

### **Literacy This Week**

April 22, 2021

### **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



### What's New with Skill Builders for Youth?

I've recently started transitioning from my role as Family and Community Literacy Coordinator to the role of Youth Literacy Coordinator, and I'm learning lots about the Skills Builders for Youth program and all of the great projects happening around the territory...Read more

### **Announcements and Events**

#### Earth Week events

Join Ecology North for Earth Week until April 25 in a whole array of exciting events happening around Yellowknife...<u>Read more</u>

#### More than a diverse reading list: Challenging an antiblack pedagogy

The Centre for Teaching and Learning at Western University presents a webinar with Dr. Philip Howard on Wednesday, May 12 at 9:00 am (MT). This session will explore ways in which antiblackness structures the university context, and foster a conversation about commitments needed to create conditions for Black life and Black thought to flourish with/in/out our classrooms and institutions...<u>Read more</u>

# Funding

#### **GNWT NGO Stabilization Fund**

The NGO Stabilization Fund is an application-based grant program that provides special funding to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) who deliver critical GNWT funded programs or services to the public. Funding is intended to stabilize or develop an NGO's capacity to manage programs and services, and can assist with management, governance, organizational development and extraordinary operations costs. The four-week application period begins April 29. The deadline for applications is May 27...<u>Read more</u>

### News, Research, Opinion

#### COVID-19 exacerbates the existing crisis of early literacy

Literacy organizations are calling for support from Canadian publishing professionals as students learning to read in virtual environments struggle to keep up. The organizations hope placing the spotlight on young struggling readers will help address the effects of COVID-19-related school and library shutdowns and bring the broader issue out of the shadows...<u>Read more</u>

### NWT students look back on a 'challenging' and 'isolating' year of university

Diana Rockwell is among the NWT students <u>CBC spoke with last year</u> about attending school during a pandemic. Now, as many parts of the country see another surge in COVID-19 cases, CBC is checking in on some of the students to see how their year went...<u>Read more</u>

Northern youth take extra step to prepare for college in BC Twenty students from across the North are participating in a program that prepares them to attend college in British Columbia together in the fall. The transitional program, for students who graduated high school and now want a post-secondary education, provides classes that may not otherwise be offered or that are designed to help them adjust to the college experience...Read more

#### Inuvialuktun playing cards launched with more designs planned

Groups in the Beaufort Delta have collaborated to create striking new sets of playing cards – Piannat Inuvialuktun – for Inuvialuit Settlement Region members. Tamara Voudrach, manager of the Inuvialuit Communications Society, said creating the deck of cards helped to meet the society's mandate of preserving and promoting language and culture...Read more

#### Here are the northern highlights from Monday's federal budget announcement

NWT Premier Caroline Cochrane watched the federal budget announcement Monday, in hopes the spending would address pressings issues including housing, equality, the climate crisis and child care. In a post to Twitter Monday afternoon, Cochrane said she is "optimistic" with what she's heard so far from Minister of Finance, Chrystia Freeland...Read more

### **Resources and Websites**

#### **Resources for Oral Health Month**

Videos Donald Visits the Dentist Dentist Q & A with Donald

**Brushing Charts** English French

Activity Sheets Colouring page

Magical brushing word search Memory cards Marshmallow mouth Trace and draw parts of a tooth!



