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## Literacy Dates

Safer Internet Day - February 9  
Book Giving Day - February 14  
Freedom to Read Week - February 23 March 1

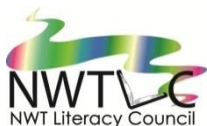
## Our Blog

### **The joy of sharing a good book**

I have always loved reading. When I was a child, one of my favourite games was playing "library" in my upstairs loft. In this game, I would serve as the librarian, dutifully helping the visitor pick out a book from my parents' bookshelves...[Read more from our guest blogger, Jenny Aitken](#)



## Support Literacy



You can support literacy in the NWT

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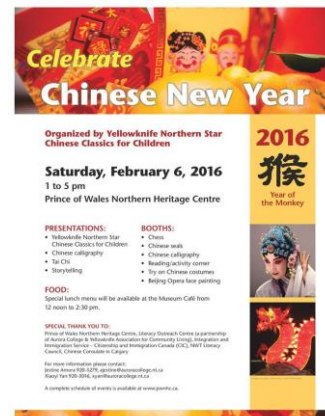
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# Announcements and Events

## We're celebrating Chinese New Year this weekend

We'll be helping celebrate Chinese New Year this weekend at the [Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre](#) in Yellowknife on Saturday afternoon. There will be lots of family activities and a special lunch menu at the Heritage Cafe.



## Northern Youth Leadership seeks project director

The mission of [Northern Youth Leadership](#) is to inspire the next generation of courageous young northern leaders by providing on-the-land personal growth, leadership opportunities and connections that empower young people to create positive change. The deadline to apply for the project director position is February 14, 2016.

## FOXY seeks a Digital Storytelling Facilitator for Peer Leader Retreats

[FOXY \(Fostering Open eXpression among Youth\)](#) is recruiting a Digital Storytelling Facilitator for two FOXY Peer Leader Retreats for northern youth who identify as female this summer. Female applicants only.



Amanda Grobbeck, our youth services coordinator, is visiting community projects in the NWT that embed literacy and essential skills in programs for young adults. In the photo above, young people in Deline sew pack sacks.

## Funding

### 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.

### Bell Let's Talk Community Fund

The [2016 Community Fund](#) provides grants from \$5,000 to \$25,000 to projects that improve access to mental health care, supports and services for people in Canada living with mental illness. Apply online by March 31, 2016.

## News, Opinion and Research

### Physical literacy on the rise at Chief Sunrise school

Hay River teacher Patrick Kippax says physical literacy starts with learning the basics of human movement from a young age, an approach he is taking as a physical literacy coordinator in Chief Sunrise School...

[Read more](#)

### Which countries have the best literacy and numeracy rates?

Teenagers in the Republic of Korea have the highest levels of literacy and numeracy of all OECD countries. The OECD looked at data from the Survey of Adult Skills (2012) and analysed the literacy and numeracy levels of 16-19 year olds...[Read more](#)

### Future of junior kindergarten in NWT uncertain, says Minister

The Northwest Territories' new education minister says the future of the junior kindergarten program lies in the hands of NWT communities ...[Read more](#)

### Imagining indigenous futures

A massive national research grant hopes to connect traditions, identities and communities to the high-tech, digital world to come...[Read more](#)

### Uncorrected farsightedness in preschoolers linked to poor literacy performance

Children with uncorrected hyperopia, or farsightedness, fall behind in early literacy before they even start the first grade, suggests a new study published in Ophthalmology...[Read more](#)

# Resources and Websites

## **Drum making video**

[Joe and Judy Charlo \(1994\)](#)

## **Dictionary of Canadian Biography**

[Browse and search](#)

## **Finding quality child care**

[A guide for parents](#)

## **5 minute film festival**

[9 videos on news literacy](#)