

December 12, 2019

Literacy Dates

International Migrant Day - December 18
National Family Literacy Day - January 27

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Blog



Our Christmas book picks part 2

Each December, NWT Literacy Council staff choose a book 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 half of our picks. Read last week's blog for more ideas...[Read more](#)

Announcements and Events

Office closure

The NWT Literacy Council office will be closed from December 23 - January 1 for the holiday season. We will reopen on January 2, 2020.

We will also be closed Friday, December 13 from 9 am-3 pm. If you need to visit our office during this time, please call ahead at 873-9262.

DIY workshop

Drop-in to Ecology North and Music Space (5016 Franklin Ave) anytime between 1-4 pm on Saturday, December 14 to learn how to make a beeswax alternative to plastic wrap, powdered laundry detergent, and a general household cleaner. These make great gifts for the environmentally conscious person in your life! This [event](#) is free, thanks to the City of Yellowknife and volunteer support.

Northern Sights 360 with Leela Gilday and the Deline Drummers

W.A.M.P. will be hosting [Northern Sights 360](#) on December 13 from 6:30-8 pm in Deline at the Community Hall. Free stew and bannock as well as performances by Leela Gilday and the Deline Drummers.

Funding

City of Yellowknife Community Grants

The City of Yellowknife provides [funding](#) to not-for-profit organizations for the purpose of assisting in the organization of events, projects and programming. Deadline for applications is Friday January 10, 2020.

Gender Equity in Recreational Sport 2019–2020 Community Grants

CPRA is implementing a number of initiatives, informed by best practices and evidence, in an effort to increase the participation and retention of women and girls in recreational sport in Canada. This effort supports the Government of Canada (Sport Canada) funding commitment to achieve gender equity in sport at every level by 2035. Deadline to [apply](#) is December 15, 2019.

Family Literacy funding

Our Family Literacy funding for community projects only has funds for a few more projects this year. If you are interested in doing a program to encourage families to have fun learning together, apply soon. You can find the application [here](#). Contact katie@nwtliteracy.ca with any questions.

News, Research, Opinion

Original Voices

Produced by CBC Indigenous, Original Voices was launched as a celebration of the International Year of Indigenous Languages, a United Nations observance to raise awareness of the consequences of the endangerment of Indigenous languages across the world in 2019.

There are over 80 Indigenous languages across the country and while Original Voices currently features over 30 of them, this list will grow. This is the hub for all CBC Indigenous language content and new, original stories will be added going forward...[Read more](#)

Nain production centre aims to save lives on the ice and create employment in remote Labrador

A new production centre in Nain is putting together a product aimed at saving people's lives when they venture out on to ice, while also providing employment for youth in Nunatsiavut.

"We're the only people doing this stuff and to be made by Inuit people, being pioneers," said Rex Holwell, the Nunatsiavut operations lead for the SmartICE program...[Read more](#)

Call for mentees: Early Learning and Child Care Human Resources Innovation and Decent Work Group

Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care (OCBCC) is currently recruiting "Mentees" from across Canada to pilot innovative decent work practices and HR tools at the metee's centre over a 3-4 month period, with the support of a mentor. OCBCC's cross-Canada mentors bring diverse experiences as leaders in child care centres, including at Aboriginal Head Start, Montessori, minority language, and Early Years/family resource programs...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Winter sensory play ideas

[How to make snow dough](#)

[Snowflake soup](#)

[Evergreen oobleck](#)

[Christmas sensory bottles](#)



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