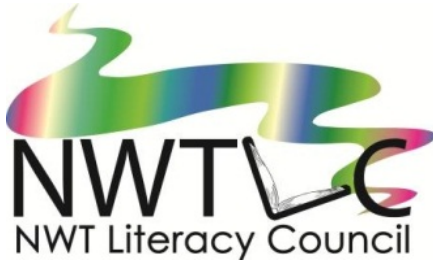


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## Literacy Dates

National Poetry Month - April

National Volunteer Week - April 15-21

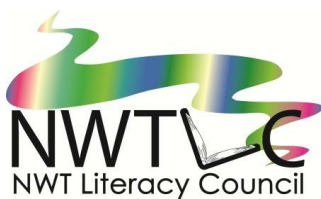
Earth Day - April 22

World Book and Copyright Day - April 23

## Our Blog

### Promoting literacy through free books

Literacy benefits the economy, society, and the quality of life of NWT residents. We decided that we could promote literacy by promoting all the places Yellowknifers can find free books...[Read more](#)



We're the family, youth and adult literacy and essential skills centre for excellence.

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

We're also plain language specialists.

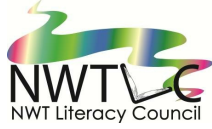
[Check out our website to learn more](#)

## Announcements and Events

## Support Literacy

### Enjoy a story walk on Sunday

Join us for a story book and a walk in Yellowknife at Somba K'e Plaza on Sunday at 1 pm. We'll be there as part

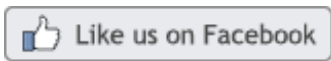


You can support literacy in the NWT

- [Make a donation](#)
- [Join the Council](#)
- Take part in literacy activities in your community

## Connect With Us!

We share lots of news, fun photos and opinion in between issues of Literacy This Week



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of the [Ecology North](#) events for Earth Week.

## We're closed next Thursday and Friday

Our office will be closed next Thursday and Friday for staff training. Please email [nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca) with any concerns. We apologize for the inconvenience.

## Enter our Indigenous Languages Month contest until April 23

Check out our [Facebook page](#) for a lovely tribute to Indigenous language role model Jane Vandermeer. You can honour an Indigenous language role model by entering our [photo/video contest](#). Tell us how their language has opened doors for them - at work, on the land, to their culture, etc.

## Evaluation conference in Yellowknife May 31 to June 1

The early bird deadline to register for the [NWT Evaluation Symposium](#) is April 23. The symposium is hosted by the Alberta/NWT Chapter of the Canadian Evaluation Society, in collaboration with Dedats'eetsaa: the Tł̨chq Research and Training Institute of the Tł̨chq Government. It will highlight Indigenous approaches to evaluation with a special emphasis on land-based programming.

## Apply now for Northern Youth Leadership summer camps

The deadline to apply for [Northern Youth Leadership](#) summer camp is May 11.

## Funding

### Inuvialuit fund education

[The Designated Amount Fund](#) accepts applications from organizations and individuals. It supports education to preserve and understand Inuvialuit culture, history and language, or to advance personal development. The deadline is July 13, 2018 for individuals.

### Funding for non-profits

The [NGO Stabilization Fund](#) provides short-term support to NGOs who deliver critical GNWT-funded programs and services to NWT residents. Eligible one-time costs include general management, governance, organizational development, and extraordinary operations costs. The deadline to apply is May 11, 2018.

## News, Opinion, and Research

### Indigenous youth should 'live and dream' in their own languages

Coty Zachariah began teaching his daughter about her culture from the day she was born. In some Mohawk communities, it is traditional to offer words of welcome in the Mohawk language just as babies are emerging into the world...[Read more](#)

### **Libraries fight digital divide by loaning internet access via Wi-Fi hotspots**

Two years after running a pilot project to assess whether there was a demand for letting library users "borrow" internet access, the Toronto Public Library has decided the answer is a resounding yes. The library recently expanded the project five-fold from its modest beginnings, with up to 1,000 library users and their families now getting free, unlimited access to the internet...[Read more](#)

### **Books coming to NWT communities with De Beers' Books In Homes program**

De Beers' Books in Homes program launched in 2003. It sees representatives from De Beers enter several community schools and set up a book fair for students...[Read more](#)

### **Why American students haven't gotten better at reading in 20 years**

Every two years, education policy wonks gear up for what has become a time-honoured ritual: the release of the Nation's Report Card. Officially known as the National Assessment of Educational Progress the data reflect the results of reading and math tests administered to a sample of students across the country...[Read more](#)

### **Can we really teach 'Indigenizing' courses online?**

Internet users around the world have the opportunity to participate in "Indigenous Canada," a Massive Open Online Course offered through the University of Alberta and the Coursera consortium of online learning providers.

Similar courses - for instance on "Reconciliation through Indigenous education" and "Aboriginal world views and education " - are offered...[Read more](#)

## **Resources and Websites**

### **A kids' guide to Canada**

[By kids, for kids](#)

### **Family literacy materials in five languages**

[Stories and activities for daily learning](#)

**Understood**

[Website for parents with children who struggle with learning](#)

**Beautiful foreign words**

[With no English equivalent](#)