



Literacy This Week

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Literacy Dates

Freedom to Read Week - February 23 - March 1
NWT Aboriginal Languages Month - March

Our Blog

What About the Men?

Perhaps you've heard about the *What About the Men? Northern Men's Research Project Final Report*. It was released in early January and received a lot of publicity. The project was inspired by an elder concerned that northern men might not be getting the support they need to succeed...[Read more](#)



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Announcements and Events

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Story Walk yesterday in Fort Providence



Charlotte Upton and Amanda Grobbecker prepare for the Story Walk yesterday in Fort Providence. Below children enjoy a different reading experience with *Kumak's River*.

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Order of the NWT nominations open

The [Order of the Northwest Territories](#) recognizes individuals who have served with the greatest distinction and excelled in any field of endeavour benefiting the people of the NWT or elsewhere. It is the highest honour awarded to NWT residents. The current deadline for nominations is April 8, 2016.

Wanted: a few good books

Do you have children's books on environment or nature topics that you don't need anymore? [Ecology North](#) is developing an environmental education library. Current topics of interest include: bees, gardening, water and recycling.

Funding

Support for women's empowerment

[Status of Women Canada](#) is calling for proposals under two program streams. The deadline for applications is April 20, 2016 for projects that fall under the Empowering Women for Political and Community Action stream and June 1, 2016 for projects that fall under the Empowering Indigenous Women for Stronger Communities stream.

Project proposals should bring together co-applicants to identify and overcome systemic barriers that lead to women's under-representation in Canada's democratic and public life.

Better World Books literacy grants

[Better World Books Literacy Grants](#) fund literacy and educational nonprofits and libraries for specific projects that reduce poverty through education. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2016.

News, Opinion and Research

Glen Abernethy: early childhood intervention pilot projects update

We all want the children of the NWT to have the best possible start in life so that they can reach their full potential. To realize this goal, the Early Childhood Development Action Plan was developed to address gaps in services delivered to children aged zero to five, by creating new programs and improving existing ones...[Read more](#)

Educated aboriginal women have higher employment rates than their non-aboriginal counterparts, study shows

Aboriginal women with a university degree post slightly better employment rates and make more money than non-aboriginal women with the same level of education, Statistics Canada reports...[Read more](#)

Washington D.C. looks to communist Cuba for lessons to improve literacy

The D.C. Public Schools system is looking to Cuba for lessons to improve literacy in the nation's capital. D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser and Schools Chancellor Kaya Henderson have toured several schools in Havana during a five-day visit to the communist-run island nation, which boasts a 99.8 percent literacy rate...[Read more](#)

Something truly beautiful is happening at this animal shelter

An innovative new idea, called the Shelter Buddies Reading Program, is already making a huge difference for animals at the Humane Society of Missouri. The idea is simple: train kids to read to dogs as a way of readying them for forever homes, all while instilling a greater sense of empathy in the youngsters, too...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Guardians of Eternity now on sale

[A film about the toxic legacy at Giant Mine](#)

Skype in the classroom

[Activities to celebrate literacy with students](#)

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The inner activist

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