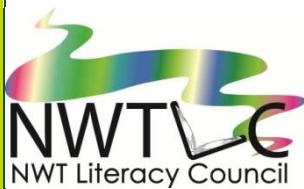
Family Violence Awareness Week - September 20-26

Science Literacy Week - September 21-27

Our Blog

Never a dull moment at the NWT Literacy Council

With just three weeks under my belt as the new Family Literacy Coordinator Trainee, I've already had so many opportunities and learning experiences with the Council...[Read more](#)



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.

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Announcements and Events

Join us for Read on the Street on Wednesday
NWT Literacy Week starts on Sunday. In Yellowknife, you can get a free book and celebrate literacy. **Read on the Street is at the Greenstone Building at noon.**

Participate in the NWT Literacy Week activities in your community. For information contact your local library, school, early childhood program or community learning centre. Our 25th anniversary is the theme for our [2015 Literacy Week materials](#).

25 Favourite NWT Literacy Council Resources
25 Ideas to Use Your Literacy and Essential Skills
25 Ways We've Made a Difference
25 More Recipes for Fun!

Another successful Family Literacy Training Institute

This week 20 people from around the NWT learned how to deliver family literacy programs in their communities. It's a lot of fun learning how to have fun with families. In the photos below Alyssa Dick and Mandy Day, of Inuvik, work on a project together and the group shows off their *Paper Bag Princess* hats.





If you're in Yellowknife on Monday, you can attend the launch of Senator Nick Sibbeston's autobiography. The launch of *You Will Wear a White Shirt* is at 6 pm at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

Family Violence Awareness Week events

The Status of Women Council lists [Family Violence Awareness Week activities](#) on its website.

Funding

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

Little action yet on NWT voters' lack of photo ID, 2 years after report

Not much has been done to get more people in the Northwest Territories official photo identification, despite recommendations from the territory's chief electoral officer two years ago...[Read more](#)

Yellowknife Living Wage campaign kicks off: It takes \$20/hour to live in the capital

Social justice coalition Alternatives North has launched a new campaign to alleviate financial pressures on the working poor in Yellowknife...[Read more](#)



Senator tells all in new book

After more than 40 years working in government and law, Sen. Nick Sibbeston is letting people into his career, childhood and personal life through the autobiography, *You Will Wear a White Shirt*...[Read more](#)

Step away from the photocopier: learning through play

The worksheet debate rages on! Even with research and alternatives that are play-based and hands-on, their use is still being defended. The fact is worksheets are not developmentally appropriate for preschool and kindergarten...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Groundwork for Change

[Supporting solidarity and just relationships with Indigenous peoples](#)

Money Matters

[Financial literacy program for adult learners](#)

A Guide to Voting

[A Literacy Practitioner Workbook for Voting in the 2015 Federal Election](#)

NWT Association of Municipalities

[2015 municipal election posters and materials](#)

