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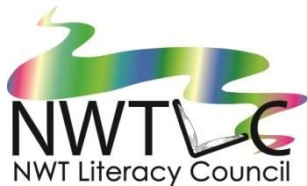
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

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## Literacy Dates

National Family Literacy Day - January 27

## Our Blog

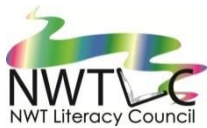
### Happy to share her passion for literacy

*Uma Sivakumar became our new Office Manager in November.*

In just two months working as the Office Manager, I've already had plenty of great experiences with the NWT Literacy Council, starting with a warm welcome from board members and staff last November...[Read more](#)



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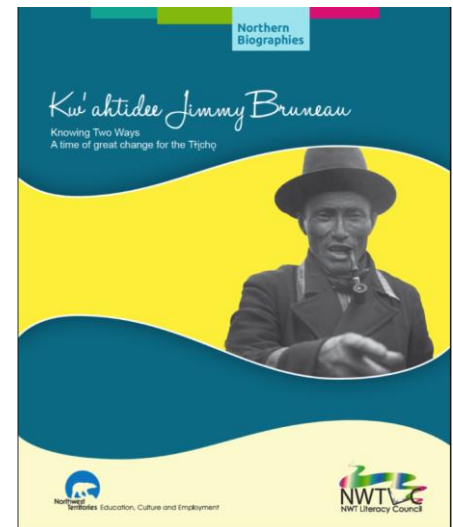
## Announcements and Events

### Proposal Writing Workshop full

Our next [Proposal Writing Workshop](#) is accepting names for a waiting list. The workshop is January 27-29 in Inuvik. Contact Amanda at [amanda@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:amanda@nwtliteracy.ca) if you want to be wait-listed.

### Third northern biography now available

The third book in our northern biographies series is now available online and in print. [Kw'ahtidee Jimmy Bruneau](#) is the story of an important leader during a time of great change for the Tłı̨chǫ. The primary audience is adult learners, but it's a story of interest to all readers. Our previous northern biographies were about [Sharon Firth and Shirley Firth-Larsson](#) and [Francois Paulette](#).



### Wise women nominations open

Each year the [Status of Women Council of the NWT](#) honours women who are role models in their communities. You have until January 29, 2016 to nominate a wise woman in your region.

## Funding

### NWT species at risk funding

The [NWT Species at Risk Stewardship Program](#) has funding available to increase public awareness and improve the well-being of species at risk. For information call 1-855-783-4301. Applications are due March 31, 2016.

### NWT arts funding deadline in February

The [NWT Arts Council](#) funds creative artistic projects in the visual, literary, media and performing arts, and on issues and policies associated with the arts and artists. The next application deadline is February 28, 2016.

### Yellowknife non-profits could get help changing lights

The [Arctic Energy Alliance](#) is looking for expressions of interest from non-profit organizations in Yellowknife to participate in a pilot program to upgrade to high efficiency LED lights. The deadline for submissions is January 27, 2016.

## News and Research

### **Preschool without walls**

Three-year-old Desi Sorrelgreen's favorite thing about his preschool is "running up hills." His classmate Stelyn Carter, 5, likes to "be quiet and listen to birds - crows, owls and chickadees," as she put it...[Read more](#)

### **Alaskan researcher documents 100 Northern Dene star names**

A new, culturally rich picture is emerging on how Dene view the night sky, according to a University of Alaska PhD student documenting the oral history of astronomy in Alaska and the NWT....[Read more](#)

### **Child day care center or home care for children 12-40 months of age?**

The overall conclusion of recent studies in Sweden is that day care centers enhance children's cognitive development. From a public health perspective, it can be argued that children at risk, and especially children from poor families, benefit from day care centers. There is a relation between child poverty and poor developmental outcomes that can be reduced with high quality day care centers...[Read more](#)

### **How non-indigenous allies can help make TRC recommendations a reality**

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission finished its work, and released its 94 calls to actions. Now, the arrival of a new year, means the time has come to try to put them into effect...[Listen to more](#)

### **Energy literacy yields extraordinary financial returns while helping the planet**

Would you like to have a savings account with a 200 percent interest rate? The fact of the matter is that many Alaskans have it in their homes already and just don't know it...[Read more](#)

# Resources and Websites

## **David Bowie, literacy champion**

[His 100 favourite books](#)

## **Education collections on iTunes**

[A how-to from AlphaPlus](#)

## **Home owner's guide to permafrost**

[Keep your house on solid ground](#)

## **Canadian physical activity guidelines**

## **Canadian sedentary behaviour guidelines**

[Plan to be active every day](#)