Literacy This Week

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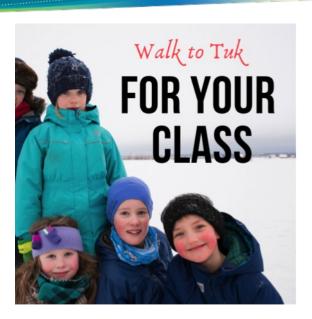**NWT Literacy Council**

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Blog

You can still register to Walk to Tuk

While Walk to Tuk has already begun for some people, you can still register a team until January 14, at www.nwtrpa.org. NWT families, individuals, schools, and workplaces are encouraged to form teams to collectively walk 1,658 kilometres by February 28...Read more

Announcements and Events

Community Connections activities this month

We have several activities planned to help newcomers to Yellowknife improve their English skills and connect with the community. [Friday evening yoga](#) for women starts tomorrow. The [January ladies-only swim night](#) is Saturday evening at the Ruth Inch pool. Weekly [Family Literacy](#) gatherings begin next Tuesday morning, January 15, and the next [Global Cooking](#) is at 10 am on Thursday, January 17.

Have your say on 2019 federal budget

You can complete an [online survey or send an email](#) to have your say on the 2019 federal budget.

Funding

Canada summer jobs funding

You can apply for funding to help hire a Canadian young person to work for you this summer. [Canada Summer Jobs](#) applications are due by January 25.

Seniors pan-Canadian funding

The Government of Canada is accepting applications from organizations interested in receiving funding from the pan-Canadian stream of the [New Horizons for Seniors Program](#). Eligible organizations can apply for $500,000 to $5 million for a 3-5-year project. It is expected that up to 10 groups will receive funding through this process. The deadline for applications is January 15. The funding supports the social inclusion of seniors.

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

NWT school superintendent named to Canadian top-10 list

Yellowknife's Yvonne Careen has been named to an annual list of the 10 most influential people in the Canadian Francophonie. Careen, superintendent of the NWT's Commission scolaire francophone, appears in French-language media group Francopresse's 2018 list for leading "15 years of struggle" to get new facilities built...[Read more](#)

How better teaching can help kids who can't read
Jack Silva didn't know anything about how children learn to read. What he did know is that a lot of students in his district were struggling. In 2015, only 56 percent of third-graders were scoring proficient on the state reading test. That year, he set out to do something about that...[Read more](#)

Study finds NWT students are taking more time to graduate from high school
Only half of NWT students are graduating from high school within three years of starting Grade 10, well behind the national average...[Read more](#)

The right brain develops first: Why play is the foundation for academic learning
Did you know that the right brain develops first? It does so by the time children are 3-4 years of age. The left brain, on the other hand, doesn't fully come online until children are approximately seven years old; hence the first seven years being recognized as such a critical period in child development...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Animals at risk from climate change
[The Global Education Project](#)

How to start a book club for kids
[CBC Parents](#)

Make crafts with recycled materials
[Project ideas for kids](#)

25 real-world discussion topics for learners
[Use them for debates or writing exercises](#)

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