

Literacy Dates

International Book Giving Day - February 14
World Day of Social Justice - February 20
Freedom to Read Week - February 24-March 2
NWT Indigenous Languages Month - February

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Blog



Gwich'in Nahtraahadaal

For members of Gwich'in Nahtraahadaal, Walk to Tuk is an opportunity for language learning and language revitalization. Gwich'in Nahtraahadaal means “Gwich'in Walking” in Dinju Zhu' Gnjik (Gwich'in language). The NWTRPA started Walk to Tuk in 2010 to encourage NWT residents to stay active during the coldest, darkest months of the year. It's amazing to witness how Walk to Tuk has become so much... [Read more](#)



Announcements and Events

Register now for our Bowl-a-Thon

Register today for the [PGI Bowl-a-Thon for Literacy](#) to book your lane and time, and get your pledge sheets. The Bowl-a-thon is February 16 from 12-5 pm at the Kingpin Centre in Yellowknife. We're raising money for supplies that the Bison Bus Mobile Family Literacy Centre can take on the road this summer. Come bowl, have fun, win prizes, and help the Bison Bus reach NWT families.

Enter an Elder and Youth Video Contest

The [Indigenous Languages and Learning Secretariat](#) is celebrating Indigenous Languages Month in February with a video contest. Your video should answer the question—how can Elders and youth work together to revitalize their Indigenous language? The deadline to enter is February 14.

NorthWords Writers Circle for adult writers

Whatever your ability or experience, whether you have published several works, or haven't picked up a pencil in years, this is a relaxed and informal community where you can make new friends and try new writing techniques. The [Writers Circle](#) is once a month on Sunday afternoon at the North Star (new UNW) Building at 4910 53 St, Yellowknife from 1-4 pm. The next circle is February 17.

Speak English Cafe each Monday

We partner with the Yellowknife Public Library for the [Speak English Cafe](#) where you can practice speaking English each Monday from 6:30-8 pm. English-speaking volunteers are also welcome.



Funding

Call for proposals to commemorate missing and murdered women and girls

The [Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Commemoration Fund](#) will support Indigenous organizations to work with families, survivors and/or communities to develop and implement commemoration initiatives. The deadline to apply is March 28.

Bursary program encourages female researchers

[Sistering Indigenous and Western Science](#) is a bursary and mentoring program that supports women currently enrolled in post-secondary institutions in the 2018-19 school year. Awards will be given to pairs of women, one of whom must identify as Indigenous, while the other is non-Indigenous, to complete a summer research project in a topic that supports Indigenous public interests. The deadline to apply is February 18.

Internet authority wants proposals to better connect the north
The [Canadian Internet Registration Authority Community Investment Program](#) funds innovative projects developing connectivity services for regional, rural, remote and/or underserved communities. The deadline to apply is February 28.



News, Research, Opinion

School system needs a rethink, says newspaper publisher

Last week in this space, Richard Valpy made the grim accusation that our education system is failing our Northern students and we parents are to blame. How can that be so?...[Read more](#)

Language advocates have funding questions about Ottawa's new Indigenous Languages Act

Indigenous language advocates have questions about how Ottawa's Indigenous Languages Act will benefit their communities. The act, tabled Tuesday, sets up the Office of the Commissioner of Indigenous Languages, a federal entity tasked at protecting, promoting, and revitalizing Indigenous languages...[Read more](#)

Aurora College celebrates past, looks to uncertain future

Staff and students celebrated Aurora College's first 50 years last week, with many people wondering what the future holds for the institution...[Read more](#)

Are you an Indigenous writer? Scholastic wants to hear from you

Remember getting the Scholastic book order forms in school? Well, those colourful pages are about to get a whole lot more Indigenous. Scholastic Canada is actively looking for submissions by Indigenous authors to broaden their catalogue and make more titles available to students and teachers...

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Resources and Websites

Ecology North

[NWT Science Focus portal for educators](#)

Word and vocabulary quizzes

[Merriam-Webster](#)

How meditation can improve your writing

[Infographic](#)



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