

Literacy This Week

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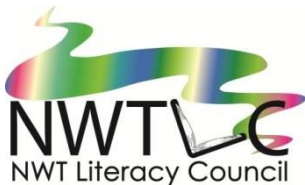
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We're the family, youth and adult literacy and essential skills centre for excellence.

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

We're also plain language specialists.

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Literacy Dates

Safer Internet Day - February 9
Book Giving Day - February 14
Freedom to Read Week - February 23 March 1

Our Blog

Building skills in Young Adults

This week I got to see one of our Skill Builders for Young Adults programs in action. And, I learned how to dry muskox meat.

We offered Skill Builders for Young Adults training to 16 people last October...[Read more](#)



Announcements and Events

We'll be at the Festival of Silliness on Saturday

To celebrate National Family Literacy Day we'll be doing free family literacy activities and giving away books on Saturday from 2-4 pm during the Festival of Silliness at the Northern Arts and Cultural Centre in Yellowknife.

Free Love book launch Sunday

Join [Annelies Pool](#) for the launch of her first novel, *Free Love*, this Sunday at 2 pm at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife.

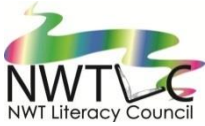
Write for a better world

Win prizes and have a chance to become a published author in a [World Literacy Canada](#) writing contest for students in grades five to eight.

Electronics recycling launches in NWT

The Government of the NWT is including [electronics](#) in its waste reduction program on February 1, 2016. Electronics such as laptops, computers and printers will be recycled. A fee will be charged on electronics when they are purchased to pay for the program.

Support Literacy



You can support literacy in the NWT

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Funding

Three RBC grant programs open for applications.

The [RBC Blue Water Project](#) supports organizations that are working to protect water in towns and cities. There are two levels of grants. Applications for community action grants up to \$10,000 are due February 18, 2016. Expressions of interest for leadership grants of up to \$100,000 are now being accepted for 2016.

The [RBC Children's Mental Health](#) project supports programs that help youth and families access the right care at the right time. Applications are accepted year round.

The [RBC Emerging Artists Project](#) helps artists bridge the gap from emerging to established, and supports organizations that provide the best opportunity to advance their career trajectory. Applications are accepted year round.

Bell Let's Talk Community Fund

The [2016 Community Fund](#) provides grants from \$5,000 to \$25,000 to projects that improve access to mental health care, supports and services for people in Canada living with mental illness. Apply online by March 31, 2016.

News, Opinion and Research

National Family Literacy Day fun

Communities across the NWT celebrated National Family Literacy Day this week. For example, more than 100 people came out for family fun activities at the Behchokq library on Tuesday evening. Please send your Family Literacy Day photos and we'll share them on our Facebook page or in our next Literacy Matters newsletter.



Aurora College fronts space for Fort Smith day care

A dozen young parents, some with kids in tow, gathered at Aurora College earlier this month to talk about forming a not-for-profit society and creating a childcare centre with room for eight infants, which the GNWT defines as up to two years-old, 15 pre-schoolers and two after-school spaces...[Read more](#)

A great day for human rights in Canada

In a landmark decision, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal ruled that the federal government's longstanding underfunding of child and family services on First Nations reserves and in the Yukon is a form of racial discrimination that must be stopped...[Read more](#)

Three tips for learning your traditional tongue

Reclaiming your traditional tongue is not as hard as you might think, according to Ojibwe language teacher Patricia Ningewance. She encourages everyone to give it a shot, no matter what your age...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Digital Literacy Resource Platform

[Resources for teachers, parents and youth](#)

2016 census adult education kit

[Activities and instructor guide for adult literacy](#)

Safer Internet Day

[Cybertip.ca](#)

The brain architecture game

[Builds understanding of the powerful role of experiences on early brain development](#)

