

Literacy This Week

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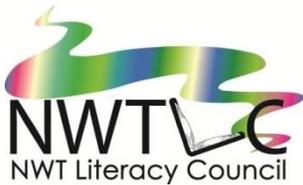
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Literacy Dates

NWT Aboriginal Languages Month - March
Poetry Month - April

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Reading to relax

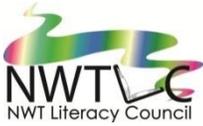
I have always been an anxious person. In my university days my anxiety really kicked in, and I would awake in the middle of the night, unable to get back to sleep because I was worrying about an assignment due weeks away. This usually resulted in me staying up working on it, then heading to classes the next day utterly exhausted but with a rough draft complete...[Read more](#)



We're doing family literacy training this week

Family literacy practitioners from the Sahtu region gathered in Norman Wells this week for training. We all had a great time. In the photo below, Kara and Sister Celeste make felt stories to use at the Tulita preschool.

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Language classes offered in Yellowknife

April 1, 2016 is the deadline to register for the spring session of English and French language classes at the Collège nordique francophone. Customized language courses, drop-in workshops, French language assessments and post-secondary programs are offered.

Yellowknife Reads this weekend

Four panelists will recommend the book that makes them proudest to be Canadian at Yellowknife Reads this Saturday at 2 pm at the Yellowknife Public Library.

Yellowknife Public Library presents

Yellowknife
READS

ANNOUNCING THIS YEAR'S
ESTEEMED PANELISTS!



Each of our panelists were asked "which book makes you proudest to be Canadian?" Now they're ready to recommend ONE book to their fellow Yellowknifers. Which book will reign supreme? Join us and watch the debates live, Saturday, April 2nd in the library meeting room (2:00-3:30 p.m.) And if you want to read along, we have multiple copies of all of the books.

Anne-Marie Giroux



Defending The Arrowheads'
The Avro Arrow

Jacq Brass



Defending Margaret
Atwood's
The Handmaid's Tale

Megan Welsh



Defending Marina
Endicott's
The Little Shadows

Ruth Bowen



Defending Germaine Arnaktauyok
and Gyo Oh's *My Name is
Arnaktauyok: The Life and Art of
Germaine Arnaktauyok*



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Writing workshop and book reading by visiting author

Joanna Lilly will read from her short story collection, *The Birthday Books*, on Friday at 7 pm at the Yellowknife Book Cellar. She will also deliver a fiction writing workshop for NorthWords NWT at the Yellowknife Visitors Centre at 10 am on Saturday, April 2, 2016.

Funding

Healthy Children Initiative deadline is April 15

The [Healthy Children Initiative](#) supports early childhood programs and services. The Department of Education, Culture and Employment is seeking proposals from community groups and licensed child care centres to provide early intervention programs that help integrate and include children with developmental delays. The deadline to apply is April 15, 2016.

Learning supports for persons with a disability

The [NWT Disabilities Council](#) is accepting applications for 2016-17 for its program to help people living with a disability meet their learning goals. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.

World Backup Day highlights importance of protecting data

It may not be a widely celebrated holiday, but World Backup Day - celebrated on Mar. 31, just ahead of April Fools' Day - aims to encourage computer users to regularly back up their data. That appears to be something many users don't do...[Read more](#)



Go speak English to the Queen; this house is for Cree

In response to the growing crisis of dwindling Indigenous languages, members of an art group with a social action agenda have come up with an interesting - though intense - way to create new Indigenous speakers...[Read more](#)

Re-engaging at-risk students in learning: a New Zealand solution

In New Zealand, significant numbers of young people leave high school early and do not make the transition to higher education, training, or employment. The Manukau Institute of Technology, a post-secondary institution, offers struggling high school students the chance to re-engage with learning and advance to post-secondary education...[Read more](#)

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