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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

World Day of Social Justice - February 20

Freedom to Read Week - February 23 - March 1

Pink Shirt Day - February 24

NWT Aboriginal Languages Month - March

Our Blog



***Cut Off* has it all**

My name's Mya and I'm 13 years old. I recently read the book *Cut Off*, by Jamie Bastedo. I was surprised that I liked this book since it's not the kind of novel I usually read, but after the first few pages I wanted to know what was going to happen next.

[Read more](#) from our guest blogger, Mya Grossetete.

If you want to submit a blog, contact nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca

Announcements and Events

***What About the Men?* presentation tonight**

Kathryn Barry Paddock is presenting recent research on the factors that support and block men from participating in learning and work tonight 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.





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Disability award nominations open

Now is your chance to recognize someone who is making the NWT a more inclusive and accessible place. Each year the [NWT Disabilities Council](#) has two territorial awards to recognize individuals and/or a group for their contributions. There is also a national award for an individual. Nominations close at 4:30 pm on March 25, 2016

Funding

New for 2016: apply for arts funding online

The [NWT Arts Council](#) funds artists or territorial organizations that produce a specific artistic work, project or event in the following categories: audio recording, performing arts, writing and publishing, visual arts and crafts, film and media arts and mentorship. The next deadline for applications is February 28, 2016.

Indigenous language revitalization funding sources

The [First Peoples' Cultural Council](#) in British Columbia lists a number of sources of funding on its website for people working on indigenous language initiatives. Their own funding is available only to First Nations in that province.

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.

News, Opinion and Research

Can Canadian women have it all?

This essay examines how limited access to affordable child care restricts freedom and choice. It explores the effort made by the feminist movement and women's advocates to establish a universal child care system and how child care remains an equality issue...[Read more](#)

Teen library program's popularity drives it into a larger space

When you think of teens hanging out, the library isn't the first place that comes to mind. But a program for teens at the the Confederation Centre Public Library has proved so popular, they needed a bigger space...[Read more](#)

Family Day unplugged: Advocates aim for tech-free holiday

While reading this story, you probably won't be interacting with your family. Over time, surfing the web and constantly staying connected could make you more distant with your loved ones...[Read more](#)



Want our expertise? Pay us, grassroots groups say

The requests are relentless. Multiple emails from foundations, nonprofits, and government agencies land each week in Maria Poblet's inbox, asking the executive director of Causa Justa, a social-justice nonprofit, to serve as an unpaid liaison to the black and Latino families she works with... [Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Teaching with computers

[Techniques to make class time more productive](#)

Equity vs. equality

[6 steps toward equity](#)

The Fast Runner trilogy

[Video on demand \(VOD\) from Isuma](#)

Lost Innocence residential school comic book

[Now with a teacher guide](#)