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Literacy Dates

Intergenerational Day - June 1

National Aboriginal Day - June 21

Canada History Week - July 1-7

Our Blog

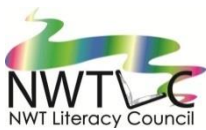
Speech, language, and hearing connections with literacy

May is Speech and Hearing Month. Speech, language, and hearing are all linked to literacy. Children who have smaller vocabularies as preschoolers are more likely to struggle with learning to read. Children who have trouble pronouncing sounds can have difficulty learning to spell and sound out words. Children with undiagnosed hearing loss are at risk for reading and other academic delays. What can we do to put kids on the right track in these areas before they start school?...[Read more](#)



Yellowknife speech and language pathologists promote Speech and Hearing Month at a local Gumboot Rally fundraiser in 2014.

Support Literacy



You can support literacy in the NWT

- [Make a donation](#)
- [Join the Council](#)

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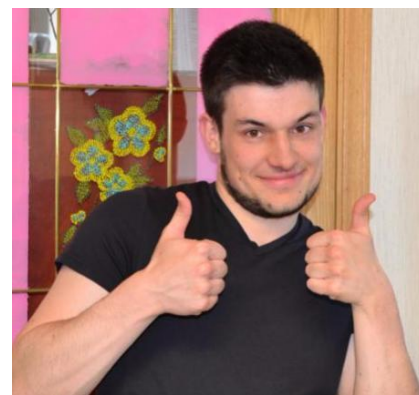
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Announcements and Events

Welcome to our summer Student

Nathan Denroche joined our staff this week to work on special projects for the summer. Nathan just completed his first year of the Bachelor of Science program at Vancouver Island University. You'll see him often at the Farmers Market in Yellowknife.



June 10 is the deadline for literacy award nominations

Nominate an adult learner, a group, a youth or an educator for an [NWT literacy award](#). The 2016 Council of Federation Literacy Award will honour the achievements of an adult learner who has overcome obstacles and demonstrated outstanding progress in the pursuit of literacy skills in any of the NWT Official Languages. NWT Ministerial Awards recognize achievements in other categories.

2016 NWT LITERACY AWARDS



NorthWords Writers Festival has exciting lineup

This year's [NorthWords Writers Festival](#) lineup includes Rogers Writers' Trust Fiction Prize winner Lawrence Hill, Scotiabank Giller Prize nominee Craig Davidson (also writing as Nick Cutter), Shane Turgeon, Miranda Hill, Annelies Pool, Carol Daniels, and Teva Harrison. The festival includes workshops, open mike events, a family barbecue, a gala and panel discussions - all open to the public. You can register for events at the Yellowknife Book Cellar.

11th Annual NorthWords Writers Festival

Breaking the Mould – Identity in Stories



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Lawrence Hill



Miranda Hill



Teva Harrison



Craig Davidson



Carol Daniels



Shane Turgeon



Annelies Pool

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- Jamie Bastedo
- Jacq Brass
- Cara Bryant
- Miranda Bolstad
- Miranda Currie
- Gail Cyr
- Anthony Foliot
- Batiste Foisy
- Patti-Kay Hamiton
- Marcus Jackson
- Allison McCresh
- Loren McGinnis
- Amber O'Reilly
- Derrick La Saga
- Laurie Sarkadi
- Nick Sibbeston
- Suzie Napayok Short
- Richard Van Camp

With special guest Shelagh Rogers, host and producer of the CBC Radio program "The Next Chapter".

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Funding

Guide to NWT government grants and contributions

The [guide](#) gives an overview of programs, funding eligibility, maximum amounts payable and information on where to make an application. The NWT government suggests applicants contact the appropriate department for program details before making an application.

Family literacy project funding available

The [NWT Literacy Council](#) funds small family literacy projects. You can find the project criteria and application form on our website. We accept proposals on an ongoing basis until the money runs out. Contact charlotte@nwtliteracy.ca or call 873-9262 for more information.

News, Opinion and Research

Statistics Canada's insight reports on literacy skills

Statistics Canada has released three papers containing further analysis of the data from the Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC)...[Read more](#)

Why are wages for early childhood workers so low?

It's no secret that childcare costs have - and continue to - skyrocket in Toronto. These days, the median cost of childcare for an infant is now more than \$1,700 per month, and that number seems to be growing steadily...But what of the people who provide the services? How much of that money gets passed onto them?...[Read more](#)

Economic opportunities project identifies barriers for people on social assistance

The [Resilient Neighbourhood Economies](#) project focused on building sustainable economic opportunities for low-income people. The project was a partnership between the Metcalf Foundation and two community-based organizations. Both community organizations raised concerns about roadblocks that individuals on social assistance face that prevent them from exploring self-employment or entrepreneurial opportunities. We asked Metcalf Innovation Fellow John Stapleton to explore this issue ...[Read more](#)

Finding a path to success through alternate ways

Lucas Yeltatzie, 18 years old, lived on Haida Gwaii. He found it difficult to get motivated to do schoolwork, arriving late and leaving early. On some days, he skipped school altogether. Lucas didn't see the relevance of what he was being taught and was often bored. It was surprising that he hadn't already dropped out of school...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Read Aloud for 15 Minutes

[Infographic](#)

Intergenerational mobility project

[Building Adult Capabilities for Family Success \(video\)](#)

12 tips for proofreading your own work

[Write Clearly](#)

Your brain has a "delete" button

[Here's how to use it](#)

