

# Literacy This Week

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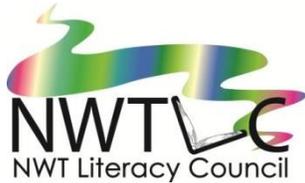
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

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## Literacy Dates

TD Canadian Children's Book Week - May 7 - 14

Intergenerational Day - June 1

National Aboriginal Day - June 21

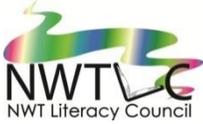
## Our Blog

### Learning more about family literacy

Last week Sandhya Koirala, the assistant librarian at the Inuvik Public Library, and I were lucky enough to attend the Training Institute 2016, held by the Centre for Family Literacy in Edmonton. It was a great week filled with learning, fun, and getting to meet others in the family literacy field... [Read more](#)



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## Announcements and Events

### Apply now for tundra science camp

The [Tundra Science and Culture Camp](#) is a summer outdoor environmental education program for NWT high school students and teachers. The program runs from July 25 - August 3, 2016 at Daring Lake. Up to 16 students and three teachers are accepted each year. Apply now!

### Save these dates

Lawrence Hill, author of *Book of Negroes* and *The Illegal*, is among the special guests at next month's [NorthWords Writers Festival](#). The dates are June 2-5. The annual festival is held in Yellowknife.

### Literacy Innovation award open for applications

The Great-West Life, London Life and Canada Life [Literacy Innovation Award](#) honours innovation in the creation and delivery of adult literacy or adult-integrated family literacy programs delivered by a community organization in Canada. There is one award of \$20,000 and up to four honourable mention awards of \$5,000 each.

### Canada Learning Bond free information webinar

If you know or work with lower income families, this webinar has important information for you! The one-hour [Canada Learning Bond webinar](#) is at 10 am Mountain Time on Tuesday, May 24. You must register ahead of time.

## Funding

### Get Active grants for June activities

[Get Active](#) funds community events that get people more physically active in the NWT. June is Recreation and Parks Month. Community organizations are encouraged to apply for a \$400 grant to organize a community-oriented physical activity event in June. The application deadline is May 30, 2016.

## **Apply now to the NGO stabilization fund**

The [NGO Stabilization Fund](#) provides short term support to non-government organizations that deliver critical GNWT-funded programs and services to NWT residents. Eligible one-time costs include general management, governance, organizational development, and extraordinary operations costs. Collaborative projects that build the capacity of more than one NGO are encouraged. The deadline to apply is May 31, 2016.

## **News, Opinion and Research**

### **Why identity is so important**

Recently I was asked by a new acquaintance about my work counselling parents and youth. When I started to talk about it and my passion for working in First Nations communities, she asked the question so many people want to know, especially with the recent tragedy at Attawapiskat headlining the news, "Why is there such a disproportionate number of suicides within First Nations communities compared to the rest of Canada?"...[Read more](#)

### **Born with FASD, NWT woman overcomes challenges to graduate top of class**



Overcoming adversity has become second nature for Fort Smith's Jennifer Tourangeau. Despite that, the 36-year-old is still taking time to celebrate her accomplishments after graduating from Grande Prairie Regional College's Visual Arts and Design program, and being named valedictorian of her class...[Read more](#)

### **Through the looking glass: how children's books have grown up**

It might seem totally obvious: Children should read fun, fantastical books in the classroom and outside of it, so they can learn to love to read. But it turns out that this particular view of children's books is relatively new...[Read more](#)

## **Get thee to a library: it's more important than ever**

In the wake of the provincial government's decision to close almost half the public libraries in Newfoundland and Labrador, politicians have offered up a number of justifications. The most prevalent - and specious - argument is that technology has rendered libraries obsolete, and that libraries are now relics of the predigital age...[Read more](#)

## **Resources and Websites**

### **Texting language**

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### **How many life skills do you have?**

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### **Successful Practices**

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