

Literacy This Week

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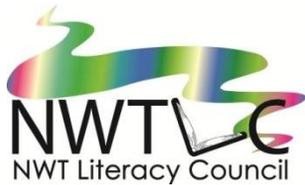
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

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Literacy Dates

National Poetry Month - April

World Press Freedom Day - May 3

TD Canadian Children's Book Week - May 7 – 14

Our Blog

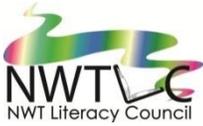
10 steps to your own little free library

The Yellowknife Public Library hosted a Little Free Libraries workshop recently with Eric Binion and Simon Taylor, a local architect. Eric built Yellowknife's very first little free book exchange...[Read more](#)

Thanks to Yellowknife Public Library's John Mutford for this recap!



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Enter Aboriginal children's book writing contest

The South Slave Divisional Education Council is offering a \$500 prize and publication of the winning entry in its Aboriginal Children's Book Writing Contest. Submissions can be in any language but must be suitable for translating into Indigenous languages. The deadline to enter is June 17, 2016. The contest is open to anyone in the NWT. Submit to Brent Kaulback at bkaulback@ssdec.nt.ca

Announcements and Events

Now's the time to have your say about access to information and privacy

The NWT Department of Justice is reviewing the [Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act](#). You can get background information and give your feedback until June 15, 2016.

Be outdoors and active

Join the [Nature Challenge](#) at school, at work or in your community and feel better for it.

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NATURE

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TIME IN NATURE IS LIKE MEDITATING.
TAKING A NATURE WALK CAN INCREASE
MEMORY AND ATTENTION BY 20%.

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NATURE CHALLENGE

Funding

Celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary

The [Canada 150 Fund](#) helps Canadians to participate in local, regional, and national celebrations that contribute to building a sense of pride and attachment to Canada. There is no established deadline to apply.

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.

News, Opinion and Research

NWT labour forecast: 5 takeaways

Of all the report's takeaways, the most important seems to be this: the direction the territory's economy is heading and the educational outcomes of its residents do not align...[Read more](#)

Are you reading the wrong books?

For most, the love of books starts in childhood. For others, this love blooms later, eventually revealing the vibrant colors of a true bibliophile! But science has started looking into the effects of reading on the brain... [Read more](#)

New research trial underway to get every toddler talking

Researchers are looking at a ground-breaking way to help Victoria babies and toddlers fully develop their communication and language skills, setting them up for success in later life...[Read more](#)

Equal education funding gets big results on Manitoba reserve

Zero per cent. In June 2010, that was the proportion of Aboriginal Grade 1 students studying at a reserve school in Manitoba who were reading at grade level. As for Grade 2? Another bagel: zero per cent. Same for Grade 3. And Grade 4? Three per cent-literally one child in a class of more than 30...[Read more](#)

Cleveland study finds bad housing associated with poor academic performance

A new study on kindergarten readiness by the Center on Urban Poverty and Community Development at Case Western Reserve University concludes that exposure to lead and bad housing combine to deliver "a double whammy: Children with both disadvantages performed the worst..." [Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Tax refund?

[Use it to get government money for your child's education](#)

We have videos

[NWT Literacy Council video listing](#)

Why nursery rhymes?

[How poems for kids boost reading skills](#)

Fairness for children

[2016 UNICEF report](#)

