

Literacy This Week

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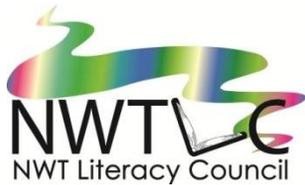
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

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Literacy Dates

NWT Aboriginal Languages Month - March

World Poetry Day - March 21

Poetry Month - April

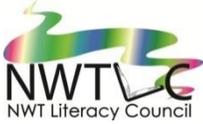
Our Blog

Get Active with Story Walks[©]!

Story Walks[©] are fun for children and for us. Our biggest challenge preparing for recent Story Walks[©] was coming up with active "challenges" for the children that relate to the books that we read along our walks. But it was so worth it...[Read more](#)



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Announcements and Events

Enter Aboriginal Languages Month writing contest

The South Slave Divisional Education Council is offering a \$500 prize and publication of the winning entry in its [Aboriginal Children's Book Writing Contest](#). The deadline to enter is June 17, 2016. The contest is open to anyone in the NWT.

A poster for the "My Story: An Aboriginal Children's Book Writing Contest". The background is a collage of words in various Aboriginal languages, including "Sehoni", "Se gondié", "Niya", "âcimowin", and "Nîya âcim". A large red graphic of an open book is centered on the poster. Inside the book, the text reads: "Dream of being a published author? Now is your chance!". Below this, it lists criteria for stories: "What we're looking for: • Stories that would be appealing to younger children • Northern themes with a cultural perspective • Stories that are already translated into an aboriginal language or lend themselves to translation. • Stories that are already illustrated or lend themselves to compelling illustrations or photographs." At the bottom of the book graphic, it says: "Grand Prize: \$500 and a hard copy of your book will be published for schools in the NWT. Honourable Mentions: Books that meet the above criteria will be published as e-books on our Storybook app. Deadline: June 17, 2016. Submit to: bkaulback@ssdec.nt.ca". The logo for "Creating Futures" and the "South Slave Divisional Education Council" is in the bottom right corner.

Congratulations wise NWT women!

Congratulations to this year's Wise Women Award recipients honoured this week in Yellowknife. The Status of Women Council of the NWT chose the following wise women for 2016: Edna Dow (South Slave), Dora Grandjambe (Sahtu), Emily Saunders (North Slave), Martina Norwegion (Deh Cho) and Denise McDonald (Beaufort Delta).



Non-Profit workshop facilitators wanted

The City of Yellowknife is looking for instructors/facilitators to deliver a variety of [workshops for non-profit organization staff and volunteers](#).

Funding

Youth Contribution Program

The NWT [Youth Contribution Program](#) is geared to people under 25 years of age. It supports initiatives that promote positive lifestyles to improve the quality of life and well-being of youth in their communities. Applications are accepted on a first come-first served basis.

Canada Post Community Foundation

The [Canada Post Community Foundation](#) gives money to projects that deliver a brighter future for Canadian children and youth. The call for proposals opened yesterday and the deadline for applications is April 11, 2016.

The art of writing a letter of intent

Letters of intent present a difficult challenge: sell a funder on your project in a limited amount of space and time...[Read more](#)

News, Opinion and Research

NWT Literacy Council thrives

With literary councils shuttering across the country as their funding is cut one by one, the North is in a unique position as the only recipient of financial support from the federal government...[Read more](#)

Death of a newspaper by a thousand cuts

Two weeks ago staff at the Northern Journal were served notice the print edition could no longer be sustained...journalism has an important role in keeping society informed, robust and free. Seventy years ago newspapers were respected as a cornerstone of democracy...[Read more](#)

Yes, you can still teach kids to love books

The Internet has not killed the book. For film critic David Denby, this wasn't immediately obvious. He would watch young people hunched over their phones - on the subway, in coffee shops, walking down the street - and wonder: Are kids still learning to read books?...[Read more](#)

Farming preschool would teach kids how to grow their own food

Winner of the AWR International Ideas Competition to design a new nursery school, "Nursery Fields Forever" reimagines what nursery schools could be like...[Read more](#)

Most literate nation in the world?

"The factors we examined present a complex and nuanced portrait of a nation's cultural vitality, and what the rankings strongly suggest and world literacy demonstrates is that these kinds of literate behaviors are critical to the success of individuals and nations in the knowledge-based economics that define our global future."...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Ten Things to Know About Jeannette Waegemakers Schiff's New Book

[Working with Homeless and Vulnerable People: Basic Skills and Practice](#)

Family Literacy First

[Stories and activities in English, French, Simplified Chinese and Tagalog](#)

Which is the best country in the world

[To be a woman?](#)

Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada

[2016 budget submission](#)

