

Literacy This Week

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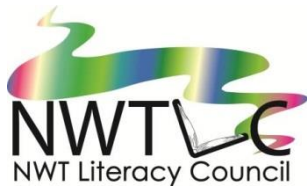
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Literacy Dates

Book Giving Day - February 14

Freedom to Read Week - February 23 - March 1

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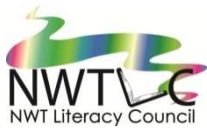
We celebrated Chinese New Year

Spring Festival, or Chinese New Year, is the most important festival for Chinese all over the world; February 8 marked the first day of the year for 2016. Unofficial statistics place the population of Chinese who reside in Yellowknife at around 200 people. For a small Chinese community like this, the celebration this year was particularly special...[Read more from our guest blogger, Xiaoyi Yan](#)



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Announcements and Events

Bison Bus gets big boost from Stuart Olson Industrial Constructors

Stuart Olson Industrial Constructors, and their employees at the Gahcho Kué diamond mine under construction north of Yellowknife, donated \$12,000 to the Bison Bus Mobile Family Centre this week. Gary Schnase presented the cheque to our Executive Director, Kathryn Barry Paddock, and Family Literacy Coordinator, Pat Ilgok. The Bison Bus will bring our family literacy program and training to road-accessible NWT communities. You too can donate online at www.nwtliteracy.ca or contact nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca



What About the Men? presentation next week

Kathryn Barry Paddock is presenting recent research on the factors that support and block men from participating in learning and work on February 18 at the Tree of Peace Friendship Centre in Yellowknife at 7 pm. The presentation on [What About the Men?](#) Northern Men's Research Project is part of an evening discussion with the "A New Day" program at the friendship centre.

Swap it!

Support recycling and trade items you no longer need for items you want at the [Yellowknife Public Library](#) second swap meet. This month's theme is Amateur Chefs. Swap cookbooks, cooking utensils and equipment February 18 from 7 to 8 pm.

Funding

Apply for a teen physical activity grant

[ParticipACTION](#) works with community organizations to support teens to find an activity that motivates them to get moving. Submit a proposal by February 29 and received 50% more funding on approved projects! For more information contact the territorial coordinator at spider@sportnorth.com or at 867-669-8329.

Diavik funding programs

The [Diavik Diamond Mine](#) has a number of upcoming deadlines for its community contribution program.

- The Community Champions Grant provides \$2,000 to successful organizations' sport, art, recreation or cultural initiatives. The deadline to apply is March 11, 2016.
- The Community Safety Grant has the same deadline. Two \$5,000 grants will be awarded to promote safer communities.
- One \$25,000 annual Healthy School Grant will be awarded to a school's health, wellness or academic initiatives. The deadline to apply is April 1, 2016
- Through Diamonds for Dollars the company provides a polished diamond for a fundraising initiative. Apply by April 1, 2016.

Diavik also has scholarships and a program to match money raised by employees.

News, Opinion and Research

Aurora College to offer two new 'streamlined' access programs

Aurora College is streamlining its services by offering new access programs at all three of its campuses. The institution says the programs are designed to make life easier for students who need academic upgrades in order to enter and succeed in different post-secondary programs...[Read more](#)

How has Google affected the way students learn?

Take a look at this question: How do modern novels represent the characteristics of humanity? If you were tasked with answering it, what would your first step be? Would you scribble down your thoughts - or would you Google it?...[Read more](#)

8-year-old Yellowknifer learns ancient Chinese poetry

As people around the world usher in the Year of the Monkey, they're also celebrating Chinese culture. Two parents in Yellowknife are determined to pass on their Chinese culture and language to their Canadian-born son and they're doing it through stories and poems that are thousands of years old...[Read more](#)

A love song for everything

People sure knew how to have a good time back when Mary Jane Cazon was growing up on the land with her parents near Wrigley in the early '60s. Cazon, who now works as a Dene Zhatie (South Slavey) translator, says she wants today's generation of youth to know what that was like, and believes the tradition of sharing Dene love songs is key to making that happen ...[Read more](#)

The life-saving movement to reclaim indigenous language

Let's say your first language is English. It could be French, if you prefer. This is Canada, after all. Either way, English or French: it's your first language, part of who you are. You learned it as an infant; it's the fundamental way you express yourself as an adult...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

3 ways to teach kids about money

[Globe and Mail video](#)

Hands up

[Examining a classroom ritual](#)

International Book Giving Day

[Getting books into the hands of children](#)

Kairos blanket exercise

[Educator's resource now available](#)

Digital skills and digital literacies

[Knowing the difference and teaching both](#)

