



Literacy This Week

April 16, 2020

Literacy Dates

Poetry Month - April
NWT Literacy Week - April 19-25
National Volunteer Week - April 19-25
Administrative Professionals Day - April 22
Earth Day - April 22
World Book and Copyright Day - April 23

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Blog



We're Celebrating NWT Literacy Week a Little Differently

We have been asked for several years to change NWT Literacy Week from

September as this is a very busy time in many NWT communities. Earlier this year, we decided to host NWT Literacy Week during the third...[Read more](#)

Announcements and Events

NWT Literacy Week virtual events

NWT Literacy Council is moving NWT Literacy Week online and hosting virtual events this year. Follow [our website](#) and [Facebook](#) for details of our daily events, including challenges, Facebook Live events, contests, and more!

Stay Away but Keep in Touch Contest

Write and submit your story about keeping in touch with seniors while keeping away from them physically. There will be prizes for three entries. Please email stories to ed@seniorsnwt.ca. See more information [here](#).

NWT Literacy Council office closure

Our office is closed and staff are working at home. Please [contact staff by email](#) if you need assistance. Take care of each other and check [our Facebook page](#) to see suggestions for activities you can do at home.

Funding

Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan: Support for Canadians and Businesses

This page from the Government of Canada includes information on income support for individuals who need it most and mortgage default management tools. Please see more information from the Department of Finance [here](#).

GNWT Community Literacy Development Fund

This fund provides financial assistance to community organizations to develop and deliver local programs that will increase literacy skills and raise awareness of the importance of literacy. See more details [here](#).

Collaborating for Inclusion of Older Adults

This four-year project aims to decrease social isolation of seniors and elders by building connections through activities and community engagement in 10 NWT communities. Application deadline is now May 22, 2020. See more [here](#).

News, Research, Opinion

Help for Indian day school class action members moves online

The federal Indian day school class action is one of many things that has had to adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic. The law firm handling the settlement cancelled in-person sessions aimed at assisting class members...[Read more](#)

Within a month, new tests could gradually help open up the NWT

The NWT's leading doctors expect new, one-hour COVID-19 tests to arrive within the next month. Their speed and portability could help the territory begin a slow return to normality. A sign outside a COVID-19...[Read more](#)

Need a mask? These NWT seamstresses have you covered

Just a few hours after Canada's chief public health officer announced last week that wearing homemade non-surgical masks could help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, posts began to pop up on northerners' Facebook...[Read more](#)

Spotlight on Adult Educators



Christine Abela, Fort Liard

Community Adult Educator at Aurora College's Fort Liard Community Learning Centre, Christine Abela is also the Family Literacy Coordinator, a member of the District Education Authority and chairperson of the Fort Liard Housing Authority. She received her Bachelor of Education from Nipissing University, and her professional interests stem from her strong belief in meeting community needs through respect, engagement and inclusion, while providing a safe learning environment. Outside work, Christine enjoys time with her family, cross-country skiing, camping and hiking.

Resources and Websites

Poetry resources

[English 120 - Poetry \(NWT Literacy Council\)](#)

[English 130 - Poetry \(NWT Literacy Council\)](#)



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