

Literacy Dates

National Family Literacy Day - January 27

International Migrant Day - December 18

NWT Literacy Council office closed for holidays - December 21—January 1

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Blog

Bringing accessibility, trauma-informed practice, and culture into my work

The NWT Recreation and Parks Association and Youth Centres Conference this past fall was full of information and inspiration that is helping to re-shape our Take a Break resource for parents and family literacy programs.

Qaggiavuut! an organization that promotes Inuit culture and language use through the performing arts suggested using cultural activities to create a bridge between generations... [Read more](#)





Announcements and Events

Community Connections activities this weekend

The last [Ladies-Only Swim](#) of 2018 is Friday evening at 8:30 pm at the Ruth Inch Swimming Pool. Our [Global Music](#) activity continues this Sunday with an afternoon drumming session. Adults are invited to join us from 2-4 pm at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre auditorium.

Dead North registration deadline is next week

December 19 is the deadline to enter the [Dead North Film Festival](#). It will be held in Yellowknife February 27 to March 3. Dead North encourages northern short films, including [Frostbite](#), a fun entry last year from Kaw Tay Whee School in Dettah.

Sign up to Walk to Tuk

Register your team or join another team to conceptually walk to Tuktoyaktuk in January and February. There are [17 great reasons why you should participate in Walk to Tuk](#).

Saskatchewan cultural gathering seeks presenters

The [Saskatchewan Indigenous Cultural Centre](#) hosts its first ē-micimināyakik: Museums, Cultural Centres, Archives, Interpretive Centres & Libraries Gathering on May 2-3, 2019. The Indigenous gathering is seeking presenters to express interest by January 31.



Funding

Proposals open for gender research

Status of Women Canada has a [Call for Proposals](#) open for compiling knowledge or doing research related to gender equality or gender-based violence in Canada. The Council's webpage has more information, or contact april.campbell@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca. If you do not plan to submit a proposal, and want to volunteer to evaluate proposals, contact cfc.res.swc@cfc-swc.gc.ca.

Healthy Choices Fund open to applications

The [Healthy Choices Fund](#) aims to improve the health outcomes for NWT residents. The deadline to apply is January 31.

Yellowknife accepting proposals for community grants

The [City of Yellowknife](#) provides funding to not-for-profit organizations for

programs that align with the City of Yellowknife's goals, have a clear impact, and respond to community needs. The deadline to apply is January 30.



News, Research, Opinion

First language speakers have a vital role to play

CHamoru is a minority language with official status on the island of Guam in the Pacific Ocean. A Guam Daily Post columnist recently urged language advocates to "watch the 20-minute YouTube video: "[How Children Learn Language](#)." The video presentation by Marianne Bromley, former employee of the NWT Literacy Council, provides invaluable ideas family members and other Indigenous language speakers can take to teach their language...[Read more](#)

'Coding is awesome': NWT students get into computer science as part of worldwide event

Students at Weledh Catholic School in Yellowknife spent their Wednesday attached to their keyboards learning about code, as part of a worldwide effort. The Hour of Code is an annual event meant to introduce a few computer science basics to students...[Read more](#)

Those pop-up 'I agree' boxes aren't just annoying – they're potentially dangerous

Have you noticed the increasing number of pop-ups asking you to consent or "agree" when you visit a website? Do you find these annoying and tend to just click "accept" without reading the policies? So do most people, and here's why that's a problem...[Read more](#)

Writing Buffy Sainte-Marie bio 'life-changing' for author Andrea Warner

She's a folk music icon, an activist and an Oscar and Polaris Prize winner. So why hadn't anyone written an authorized biography of Buffy Sainte-Marie? When Andrea Warner noticed there were piles of books out about artists like Bob Dylan and Leonard Cohen, but none about Sainte-Marie's life, she decided to change that...[Read more](#)



Resources and Websites

Give the gift of literacy

- [Edutopia list of magazines, books, websites](#)
- [American Indians in Children's literature list](#)
- [CBC reading lists](#)

- [Canadian Children's Book Centre reading lists by theme](#)

An index of Indigenous podcasts

[Media Indigena](#)

Writing mistakes everyone makes

[GrammarCheck](#)



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