

Literacy Dates

NWT Literacy Council office closed for holidays - December 21—January 1
National Family Literacy Day - January 27

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Blog



Family activities for the holiday season

A great thing about the holiday season is all the time off work and school that we can spend with our loved ones. While family time is great, sometimes we find ourselves looking for ways to keep the kids entertained and busy while limiting TV and other screen time. Here are some suggestions to beat boredom over the holidays...[Read more](#)



Community Connections events during the holidays

Our Community Connections program will join the Yellowknife Playgroup on Saturday from 10 am until noon to go sliding at Sissons School. We'll also have snowshoes for people to try out. On December 31, families are invited to the Gymnastics Club at the Multiplex from 11 am until noon.

We'll help you write proposals in the Sahtu

We're holding community proposal writing workshops in Colville Lake January 8-9 and in Déline January 22-23.

Train as a financial literacy facilitator

[Prosper Canada](#) offers a 7-week online training course to prepare frontline workers to deliver an easy-to-use program to meet the needs of Canadians living on low incomes and other vulnerable groups. The training begins January 21.



Funding

NWT research funding

The [Aurora Research Institute](#) supports research in the NWT. The Research Assistant Program provides up to \$2,500 for northerners' wages as research assistants. The Research Fellowship Program provides up to \$6,000 to help offset the expenses associated with northern research. The deadline to apply is January 15.

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.

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

High school politics class secures \$40K for youth centre

Teenagers fed up with the effect drugs and alcohol are having on their community are successfully fighting for a youth centre in Fort Providence. After months of work, the high school students recently secured \$40,000 in funding from the hamlet and permission to transform the lounge of the community's curling club into a youth centre...[Read more](#)

'I felt terrible': why parents are blamed when their child can't read

A widely held fallacy about reading—that all kids can learn to read by regularly being read to—is leading to a new form of parent-shaming, in which parents are tacitly blamed when their child finds reading difficult...[Read more](#)

Greeting cards make a comeback

Large greeting card companies have seen revenue declines. But a smaller, vibrant craft industry in cards has emerged, and surprisingly, it's attracting a new, younger customer. While earlier generations valued the convenience and speed of digital communication, those born between 1981 and 2000 seek a slower and personal way of doing things...[Read more](#)

What is health literacy and why do I need it?

Health literacy isn't just about being able to fill out hospital forms or comprehend medical jargon. For patients, health literacy includes knowing what you don't know, feeling confident asking questions, and knowing whom to ask. Health literacy skills help patients navigate a complex health care system and get the best results...[Read more](#)



Resources and Websites

The gift of cooking

[Why you should get kids in the kitchen during the holidays](#)

First Words

[A weekly Indigenous language podcast](#)

How reading improves your mind and body

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National Centre for Collaboration in Indigenous Education

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