

Literacy Dates

International Human Rights Day - December 10
International Migrant Day - December 18
National Family Literacy Day - January 27

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Blog



Our Christmas Book Picks Part 1

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 first half of our picks. Read our blog again next week to see...[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.

Pre-School Story Time at the Yellowknife Public Library

[Story Time](#) is a fun way to introduce your child to the joys of books and learning. Join YPL for stories, fun, and crafts in the library meeting room. YPL asks that a parent or caregiver attend with the child. Admission is free. Last session for the year will be December 10 from 10-11 am.

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.

Canada Cultural Spaces Fund

The Canada Cultural Spaces Fund supports the improvement of physical conditions for arts, heritage, culture and creative innovation. The Fund supports renovation and construction projects, the acquisition of specialized equipment, and feasibility studies related to cultural spaces. The Canada Cultural Spaces Fund receives [applications](#) on an ongoing basis.

News, Research, Opinion

Inuit sharing ancient knowledge of ice, sea and land with new app

A social media app geared toward the outdoor lives of Inuit launched Wednesday with features that tie traditional knowledge to smartphone

technology. The Siku app and web platform, named after the Inuktitut word for sea ice, allows users to trade observations about dangerous conditions, document wildlife sightings and trade hunting stories...[Read more](#)

Kelly Fraser on why singing in Inuktitut is important to her

The first time I met Kelly Fraser, Inuk pop singer, she was getting ready to head to the Junos after being nominated for her album, Sedna. Her second album was nominated for the Indigenous Music Album of the Year in 2018. I was immediately struck by her confidence, self-awareness and her passion for Inuit culture...[Read more](#)

Ryerson's Beading Circles use fashion as a tool for Indigenous reconciliation

For Vanessa Nim, a part-Métis descendant from the Red River Settlement and first-year journalism student, participating in the Beading Circles at Ryerson every other Wednesday night in the fall semester was more than just a time to socialize and destress—it was an opportunity to learn about her Indigenous heritage. “I was disconnected [from] my culture for a very long time”, Nim said...[Read more](#)

50 percent of Canadians have a literacy problem: Expert

The next time you're walking through your office or job site, fix your gaze on one other person. The chances are good that one of you can't read well enough to do your job. Expressed in more academic terms, close to 50 per cent of Canadian adults have a literacy problem. While virtually everyone can read, almost half of the country's working-age population need to improve their ability to read...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Helpful holiday links and information

[Best Toys for Babies & Toddlers](#)

[Winter Craft For Kids: Cookie Cutter Bird Feeders](#)

[Adorable Downloadable Template: Printable Letters To Santa](#)

[20 Timeless Christmas Books for Kids](#)



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