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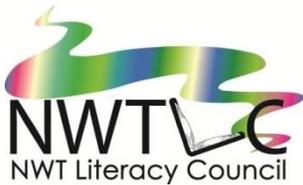
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We're the family, youth and adult literacy and essential skills centre for excellence.

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

We're also plain language specialists.

[Check out our website to learn more](#)

Literacy Dates

National Family Literacy Day - January 27

Our Blog

Get Active Outside

National Family Literacy Day is just around the corner, on January 27. Here at the NWT Literacy Council we've been working hard to help communities host Family Literacy Day celebrations.

Our theme this year is Get Active Outside. We chose this because, even during our long cold winter months, it's important for children to get outside and get active as much as possible. We also wanted to focus on physical literacy...[Read more](#)

How to Kit



Winter Games & Activities
Indoor and Outdoor



Announcements and Events

Creating a literacy-rich environment in family day homes

This [checklist](#) has tips of interest for family day homes and others. It is one of the resources we produced for National Family Literacy Day next Wednesday.

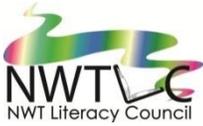
Nominate a volunteer

You have until March 25, 2016 to nominate a youth, elder, individual or group for an NWT Outstanding Volunteer Award...[Read more](#)

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Frosty faces photos wanted

The NWT Recreation and Parks Association wants your photos of frosty faces for its Walk to Tuk program. We hope there will be some frosty faces on National Family Literacy Day when you Get Active Outside!...[Read more](#)



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, Opinion and Research

How to say 'literacy' in 11 languages

In the Northwest Territories, we are privileged to recognize not only two official languages, but 11. In the South Slave, our schools strive to offer programming in five of those languages: English, French, South Slavey, Chipewyan, and Cree...[Read more](#)

Aboriginal suicide rate likely higher than in recent Statistics Canada report.

A new study from Statistics Canada says one in five aboriginal people have suicidal thoughts at some point in their lives - but one observer says that number is likely higher...[Read more](#)

The new preschool is crushing kids

Step into an American preschool classroom today and you are likely to be bombarded with what we educators call a print-rich environment, every surface festooned with alphabet charts, bar graphs, word walls, instructional posters, classroom rules, calendars, schedules, and motivational platitudes - few of which a 4-year-old can "decode," the contemporary word for what used to be known as reading...[Read more](#)

Sometimes the 'tough teen' is quietly writing stories

A few years ago I did an author visit at an overcrowded junior high school in a rougher part of San Antonio. I write young adult novels that feature working-class, "multicultural" characters, so I'm frequently invited to speak at urban schools like this...[Read more](#)

Postal banking would dent payday loan business

Canadians love their chartered banks, which are reputed to be among the safest in the world. Yet almost a million Canadians don't have bank accounts and about two million resort to payday-loan operators charging interest rates and fees in the 500 per cent range...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

The Change Agent

[Adult education magazine for social justice](#)

Resources for responding to trauma and tragedy

[For teachers and schools](#)

Children's nutrition

[10 tips for picky eaters](#)

Winds of Change: read the report card

[Territorial and provincial curriculum on indigenous peoples](#)