



Literacy This Week

April 19, 2021

Special note:

We apologize for the delay in sending this issue of Literacy This Week. We experienced technical issues last week and were unable to send it. We hope you enjoy this issue's content.

Literacy Dates

National Volunteer Week- April 18-24
Earth Day- April 22
World Book and Copyright Day- April 23
World Book Night- April 23
Oral Health Month- April
National Poetry Month- April

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Blog



Newcomers Learning on the Land

When I organize activities for new immigrants, I try to introduce them to uniquely northern experiences. In late March, Narwal Outdoor Adventures did seven show-and-tell sessions on northern topics, including igloo building, northern animals, and harvesting furs, for almost 60 adults and children. Here are some of the reflections from the immigrants who participated...[Read more](#)

Announcements and Events

Panel Discussion: Indigenous Spirituality of Being Two-Spirit

Join Blue Sky Community Healing Centre on April 28 for an [online panel discussion](#) as part of their [Cultural Appreciation Spring Series](#). For more information or to register, please call or email Cindy Crowe (807) 627-5768, crowe@tbaytel.net. If you wish to attend but money is a barrier for you, please reach out to [Blue Sky](#).

Using Critical Eyes to Indigenize: Integrating Indigenous Knowledge into Education

The University of Lethbridge will host their 2021 Institute for Child and Youth Studies Symposium online on April 22. The objective of this symposium is to recognize and highlight the importance of, and ways to create learning environments that reflect Indigenous ways of knowing and being. The speakers will examine emerging trends of integrating Indigenous knowledge into education...[Read more](#)

Territorial Leadership Gathering for Women

Join women from all corners of the territory for this one-day interactive conference to explore and promote women in leadership, identify obstacles in pursuing leadership roles and seek solutions that empower women. This will be an engaging, interactive zoom conference featuring speakers, poster sessions, discussion forums and breakouts...[Read more](#)

Funding

Hotì ts'eeda Funding Programs:

Community Researcher Capacity Development Program

This program provides NWT organizations with funding support to hire Indigenous residents to conduct research in the NWT. This fund's purpose is to build research capacity among Indigenous and NWT residents...[Read more](#)

Researcher Capacity Development Program

The Researcher Capacity Development Program's purpose is to provide university and college researchers working in the NWT with funding support to

engage Indigenous people and local residents in conducting research in the NWT, with the goal of building research capacity among Indigenous and NWT residents...[Read more](#)

Strategic Priorities Support Program

The purpose of the fund is to provide support to activities and initiatives furthering the strategic priorities of Hotù ts'eeda and its partners. The fund will support initiatives that further Indigenous and NWT health and wellness and health research, including research capacity, community engagement and knowledge translation...[Read more](#)

News, Research, Opinion

NWT weighs options for curriculum renewal

As early as the 2022-2023 school year, students across the NWT will be taught with a new curriculum, but the government is still trying to decide which province provides the best model for the NWT. Research is underway to determine which curriculum approach will be best suited for the values and priorities of education in the territory, with British Columbia being the likely top contender...[Read more](#)

Dolly Parton sends greetings to PEI as Island joins free book program

Country superstar Dolly Parton sent her thanks to PEI last week for joining her Imagination Library charity. The program provides free monthly books for children up to the age of five. Some NWT communities participate in the program through funding from private sponsors, local schools and E-Rotary Club donations...[Read more](#)

COVID-19: Mental-health crisis impacting postsecondary students

Online learning, social isolation, financial hardship, and fear of COVID-19 infection are taking a toll on the mental health of postsecondary students. As a first-year master's student, I've struggled with feelings of fear, hopelessness, and frustration...[Read more](#)

Letter from 1929 offers clues about origin of drawing on rock outside Fort Smith

It's a mystery Richard Mercredi has been trying to solve for some time now. Not far from the main trail to his cabin outside of Fort Smith, NWT, there is a drawing of what appears to be a person, etched in red onto a piece of rock...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Resources for Poetry Month

[Seven steps to writing a found poem](#)

[Spring acrostic poems to beautify your classroom](#)

[Let's go on a poetry walk!](#)

[Poetry pebbles](#)



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