

# Literacy This Week

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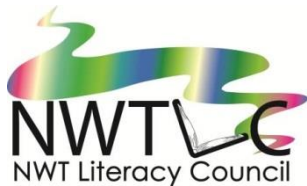
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

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## Literacy Dates

**This is the last Literacy This Week until January 8. We wish you a safe and joyful holiday season.**

Holiday hours - Our office is closed December 20-January 4

National Family Literacy Day - January 27

## Our Blog

### More books to give or read during the holidays

We have five more recommendations for gifts or books to read over the holidays.

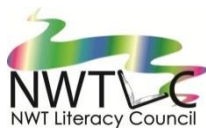
These suggestions come from Hay River, Behchoko, and our own staff...[Read more](#)



## Announcements and Events



## Support Literacy



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Take part in literacy activities in your community

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**Libby Whittall Catling gave copies of her book, *12 days of Christmas in Fort Reliance*, to the children who attended last week's family literacy event in Lutselk'e. We supported this event through our Family and Community Literacy Fund.**

## What makes you proud to be Canadian?

The [Canada Day Challenge](#) invites youth between 8 and 18 years old who live in Canada to express their pride in being Canadian by submitting an entry inspired by the theme STRONG. PROUD. FREE. You can submit a poster, digital photograph or creative writing. You can participate through your school, a club, associations, or as an individual. Nine national finalists will win an all-expenses paid grand prize trip for two to Ottawa to celebrate Canada Day 2015. The deadline for submissions is March 20, 2015.

## Show your home town pride

The [Federation of Canadian Municipalities Hometown Proud Campaign](#) is an opportunity to share and celebrate your hometown connections, memories, and stories. Individuals and communities in the Northwest Territories have until January 13, 2015 show their hometown pride for a chance at a \$5,000 community prize towards recreation programming or a community event, or an individual prize of a deluxe iPad!

## Funding

### Funding related to prostitution open for applications

The new federal Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act comes with \$20 million in funding to support programming related to ending prostitution in Canada. The [Department of Justice](#) has three targeted funding priorities. As well there is funding under the [Crime Prevention Action Fund](#).

### Small change fund offers fundraising platform

[Small Change Fund](#) connect projects like yours to the funding you need. It believes that micro-grants provided in a timely manner help spark action, engage communities and provide essential tools to grassroots groups in the crucial stages of change. This is also a place to donate for change.

## News and Research

### Arctic FOXY takes \$1 million Arctic Inspiration Prize

*Northern Journal, December 15, 2014*

For over a month, only the two leaders of Arctic FOXY knew their million-dollar idea had been officially validated in the form of a cash prize for that exact amount, and were tasked with keeping the massive secret...[Read more](#)

### To seek common ground on life's big questions, we need science literacy

Science isn't important only to scientists or those who profess an interest in it...a base level understanding is crucial for modern citizens to ground their engagement in the national conversation about science-related issues...[Read more](#)

## **Can we all just admit there is no such thing as nonprofit sustainability?**

A few weeks ago I called up a program officer of a foundation to discuss my organization's amazing idea to bring more immigrant and refugee leaders into the nonprofit field. "That's a great idea," said the program officer, "but what's your sustainability plan?...[Read more](#)

## **Focus on numeracy and literacy helps fuel child obesity**

In New Zealand the focus on literacy and numeracy has reduced opportunities for students in other learning areas, such as physical education. It has led to a devaluing of some important learning areas throughout the education system and limited the opportunities for children to be well educated in the broader curriculum...[Read more](#)

## **Resources and Websites**

### **Bring a little zen to your holidays**

[Learn how to make an origami snowflake](#)

### **Open Culture**

[Listings of free online courses, books movies and more](#)

### **Random Facts**

[93 revealing facts about body language](#)

### **FASD and child welfare**

[Caregiver curriculum on FASD](#)

