

Literacy This Week

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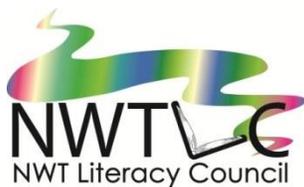
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

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Literacy Dates

National Family Literacy Day - January 27

Our Blog

Family literacy is so much more than fun and games

There's a lot going on in the life of a young child. Cognitive development. Social and emotional development. Fine and gross motor development. Language development. These are some of the domains of early childhood development. Family literacy programs aid all facets of development ...[Read more](#)



Announcements and Events

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Enter our Family Literacy Photo Contest

You could win one of four Family Fun Packs by sending us a photo of how you play and learn anytime, anywhere with your family. Contest ends midnight Monday. We'll announce winners on Family Literacy Day, Tuesday, January 27. [Check out details online](#) or call us at 1-866-599-6758 or 873-9262.

Burt Award for First Nations, Métis and Inuit Literature

The [Burt Award](#) is given annually to English-language literary works for young adults written by First Nations, Métis or Inuit authors. The first prize is \$12,000. The deadline to apply is February 15, 2015.

Fort McPherson has library programs

The [Fort McPherson community library](#) has a Moms and Tots program on Mondays, sometimes with special presenters. Next week's topic is pre-natal care. It also has a Tuesday book club for students in grades 1-8.

Funding

Early childhood staff grants now available

People working in licensed day care centres can apply now for the Early Childhood Staff Grant. The [NWT Education, Culture and Employment](#) fund is meant to increase the number of qualified early childhood professionals working in licensed centres. You can apply until April 10, 2015.

Small grants for emerging northern writers and artists

The [Emerging Northern Writers and Artists Fund](#) gives small grants of \$600 to independent northern writers and artists whose work may not otherwise appear in Northern Public Affairs magazine. The fund supports all kinds of writing and artistic expression: essays, short fiction, poetry, and visual arts on a variety of themes. The open call for applications ends February 28, 2015.

News and Research

Tẖcho opt out of junior kindergarten

News North, January 19, 2015

Almost all of the Sahtu and Deh Cho are sticking with the territorial government's controversial junior kindergarten program, but it's a different story in the Tẖcho...

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Baby brains

A neonatologist in Philadelphia, worried about the damage being done to children born to addicted mothers compared four-year-olds who'd been exposed to crack cocaine with those who hadn't. They couldn't find any significant differences...[Read more](#)

Children like to read books for fun

The Kids & Family Reading Report is an American survey of children ages 6-17 and their parents exploring attitudes and behaviors around reading books for fun. It is a biannual report with 2015 unveiling the fifth edition in the series...[Read more](#)

Learning to code is not the new literacy

People keep promoting the need for everyone from kids to mid-career professionals to learn how to write computer code. The argument is that in the very near future (if we aren't there already) learning how to code will be as important as learning to read and write. An article in Mother Jones asked, "Is Coding the New Literacy?" I say no...

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