

Literacy This Week

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Literacy Dates

NWT Disabilities Awareness Week - June 4-10

National Aboriginal Day - June 21

Canada History Week - July 1-7

Our Blog

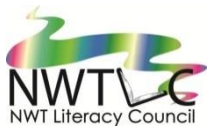


We're looking at literacy and community economic development

Community Building. Community Enterprise. Workforce Development. These were the themes at the heart of Econous 2016, the national Community Economic Development Conference, that I attended in Montreal in May.

You may be wondering about the place of community economic development in literacy work...[Read more](#)

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Announcements and Events

Meet Danita

Welcome Danita Frost-Arey, who is working with us for the summer developing kits to help elders get involved with family literacy. Danita will be returning to the social work program at Aurora College in the fall. This new project is funded by the federal New Horizons program.



Writers Festival begins today in Yellowknife and Fort Smith

Writers Lawrence Hill (*The Illegal*) and Miranda Hill (*Petitions to St. Chronic*) are giving readings in Fort Smith at 7:30 tonight at the Mary Kaeser Library basement. There is a brown bag lunch today at the Yellowknife Book Cellar and the festival opening and family barbeque this evening in Yellowknife at 5 pm at the Baker Centre. A full slate of [NorthWords Writers Festival](#) workshops and entertaining events continues all weekend in Yellowknife.

11th Annual
NorthWords Writers Festival
Breaking the Mould – Identity in Stories

Follow us for updates!

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With special guest *Shelagh Rogers*, host and producer of the CBC Radio program "The Next Chapter".

Yellowknife
June 2-5, 2016
northwordsnwt.ca

Dene languages conference next week

The [Dene Languages Conference](#) is the world's most important annual conference for the study of Dene (Athabaskan) languages, bringing together linguists, educators, language learners, and language activists from all parts of Denendeh and beyond. The conference is June 6 and 7 at the Explorer Hotel in Yellowknife.

June 10 is the deadline for literacy award nominations

Nominate an adult learner, a group, a youth or an educator for an [NWT literacy award](#). The 2016 Council of Federation Literacy Award will honour the achievements of an adult learner who has overcome obstacles and demonstrated outstanding progress in the pursuit of literacy skills in any of the NWT Official Languages. NWT Ministerial Awards recognize achievements in other categories.

Funding

Apply now for anti-poverty funding

June 17, 2016 is the deadline to apply to the [GNWT Anti-Poverty Fund](#). Up to \$500,000 will be allocated to initiatives aligned with the five pillars of the territorial Anti-Poverty Action Plan: Children and Family Support; Healthy Living and Reaching Our Potential; Safe and Affordable Housing; Sustainable Communities; and Integrated Continuum of Services.

Strategic Investments in Northern Economic Development

The [Strategic Investments in Northern Economic Development](#) funding program supports projects that increase northern economic growth and diversification, support innovation and capacity development, and create jobs for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Northerners. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

News, Opinion and Research

FOXY starts spin-off sexual health and relationship workshops for young men

A sexual health program for young women in the NWT is expanding to include young men. FOXY, or Fostering Open eXpression among Youth, uses art to encourage young women to talk about their sexuality and relationships. Now an offshoot called SMASH, or Strength, Masculinities, and Sexual Health is taking off this summer in a pilot project for young men...[Read more](#)

Never Alone and the impact of digital Indigenous storytelling

Never Alone is a video game retelling a traditional Alaskan story in a rich, complex media. It was the subject of a recent panel discussion at the Indigenous Literary Studies Association Conference in Calgary. This author argues that Never Alone is an "opportunity for games to provide an impactful tool for Indigenous communities to reintegrate traditions and inspire disconnected youth"...[Read more](#)



Students showed off their Tłı̨ch̨o Yati skills this week at the Tłı̨ch̨o Yati Wegh̨onihoèt̨o at the Behchok̨o Culture Centre.

Photo credit: Tłı̨ch̨o Government

What one district's data mining did for chronic absence

Chronic absence is defined as a student missing more than 10 percent of the school year - which works out to just two days a month. Research shows that such students are way more likely to fall behind and, eventually, drop out. Chronic absence is not just skipping school - it's more likely a mix of truancy entangled with illnesses and family problems...[Read more](#)

To teach kids to read and write, sometimes you have to get creative

This article summarizes three different approaches by three different American schools...[Read more](#)

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