



Literacy This Week

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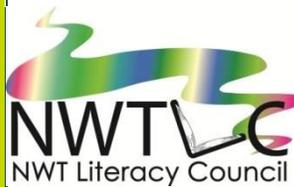
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Our Blog

The change makers of the future

"Our children and youth are the change makers of the future. Education is the key. If youth are supported they will change their circumstances, communities, and this country," Roberta Jamieson told people at an inspiring luncheon in Yellowknife last week...[Read more](#)



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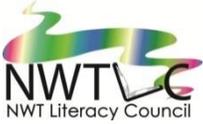
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Announcements and Events

New grab bags of books for busy parents

Are you too busy to find books at the library for your child? The Yellowknife Public Library wants to make it fast and easy. You can borrow a [Preschool Grab Bag](#), a themed selection of books all at once.



Literacy award nominations open

You can nominate an adult learner, a group, a youth or an educator for an [NWT literacy award](#). The 2016 Council of Federation Literacy Award will honour the achievements of an adult learner who has overcome obstacles and demonstrated outstanding progress in the pursuit of literacy skills in any of the NWT Official Languages. NWT Ministerial Awards recognize achievements of others. The deadline for nominations is May 20, 2016.



Learn how to build a little free library

The [Yellowknife Public Library](#) is hosting a workshop on how to build a little free library that can withstand harsh northern elements. It's this Saturday at 2 pm. For more information click on the adult program link.

Nominations sought for regional wellness councils

[Regional Wellness Councils](#)

will advise on health and social services when the

regional health and social services authorities are replaced this summer by a Territorial Board. Nominations are open until April 30, 2016.

Funding

Film rebate program applications open

Filmmakers can receive rebates on goods, services, travel, and wages for films made in the NWT. The deadline for proposals for the [Film Rebate Program](#) is May 6, 2016 for productions taking place now through March 2017.

Yellowknife Community Foundation scholarships

The [Yellowknife Community Foundation](#) has a number of scholarships available. Most of the deadlines are May 15, 2016, but check individual offerings. For example, the Friends of Fred Carmichael Scholarship for Beaufort Delta and Sahtu adult learners application deadline is April 22, 2016.

Constitutional challenge looks to revive aboriginal languages

The same section of the Constitution that enshrines First Nations treaties should, according to a growing number of legal experts and academics, also grant aboriginal people in Canada the right to schooling and public services in their ancestral languages...[Read more](#)

Initiative aims to improve access to education

Winnipeg Mayor Brian Bowman has assembled a team of community leaders to encourage low-income families to apply for federal grants for post-secondary schooling for their children. Bowman's committee will identify barriers impeding low-income families and their children from accessing the Canada Learning Bond, a federal program established in 2004 that gives low-income families up to \$2,000 in a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP)...[Read more](#)

B.C. author challenges Canadians to sign up for the TRC reading challenge

A B.C. author wants 1,000 people to take up the challenge to read the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) summary report. Jennifer Manuel, from Duncan, B.C., launched an online campaign, the TRC Reading Challenge, and aims to reach her goal by National Aboriginal Day on June 21...[Read more](#)



How Ontario transitions struggling high school students into college-ready learners

Ontario ranks among Canada's top-performing provinces on equity of outcomes in kindergarten to Grade 12 education and high school attainment. The province also earns an "A+" for college attainment in the Conference Board of Canada's How Canada Performs rankings. What makes Ontario such a strong performer in these areas?...[Read more](#)

GNWT launches iPad mini program aimed at new parents

The GNWT officially unveiled its iPad Mini Initiative in Yellowknife Tuesday afternoon. Its launch follows months of comprehensive research, a pilot phase and content review...[Read more](#)



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