

Literacy Dates

International Human Rights Day - December 10

National Family Literacy Day - January 27

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Our annual Christmas book picks

Our favourite Christmas gift to give or receive is a book. No surprise there.

Here are our favourite books to give this holiday season. There's something for dad, for a three-year-old, and everyone else on your list...[Read more](#)



Announcements and Events

Global Music is back

Our Community Connections [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.

Write a letter, change a life

Each year [Amnesty International](#) supporters send letters on behalf of people they've never met to mark International Human Rights Day. The letters help convince government officials to release people imprisoned for expressing their opinion, stop the use of torture, and end other human rights abuses. If you are in Yellowknife, you can pick up letters to sign at Javaroma on Saturday between 10 am and 2 pm. You can also go to Aurora College in Yellowknife on Monday between noon and 5 pm. Otherwise, you can write on your own.



Funding

Apply now for anti-poverty funding

The NWT Department of Health and Social Services is accepting applications until January 31 for its [Anti-Poverty Fund](#). The \$1 million fund supports a range of projects that address the root causes and impacts of poverty. The Anti-Poverty Senior Advisor, Ori Wah-Shee, can help with questions about the fund and the application process. Contact her at anti-poverty@gov.nt.ca, or (867) 767-9064 extension 49225.

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

Drum beat brings together Yellowknifers

A group of Yellowknifers from all over the world came together over the beat of the drum last weekend. It was part of a global drumming circle sponsored by the NWT Literacy Council...[Read more](#)

Financial empowerment is the road to success for Indigenous youth

Youth now represent nearly half the Indigenous population in Canada. These young people are at exciting times in their lives and many are planning to, or already do, attend post-secondary education. As well, Indigenous entrepreneurship, in general, but especially for youth, has been on the rise since 2000...[Read more](#)

Too long, didn't read — how reading online is hurting our brains

Writer Maryanne Wolf believes reading online is eroding our brains' greatest attributes — memory, creativity, wisdom, the capacity for empathy and sophisticated, critical thinking. Wolf, a professor at Tufts University and the author of *Come Home: The Reading Brain in the Digital World*, says both the writing system and the medium influence the way our brains process information...[Read more](#)

The most famous nursery schools in the world—and what they can teach us

Because Reggio schools don't exist anywhere else in the world — the closest you'll find are schools that say they're "Reggio-inspired" — they're not well known outside of progressive education circles. But for those that do know, a visit to Reggio is akin to a pilgrimage to Mecca...[Read more](#)

Why digital literacy is important and how to navigate teaching it

Undoubtedly, you've seen stories come across social media feeds that make you take pause. Whether it's users sharing a site-wide privacy breach, ways to protect yourself against unknown attacks, or news stories that seem questionable, there's no denying that our society has a bad habit of liking and sharing information without checking its credibility first...[Read more](#)



Resources and Websites

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