

# Literacy This Week

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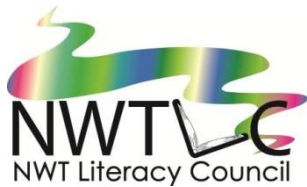
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

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## Literacy Dates

Freedom to Read Week - February 23 - March 1

Aboriginal Languages Month - March

Adult Learner's Week - March 29 - April 6

## Our Blog

### Literacy impacts our health

If you want to find out how to improve your health and well-being, head over to École Sir John Franklin School this weekend to the NWT Wellness Conference.

The NWT Literacy Council will be there because we care about health literacy...[Read more](#)



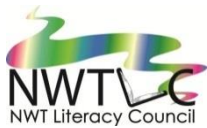
## Announcements and Events

### We'll be at the NWT Wellness Conference

Come and check out the materials on our table at the [NWT Wellness Conference](#) this weekend in Yellowknife.



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## Canada Without Poverty offers human rights and poverty online course

This spring let Canada Without Poverty teach you about a human rights approach to social justice. The four-week [Economic and Social Rights online course](#) begins March 17, 2014 and costs \$95.

## Use your language on International Mother Language Day

We encourage everyone to use their mother tongue tomorrow, February 21, on [International Mother Language Day](#). Use it when speaking, tweeting, emailing, or writing.

## Nominate an outstanding volunteer

The [NWT Outstanding Volunteer Awards Program](#) recognizes the voluntary contributions and achievements of volunteers. You can nominate a volunteer for a 2014 award until March 31, 2014.

## Funding

### Women's Initiative Grants open for applications

The deadline to apply for Women's Initiative Grants is the last Friday of March. For information contact Gail Cyr at [gail\\_cyr@gov.nt.ca](mailto:gail_cyr@gov.nt.ca) or 873-7789.

### Northwest Territories Law Foundation

The [NWT Law Foundation](#) has funds available to assist groups who have projects that contribute to legal education or research that recommends reform of the law or administration of justice. Deadline for applications is March 31, 2014.

## News and Research

### **Instructor shares traditions**

*News North, February 17, 2014*

While fluency would be optimal, South Slavey speaker and instructor, Dorothy Buckley, said a little bit of language can go a long way. "Everyone here should know some simple phrases and sentences...[Read more](#)

### **The attack on non-profits and why we have to respond**

*Vancouver Observer, February 2014*

We teach our children not to bully. Consider the most recent attacks on non-profits -specifically environmental organizations...[Read more](#)

### **"If you could do one thing..."**

This report on actions to reduce health inequality focuses in part on the role of early childhood education and adult education...[Read more](#)

### **Age of distraction: why it's crucial for students to learn to focus**

*Mind/Shift, December 5, 2013*

Digital classroom tools like computers, tablets and smartphones offer exciting opportunities to deepen learning through creativity, collaboration and connection, but those very devices can also be distracting to students...[Read more](#)

## Resources and Websites

### **Freedom to Read Week**

[Ideas for educators](#)



### **Food Literacy Quiz**

[Challenging and educational](#)

### **100 books to read in a lifetime**

[Goodreads readers' picks](#)

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