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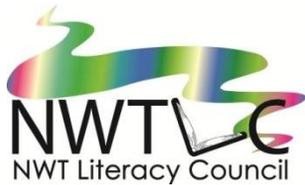
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We're the family, youth and adult literacy and essential skills centre for excellence.

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

We're also plain language specialists.

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## Literacy Dates

NWT Aboriginal Languages Month - March  
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## Our Blog

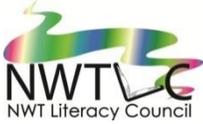
### Can pooling resources give NWT mothers Finnish Baby Boxes?

*Oops, we had an incorrect link for last week's blog. Sorry for the inconvenience to the many people who tried to get to the blog from the Literacy This Week link. We have it right this time.*

Baby onesies, a snow suit, other warm clothes, diapers, a huge box for a new baby to sleep in, bedding, a book, and on and on ... Those are just a few of the 50 items every new mum in Finland finds in their Finnish Baby Box. The Finnish Baby Box began more than 75 years ago...[Read more](#)



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## Announcements and Events

### We'll be at the Long John Jamboree this weekend

Join us at the [Long John Jamboree](#) in Yellowknife on Friday and Saturday from noon until 5 pm to celebrate spring. Your family could win a book or crayons by playing animal yahtzee at the Kid's Tent with the NWT Literacy Council.



### Call for papers deadline extended for Dene Language Conference

The deadline for abstracts for the 2016 [Dene Languages Conference](#) is extended until March 28. This 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 theme for this year's conference is "Language and History". The Yellowknives Dene First Nation is hosting the conference June 6-7, 2016.

### Learn more about innovative Nunavut skills program

Register for the Iilitaqsiniq - Nunavut Literacy Council [presentation on the award-winning Miqqut Program](#). The Miqqut program is a non-formal culture-based model of adult learning that supports participants to re-engage with learning, work and community. Skilled elders teach the skill and art of creating traditional and contemporary Inuit clothing while also supporting literacy, work-readiness and well-being. The presentation is in a free webinar on Wednesday, March 30 at 11 am Mountain Time.

## **AlphaPlus technology webinars are free**

[AlphaPlus](#) offers free, one-hour technology-related webinars that explore new and exciting tools for administrators, instructors and learners. In April you can learn about Quizlet, an online tool that allows you to create study sets - including flashcards, tests, and study games - that make learning fun.

## **Funding**

### **Funding for arts and culture**

The [Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre](#) has a number of funding programs. One funding stream funds specific oral traditions projects that document NWT traditional knowledge that promotes and preserves cultural identity and culture. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

The centre is also administering the new [Arts Organizations Operating Funding Program](#). The deadline for this funding is March 31, 2016.

### **Funding for school environment initiatives**

The [RBC-Evergreen Watershed Champions Award](#) recognizes classes that demonstrate learning about their local watershed and who take action to care for it. The deadline to apply is April 8, 2016. [Ecology North](#) has resources to help teachers with their projects.

## **News, Opinion and Research**

### **What does the federal budget mean for skills development and higher education?**

Ottawa learning and literacy expert, [Brigid Hayes](#), says the government "took baby steps towards fulfilling several of the campaign promises made regarding skills training and workforce development." In another look at the budget, a Toronto education consultant analysed the impact of the budget on post-secondary education, including student grants and loans...[Read more](#)

## Shopping in Slavey

People on the Hay River Reserve now have a new and innovative way to learn some South Slavey words - at a grocery store. The South Slave Divisional Education Council and Chief Sunrise Education Centre worked together to have Slavey words put on the Ehdah Cho Store shelves so people can learn the Slavey words for the products they buy. If shoppers download a free app they can scan a QR code and hear the product name in both Slavey and English.



**Brent Kaulback, left, the assistant superintendent with the South Slave Divisional Education Council, and Diane Tourangeau the South Slavey language instructor at Chief Sunrise Education Centre, demonstrate how shoppers at Ehdah Cho Store on the Hay River Reserve can actually hear the South Slavey word for many products.**

## **There's a gender gap when it comes to financial literacy: Statscan**

There is a gap in financial knowledge between men and women, especially among older and more educated Canadians. Also, a higher level of financial knowledge is more often associated with a higher degree of retirement preparation among labour market participants...[Read more](#)

## **Our education system soaks young parents and supports older ones**

In Canada, we have two types of education. One is compulsory education - that is, our K-12 system - which is free to all. The other is non-compulsory education, which includes early childhood education (ECE) and post-secondary education (PSE). Here, we employ a user-pay principle and charge fees to nearly everyone...[Read more](#)

## **The subfield that is changing the landscape of literary studies**

A burgeoning subfield of literary studies that focuses on human beings' impact on the environment is changing the curricula of English departments across the country...[Read more](#)

# Resources and Websites

## **16 cute Easter crafts**

[For toddlers and kids](#)

## **How and why we read**

[John Green Crash Course video](#)

## **Canada Child Benefit**

[How to calculate what your family will get](#)

## **Tourism training resources**

[Workshops and self-guided workbooks](#)