



# Literacy This Week

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## Literacy Dates

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## Blog



### NWT Literacy Week 2021

I hope that everyone had a wonderful NWT Literacy Week this year! It was great to see all of the creative ways that communities celebrated the week with our theme of Literacy on the Land. NWTLC hosted two territory-wide events, outdoor events in Yellowknife, and provided funding and prizes for events in communities around the NWT...[Read more](#)

# Announcements and Events

## **Food Banks Canada is seeking a Northern Program Officer**

The Northern Program Officer will play a key role in supporting the development and implementation of Food Banks Canada's Northern Strategy. The primary focus of this role will be building relationships with individuals, communities, and organizations in Northern Canada to improve access to emergency food programs short-term, and advance long-term solutions to reduce hunger. Apply by May 4...[Read more](#)

## **Universal Childcare: Making it work for the NWT**

Universal Childcare is becoming a reality, but what should that look like in the NWT? Join the NWT Early Childhood Development Association, parents, guardians, early childhood professionals, and others, for a participatory conversation to explore this question. This is your chance to make a difference in the lives of NWT children and the people who support their growth and development.

Please note: There are several ways to participate in this conversation. Online Zoom conversations will be held [Tuesday, May 11 \(6-7:30 pm\)](#) and [Wednesday, May 12 \(8-9:30 pm\)](#). You may also want to take the [NWT Universal Childcare Survey](#).

## **Literacy Loves Local surprise bags**

Help raise funds for the NWT Literacy Council and support local Yellowknife businesses with a special gift bag this Mother's Day.

Bags include gifts from:

- Barren Ground Coffee
- Prosperous Lake Soap Company
- The Yellowknife Book Cellar

Bags cost \$60 and will be delivered for free in Yellowknife. Bags can be shipped anywhere in Canada for \$20. To order or ask questions about the contents, please email Uma at [nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca) or by calling 867-873-9262.

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## Funding

### Take a Kid Gardening

Take a Kid Gardening is designed to introduce children and youth to the agriculture and agri-food industry. The program intends to promote greater awareness of agriculture through a variety of training programs, such as hands-on experiential learning. This could include planting, caring, harvesting, processing and storing food, and/or secondary activities, such as composting...[Read more on page 24](#)

## News, Research, Opinion

### Why Indigenous languages matter

A language, of course, is not just a set of grammatical rules or a vocabulary; it's a flash of the human spirit, the vehicle by which the soul of a particular culture comes into the material world. Each is a window into a universe, a monument to the specific culture that gave it birth and whose spirit it expresses...[Read more](#) from Wade Davis

### Weaving Indigenous and western knowledge

Educational and research institutions across Canada are beginning to embrace this holistic approach to its scientific methods, partly due to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission – which called for an integration of Indigenous knowledge and teaching methods in classrooms – but also because of a growing movement to decolonize education...[Read more](#)

### Federal Budget 2021

Budget 2021 has several elements of interest to those involved in literacy,

essential skills, and adult skills training. The most significant is the announcement of a new program called “Skills for Success.” The program directly addresses the lack of literacy, numeracy, and digital skills of 45% of Canadians...[Read more](#)

# Resources and Websites

## Resources for learning in the garden

### From Ecology North

[Backyard Northern Farming booklets](#)

[NWT School Gardens: Garden Curriculum for Grade 3](#)

### Other resources

[Northern Lights Gardening Manual](#)

[25 fun ideas for gardening with kids to spark their interest](#)

[DIY garden markers inspired by Lois Ehlert's Growing Vegetable Soup](#)

[20 garden science activities inspired by books](#)



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