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## Literacy Dates

National Poetry Month - April

National Volunteer Week - April 7-13

Earth Day - April 22

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## Blog



### Tips I learned about English conversation circles

Recently, I spent a week visiting programs and attending a workshop that will help me improve the weekly [Speak English Café](#) events I organize at the Yellowknife Public Library. The goal of a conversation circle is to encourage English language learners to use English for tasks, to express ideas, and to voice opinions...[Read more](#)



## Announcements and Events

## Bowl-a-thon registration deadline is April 12

Register your team now 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.

## Nominate a volunteer today

The deadline to nominate people or a group for an [NWT Outstanding Volunteer Award](#) is April 12.

## New name, same great products

The [Indigenous Story Studio](#) is the new name for the Healthy Aboriginal Network. The organization creates illustrations, posters, videos, and comic books on health and social issues for youth.

## Youth teaching adults

[Youth Teaching Adults](#) is a free digital literacy program for adult learners, led by youth volunteer-tutors. Workshop materials are available online and can be adapted for individual groups.



# Funding

## Supporting child inclusion

The NWT Department of Education, Culture and Employment helps programs that include all children to participate in activities that stimulate development. The deadline to apply is April 15. To learn more about the [Supporting Child Inclusion and Participation](#) funding, contact your [regional early childhood consultant](#).

## Women's Initiative grants deadline in April

The [NWT Women's Advisory Office](#) provides one-time-only funding for special projects that support the cultural, economic, political, and social participation of women in the Northwest Territories. Special Projects may include workshops, conferences, publications, life skills development, and support to organizations involved in these activities. Applications are due [April 18](#).



# News, Research, Opinion

## Wisdom and 'gentle' way of Elders coming to Tłıchǫ classrooms soon

A new pilot project aims to see Elders become a regular fixture in Tłıchǫ classrooms. The program — led by the Tłıchǫ Community Services Agency — would see Elders teach the Tłıchǫ language, provide cultural programming in schools, and help with students' mental health and wellbeing...[Read more](#)

## Country food processing program offers new courses

A five-week country food processing program at Inuvik's Aurora College campus offered students leadership skills and teaching abilities, thanks to two new courses offered through the program...[Read more](#)

## Dechinta 'bush university' eyes expansion with 5 years of federal funding

The Dechinta Centre for Research and Learning is planning to use \$13 million in new federal money to diversify its programming across the north. The money was promised to the centre over the next five years in the 2019 federal budget...[Read more](#)

## How the young white men writing code are reshaping the world to suit themselves

The world around us is being "deeply influenced" by coding, often in very invisible ways, while those writing the computer code are paying little attention to the consequences, according to a technology journalist and author...[Read more](#)

## Jesse James is a rock and roll cartoonist

James, better known for his vibrant, soulful voice as the lead singer of the Juno-nominated, NWT-based rock group Digawolf, is the creator of the comic strip Jimbo Bear...[Read more](#)



# Resources and Websites

## Accessibility checklist

[Accessible public events](#)

## The Canada Training Benefit

[How it works](#)

## 5 strategies to demystify the learning process

[For struggling students](#)

## Indigenous Literary Studies Association

[Teaching and study of Indigenous literature](#)

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