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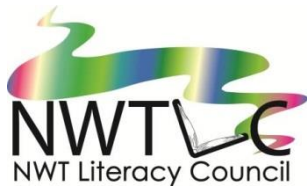
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

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Literacy Dates

Disability Awareness Week - June 2-8

NorthWords Writers Festival - June 5-8

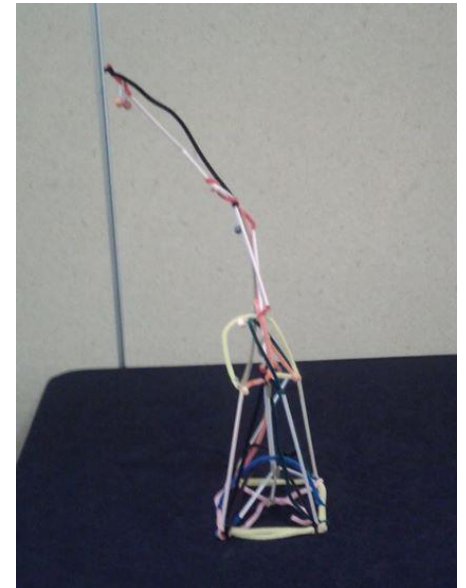
Senior Citizens' Month – June

Our Blog

Building brains to understand the lifelong impacts of early childhood

What can you do with pipe cleaners, drinking straws, dice, wooden beads and paperclips? Build a brain, of course!

My brain building exercise was part of a great workshop...[Read more](#)

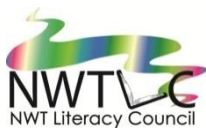


Announcements and Events

We're at the summer garden parties

We'll be at the Yellowknife garden parties all summer again this year. Join us for family literacy activities and our bookmobile on Tuesday evenings in conjunction with the farmers market.

Support Literacy



You can support literacy
in the NWT

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- [Join the Council](#)

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activities in your
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PhD student looking for women's mining stories

Rebecca Hall, who used to work with the Native Women's Association of the NWT Victim Services Program is back in Yellowknife to [research the impact of the diamond mines on Yellowknife women](#). If you are interested in being interviewed you can contact her at 445-8310, by email at rebeccajanehall22@gmail.com or you can just drop by the Native Women's Association.

Applications invited for steering committee on financial literacy

Canada's new Financial Literacy Leader, Jane Rooney, is looking for leaders and key influencers in the public, private and non-profit sectors who want to make a significant contribution as members of the [National Steering Committee on Financial Literacy](#). Interested people must apply by June 16, 2014.

2014 NWT Literacy Awards nomination deadline extended

The deadline for nominations for NWT Literacy Awards is extended until June 16. Do you know a youth, educator, adult learner or organization in your community who

deserves this award. They will have improved their own literacy or promote and help others improve their literacy levels in any of the NWT's official languages. Nominate someone today for an [NWT Literacy Award](#)!

Funding

New Horizons program deadline is in July

Organizations that want to help seniors make a difference in the lives of others and in their communities can apply to carry out projects led or inspired by seniors. The deadline for [New Horizons](#) community-based project applications is July 4, 2014.

TD Friends of the Environment Foundation grants open

You have until July 15 to apply for a grant from the [TD Friends of the Environment Foundation](#). Eligible projects include community gardens, environmental education and energy conservation.

News and Research

Dene youth connect with culture at Dechinta

Northern Journal, June 2, 2014

At 19, Pascal Erasmus of Yellowknife has just begun his pursuit of post-secondary education, but has already seen major transformations in how he views learning, his culture and himself...[Read more](#)

Saanich aboriginal library first of its kind in Canada

Times Colonist, May 27, 2014

Bruce Parisian thought about creating an aboriginal library at the Victoria Native Friendship Centre for years...[Read more](#)

Preschool daydreaming, lifelong learning

The theme music to the preschool years is a seemingly never-ending chorus of "Why Mommy? Why? Mommy, why?" Young children are passionate explorers who seek out understanding and revel in the wonders of their world...[Read](#)

[more](#)

Resources and Websites

Lead for literacy

[One-pagers on children's literacy development](#)

Leading early educators

[Briefs on quality early childhood education](#)

Students learn best when...

[50 strategies](#)

Moving to learn

[Looking at the effects of technology on children](#)

