

# Literacy This Week

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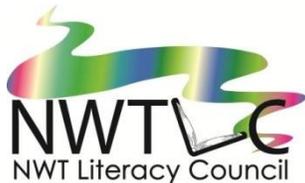
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

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## Literacy Dates

NWT Aboriginal Languages Month - March

World Book Day - Today!

World Poetry Day - March 21

## Our Blog

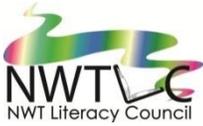
### Celebrate Aboriginal Languages Month!

March is my favourite time of year. The sun is warmer and it's up longer each day. I feel refreshed, energetic and am anxious to be outdoors. Everyone around me seems happier. There's another reason to celebrate...[Read more](#)



If you have an idea for a blog, contact [nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca)

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## Announcements and Events

### Calling all literacy practitioners!

Do you use poetry in your adult or family literacy program? ABC Life Literacy is collecting stories and resources about using poetry in the classroom to share in a special edition newsletter to celebrate National Poetry Month in April. Share your favourite tips, tricks and materials with Carissa at [cdigangi@abclifeliteracy.ca](mailto:cdigangi@abclifeliteracy.ca).

### Learn about the effects of forest fire smoke

Ecology North is hosting an evening of video, stories, and discussion about the [Summer of Smoke](#). The project is a groundbreaking endeavour which examines the effects of forest fire smoke as a climate change-linked human health impact. The presentation is Thursday, March 17 at 7 pm at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife. You can also see [videos online of presentations about the project](#).

### Order of the NWT nominations open

The [Order of the Northwest Territories](#) recognizes individuals who have served with the greatest distinction and excelled in any field of endeavour benefiting the people of the NWT or elsewhere. It is the highest honour awarded to NWT residents. The current deadline for nominations is April 8, 2016.

## Funding

### 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.

### Apply now for grants for artists

The [Hnatyshyn Foundation](#) funds developing artists. The deadline for nominations for these grants is May 16, 2016. The new Indigenous Art Awards are intended to recognize emerging and established Indigenous artists working in traditional or contemporary practices. The deadline for submissions is June 1, 2016.

## News, Opinion and Research

### **Premier McLeod issues ministerial mandate letters**

Premier Bob McLeod issued [mandate letters to Cabinet Ministers](#) this week to clarify the expectations of Cabinet Ministers. See pages 7-12 for instructions related to skills development and early childhood education and care.



### **Don't say "your child can't read"**

As someone who has been fortunate enough to spend much of her professional career working in elementary schools -- both as an early-childhood (K-3) teacher and university-based teacher educator -- I'm often struck by the difference between how young children and teachers talk about literacy in the earliest years of school...[Read more](#)

### **ADHD in girls often misdiagnosed, leading to mental health issues in adulthood**

According to the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, boys are three to four times more likely to be diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder than girls. But increasingly doctors and researchers who study the condition believe those numbers can mean girls are being under-diagnosed...[Read more](#)

### **The Food literacy movement is growing and that's a good thing**

"We support the cultivation of widespread 'food literacy' and believe that individuals benefit from becoming knowledgeable about the origins of their food, the conditions under which it is produced, and its impact on their health and the health of the planet...."[Read more](#)

## Resources and Websites

### **Canadian Agriculture Week**

[Agriculture in the classroom](#)

### **Plain Figures**

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### **Health literacy**

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