

Literacy Dates

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Blog



Our Holiday Gift Book Picks, Part 2

Each December, NWT Literacy Council staff members choose books that they will be giving as a gift, would like to receive and read over the holiday, or a favourite book they have been given in the past. This is the second...[Read more](#)

Announcements and Events

Nîpawistamâsowin: We Will Stand Up - Hay River Film Society

With strength and authenticity, filmmaker Tasha Hubbard bears witness to a tragic story that traces back through centuries of injustice and colonial violence endured by First Nations peoples. Admission by donation. See details [here](#).

NWT Literacy Council holiday office hours

Our last day of operation will be December 18 this year. We will be back in the office at 8:30 a.m. on January 4. Next week will be our last newsletter of the year. Find our email addresses [here](#) and have a safe and happy holiday!

Parenting Matters annual conference

The Saskatchewan Prevention Institute is hosting a two-day virtual conference for service providers who work with parents and their children. It will take place February 23 and 24. Registration is \$50. For more details, click [here](#).

Funding

NWT Literacy Council Skill Builders for Youth Funding

We are funding projects for organizations with a staff member who has received our youth literacy training. Applications are due before January 15. Please visit our [website](#) for details, call 867-873-9262, or email [Coleen](#).

NWT Recreation & Parks Association Water Safety Grant

Organizations are encouraged to apply for a grant to teach water safety in their community. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Visit their [website](#) to apply and find contact information for questions.

Losing Track of Days – NWT Artists & COVID-19

Yellowknife Community Foundation and Northern Arts & Cultural Centre has launched a new pilot project to address the urgent needs of professional artists. The grants range from \$1,000 – \$5,000. Fill out the form and see details [here](#).

News, Research, Opinion

'A gift to our people': Kwanlin Dün First Nation's new history book told in their words

The Kwanlin Dün First Nation has published a new book documenting its history in Yukon, sharing the stories and language of generations of citizens.

"This beautiful book is a gift to our people, today and for all future...[Read more](#)

Former Yellowknifer's new book celebrates 'planet protectors'

Science writer Jamie Bastedo says he wants to breathe "hope and optimism" back into the fight against climate change with his book *Protectors of the Planet*. A biologist, nature enthusiast and former Yellowknifer...[Read more](#)

How three friends transformed this frozen Yellowknife lake into a 'winter wonderland'

Stu Impett circles the perimeter of a frozen Range Lake in his pickup truck equipped with a snowplow, clearing a recent snowfall off a more than two kilometre-long skate path. Meanwhile, Matt Mossman glides...[Read more](#)

Spotlight on Staff



Kathryn Barry Paddock, Executive Director

Kathryn joined the NWT Literacy Council in August of 2008 as a Family and Community Literacy Coordinator, becoming the Executive Director in 2015. Prior to moving to Yellowknife, Kathryn worked in Newfoundland and Nova Scotia managing various non-profit family service organizations.

Kathryn has greatly enjoyed her time at the Literacy Council, visiting most of our communities, and collaborating with and supporting literacy programs. Kathryn enjoys spending family time with her children and husband, and in her spare time enjoys knitting, quilting and baking.

She volunteers with Food First Foundation and the Yellowknife Quilter's Guild as a Board Member, and is a committee member of the Young Parent's Program.

Resources and Websites

Resources for the month of December

[Literacy Activities for Holidays \(NWTLC\)](#)

[Enhanced Cleaning Checklist for COVID-19 \(GNWT\)](#)

[How to Kit - 20 Fantastic Outdoor Family Literacy Activities \(NWTLC\)](#)



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