

Literacy Dates

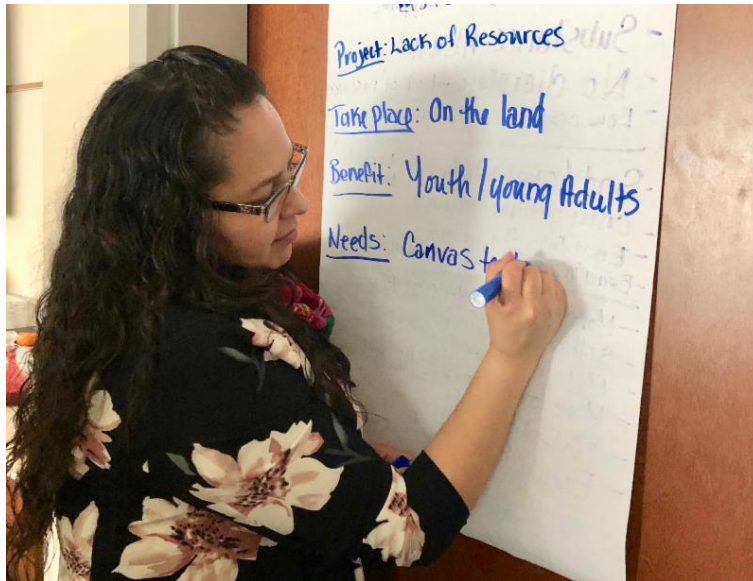
National Poetry Month - April

Earth Day - April 22

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Blog



Honouring the strengths of youth

Thank you to guest blogger, Shelby Maunder, the executive director of BYTE.

When BYTE was invited last month to come work with the NWT Literacy Council and several of their partners, we jumped at the chance!...[Read more](#)

Announcements and Events

Lanes still available for PGI Bowl-a-Thon for Literacy

You can still book your time and lane for our [PGI Bowl-a-Thon for Literacy](#) on April 27. We're raising money to buy supplies for the [Bison Bus](#) when it travels this summer to NWT communities. Help us stock up on craft supplies, books and games for our mobile family literacy centre. Register now to get your choice of times and lanes.

Have your say on post-secondary education

The deadline to complete the Government of the Northwest Territories online [survey about your vision for post-secondary education is April 23](#). For information you can also go to an Education, Culture and Employment Service Centre or visit the Government Services Officer in your community.

IRC hiring literacy camp counsellors

The [Inuvialuit Regional Corporation](#) is hiring counsellors for their Literacy Camps this summer in all six Inuvialuit communities. The camps promote a love of reading and learning among children aged 5-12. Training and camp work are from June 24 until July 19. The deadline to apply for the jobs is May 24.

Sustainable livelihoods contest deadline extended

Environment and Natural Resources extended the deadline for the [2019 Sustainable Livelihoods Youth Photo Contest](#) until April 30. NWT youth, aged 25 and under, can submit a photo(s) that captures their connection to being on the land and sustainable livelihoods (e.g. country foods, traditional economies and land-based learning). Classroom submissions are also encouraged.



Funding

Money available to digitize Indigenous recordings

[Listen, Hear Our Voices](#) has funding to digitize Indigenous culture and language audio and video recordings. It can also help build the skills, knowledge, and resources needed to help you do this work yourself. There are two years left in this federal government project. The current deadline to apply is July 17. There will be at least one more call for proposals, likely in the fall.

Apply now for Field Law Community Fund

The [Field Law Community Fund](#) is open for applications until May 6. Field Law prefers causes that support education, healthcare, at-risk youth, homelessness, women's organizations, community and sports, or arts and culture.



News, Research, Opinion

Bison Bus rolling through NWT

The NWT Literacy Council's Bison Bus is planning to hit the road this summer, bringing books, games, and other activities to kids in communities on the highway system...[Read more](#)

Earning credits on the land

Students in the NWT will soon be able to earn science, technology, engineering, and mathematics high school credits while gaining on the land skills...[Read more](#)

Why early childhood educators are underpaid

Rachel Lafferty, executive coordinator of the Association of Early Childhood Educators Ontario, discusses the role of early childhood educators and why a wage top-up grant is needed...[Watch the interview](#)

Are we on the way to universal affordable childcare?

This study looks at federal child care commitments and agreements with provinces and territories. It finds "some reasons to be optimistic about this latest chapter" in early learning and child care. The report says New Brunswick, Ontario, British Columbia, and the Northwest Territories, have plans to move toward universal systems of child care...[Read more](#)

Science, health, and cultural literacy in a rapidly changing communications landscape

This research paper explores the challenges of science communication and makes recommendations for improvement. It notes that science communication can benefit from the field of health literacy and the long-standing work of anthropologists on how culture and lived experiences affect understanding and perception of communication related to health...[Read more](#)



Resources and Websites

Kids in the Know

[Education for online and real world safety](#)

Curious Kids

[The Conversation for children](#)

A world ready to learn

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