

# Literacy This Week

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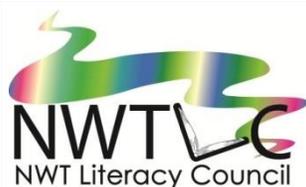
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## Literacy Dates

**Happy New Year to all!**

National Family Literacy Day - January 27

## Our Blog

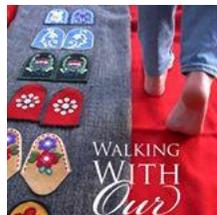
### School program combines literacy and running

When Martha Hamre worked with us last summer she developed health literacy resources for NWT Literacy Week. Since returning to study at the University of Guelph she's volunteered with a unique literacy program. We're delighted she had time during her Christmas break to write about it...[Read more](#)



## Announcements and Events

### Walking With Our Sisters memorial opens tomorrow



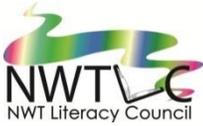
[Walking With Our Sisters](#) opens Friday at noon at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre with a short ceremony and feast. The art memorial, includes more than 1,800 pairs of moccasin uppers to honour Canada's missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. Everyone welcome.

### Free Indigenous education course begins this month

The [Reconciliation through Indigenous Education](#) course is a free six-week course, offered by the University of British Columbia Faculty of Education. It begins January 27, 2015. Participants engage with educational leaders and resources for direction on how education programs and teaching practices can be modified in order to meaningfully integrate Indigenous knowledge worldviews.

### Yellowknife Public Library has programs

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Parents and caregivers are invited to attend Story Time, Baby Time, Toddler Time and many more free programs at the [Yellowknife Public Library](#). There are also programs for adults and teens. Check the library's website for more information about the Winter 2015 programs.

## Funding

### Annual violence prevention grants

The [Canadian Women's Foundation](#) has four streams of grants with the goal of preventing violence against women and girls. The deadline for applications is February 2, 2015.

### GoodLife encourages physical activity

The [GoodLife Kids Foundation](#) wants every Canadian kid to have the opportunity to live a fit and healthy good life. It is accepting requests for funding for inclusive physical activity programs for children with special needs. Upcoming application deadlines are February 20 and April 24, 2015

### Green Grants for under-served communities

Walmart Canada and Evergreen [Green Grants](#) partially fund community-based greening initiatives across Canada. The next application deadline is February 2, 2015.

## News and Research

### Teaching literacy a complex mix of methods

*The Sydney Morning Herald, January 7, 2015*

A recent report from Australia suggests there are significant concerns that teachers are not fully equipped to teach reading. The report is a result of an audit of teacher education courses with a view to finding out how and in what manner teachers are trained in university courses to teach reading to young children...[Read more](#)

### Residential school education credit deadline to be extended

*CBC North, January 5, 2015*

The deadline for former residential school students to apply for an education credit of up to \$3,000 will be extended, after fewer than one-third of the roughly 79,000 people eligible for the credit applied for it. Bill Erasmus, national chief of the Dene Nation, says more and more people are applying for the credit as they come to understand how broadly it can be used...[Read more](#)

## **The difference between high performers and workaholics**

How many times did you check your email or your phone on your days off over the holidays? While there are certainly good things that come from working hard, being a workaholic isn't all that great....[Read more](#)

## **Resources and Websites**

### **Tłı̨cho Yatı̨` Multimedia Dictionary**

[Includes a word for the day](#)

### **Health literacy online course**

[Tools and strategies for health professionals](#)

### **What's hot and what's not**

[Education technology in 2015](#)

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