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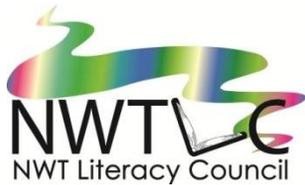
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We're the family, youth and adult literacy and essential skills centre for excellence.

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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learn more](#)

Literacy Dates

National Poetry Month - April

Talk With Our Kids About Money Day - April 20, 2016

World Book and Copyright Day - April 23

TD Canadian Childrens Book Week - May 7 – 14

Our Blog

Dog on a stoop

April is National Poetry Month. Who better to ask for a guest blog than the 'Old Town Versifier', Anthony Foliot? Thanks Snowking!

When I got to my house on a sunny day

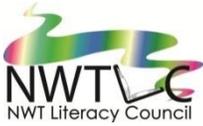
I found a note pinned to my door...[Read more](#)



TALES OF AN
OLD TOWN VERSIFIER

by Anthony Foliot
Snowking

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Announcements and Events

Literacy award nomination deadline extended

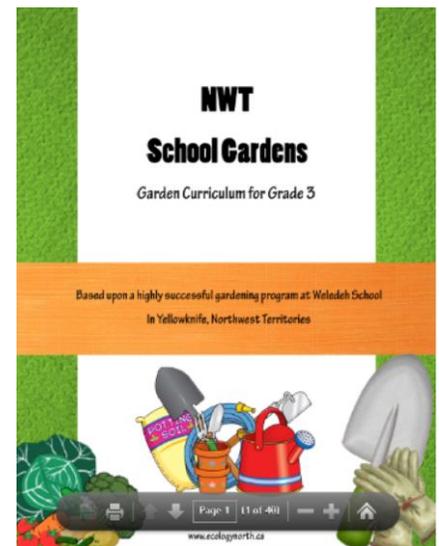
You can nominate an adult learner, a group, a youth or an educator for an [NWT literacy award](#). The 2016 Council of Federation Literacy Award will honour the achievements of an adult learner who has overcome obstacles and demonstrated outstanding progress in the pursuit of literacy skills in any of the NWT Official Languages. NWT Ministerial Awards recognize achievements of others. The deadline for nominations is June 3, 2016.

Learn more about gardening resource for teachers

Ecology North has two staff members providing presentations on their new resource about how to start school garden programs. For information contact rose@ecologynorth.ca or marissa@ecologynorth.ca.

New REVEAL indigenous art award

The [REVEAL](#) awards will recognize emerging and established indigenous artists working in traditional or contemporary practices. The awards will be given in six artistic categories including dance, music, theatre, literature, media arts, and visual arts/fine craft. The deadline for nominations is June 1, 2016.



Funding

Field Law Community Fund open for applications

Individuals, groups and charities can submit ideas that will make a difference in their community for funding from the [Field Law Community Fund](#). The deadline for applications is May 13, 2016. There will be online voting on submitted project ideas.

Fund promotes conciliation and reconciliation

The Canada Council for the Arts and its partners invite First Nations, Inuit and Métis artists, collectives and arts organizations to submit applications for projects on how the arts can contribute to the ongoing process of conciliation and reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Peoples in Canada. The [\(Re\)conciliation](#) program application deadline is June 21, 2016

News, Opinion and Research

Feds give \$2M for northern apprentice and blaster training, adult literacy

The federal government announced over \$2 million in funding for northern programs aimed at helping indigenous people, youth, and people with disabilities get jobs...[Read more](#)

Professor says language plays a key role in revitalization

An expert in indigenous language work told her audience Friday that revitalizing native culture and language is as much about looking forward as into the past. Northeastern State University is hosting the Revitalizing Endangered Languages Conference...[Read more](#)

Right on the money

Vanessa Kunderman is thankful she had a crash course in financial education. The 27-year-old entrepreneur didn't learn anything substantial about money while in grade school. Nor did she pick up that much about managing personal finances while in college...[Read more](#)

What matters in indigenous education

This paper, *What Matters In Indigenous Education: Implementing A Vision Committed To Holism, Diversity And Engagement*, explores an indigenous approach to quality learning environments and relevant competencies/skills...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

BBC comedy classroom

[Teacher resources](#)

Grants and scholarship listings

[Skills Canada NWT](#)

30x30 nature challenge

[Write a love letter to nature contest](#)

A poem a day for schools

[American resource, but useful listing](#)

Everyday words for public health communication

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