



Literacy This Week

December 3, 2020

Literacy Dates

International Day of Persons with Disabilities - December 3
International Volunteer Day - December 5
Human Rights Day - December 10
Christmas Eve - December 24
Christmas Day - December 25
Boxing Day - December 26
New Year's Eve - December 31

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Blog



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 first...[Read more](#)

Announcements and Events

NWTRPA Walk to Tuk registration is now open

Community members, schools, and workplaces are encouraged to form teams and walk a collective 1,658 kilometres. This free event is a great way to meet new people and stay active during January and February. Sign up online [here](#).

Indigenous leadership webinar - what is Indigenous evaluation?

This two-hour interactive session is free and takes place December 10 at 2 p.m. It explores Indigenous evaluation and considers how it supports the wellbeing to our communities. Please click [here](#) to register in advance and see details.

Accessibility and the National Building Code

NWT & Nunavut Construction Association is hosting this online presentation at 10:30 a.m. on December 11. Learn how accessibility can help your business drive innovation and inclusion. [Email](#) to register for this free online [event](#).

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 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.

Rising Youth Community Service Grants

Do you have a simple project idea to support your community? Young people who are inspired with ideas and ready to take action can apply for any of the three levels of funding available. Check the [website](#) for information and forms.

News, Research, Opinion

MLA hopes GNWT language scholarships will inspire new generation of interpreters

The GNWT is offering programs aimed at Indigenous language revitalization but some Indigenous people wonder whether the initiatives are sufficient. The Department of Education, Culture and Employment (ECE) ...[Read more](#)

Fort Smith museum turns into art gallery this Christmas

Fort Smith's Northern Life Museum and Cultural Centre is stepping up to help local artists this holiday season. For the first time, the museum will not only display art but also sell it. A community art show opens at the...[Read more](#)

Three NWT projects get more than \$1.3 million through CanNor

Three projects in the territory will receive more than \$1.3 million in funding through the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CanNor), said NWT MP Michael McLeod in a virtual news conference on...[Read more](#)

Spotlight on Staff



Stephanie van Pelt, Community Oral Health Literacy Coordinator

Steph has been working for the NWT Literacy Council since October 2019 in this new position. She is currently training a group of enthusiastic facilitators to host oral health events in their own communities in early 2021.

As part of her oral-health education, Steph was trained in puppetry. She has since designed an arts-based training program in introductory puppetry skills for youth from communities across the NWT. The youth then perform an oral health-related puppet show in their school as leaders and role models for younger students. Steph enjoys combining topics on health, wellbeing, and the arts with leadership development and community building activities.

Prior to working with NWTLC, Steph worked with northern companies

specializing in facilitation design and delivery, and project management. Before moving to the north in 2017, she was living in Bangkok, Thailand where she worked in the field of conflict resolution. She believes effective communication and conflict resolution are essential literacy skills that help individuals and communities to thrive.

Steph enjoys spending time out on the land and soaking in the many teachings it has to offer. You might also find her reading, writing, singing, or enjoying time with friends.

Resources and Websites

Resources for the month of December

[Disability Inclusion 101 webinar \(United Nations\)](#)

[Volunteer groups \(Yellowknife Insider's Guide\)](#)

[Activism Resources \(Amnesty International Canada\)](#)



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