



# Literacy This Week

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## Special Dates

National Family Literacy Day - January 27

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## Blog



### Cook With Me

INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES MONTH



### Indigenous Languages Month – February 2021

“Traditionally, education was not schooling. Learning for survival happened during all the waking hours, each and every day, and all life long. Learning occurred through life experience—not in abstraction or set apart...[Read more](#)

# Announcements and Events

## Building Alternative Futures of Work

This event is by Groundswell Social Ventures and will take place over Zoom on January 18 at 12 p.m. There will be an ASL interpreter available for the duration of the meeting, and four guest speakers. See more event details [here](#).

## Free Online Sleep Recovery Introductory Workshop

Join Misty via Zoom on January 19 at 7 p.m. to learn how the Sleep Recovery program can help you change your sleep and change your life. Go to *Above Average Wellness'* [website](#), click "Add to Cart," and enter your info to register.

## Online Basic Cree Class with Elder Dorothy Visser

This free two-hour Zoom class will take place on January 21 at 12 p.m. Open to students of all genders and ages who are of Cree ancestry. For more info, email [Pacific Association of First Nations Women](#). To register, please sign up [here](#).

# Funding

## NWT Literacy Council Skill Builders for Youth Funding

Tomorrow is our last day for applications! We are funding projects for organizations with a staff member who has received our youth literacy training. Please visit our [website](#) for details, call 867-873-9262, or email [Coleen](#).

## National Family Literacy Day - *Travel the World Together!*

Community organizations can apply for grants of up to \$500 to host an event to celebrate National Family Literacy Day on January 27. Visit this [form](#) for details and to apply. All events must comply with *Emerging Wisely* [guidelines](#).

## Losing Track of Days – NWT Artists & COVID-19

Yellowknife Community Foundation and Northern Arts & Cultural Centre have launched a new pilot project to address the urgent needs of professional artists. The grants range from \$1,000 – \$5,000. Deadline is January 15! Forms [here](#).

# News, Research, Opinion

## Pandemic turns NWT into dog mushing capital with nine-race season

Already a big name in dog mushing, the Northwest Territories is now one of the only places where the sport is going ahead all but unaffected by Covid-19. This season's big races are being abandoned across North America...[Read more](#)

## A Sahtu teen sounds the alarm over lack of NWT addictions treatment and wants MLAs to listen up

A high school student from Norman Wells, NWT is adding her voice to those that have called for an addictions treatment facility in the Northwest Territories. Sierra McDonald, 17, sent a letter to all MLAs in the...[Read more](#)

## Yellowknife's Nara Dapilos releases new single with NWT label

NWT-based record label One North Recordings on Friday released *Miss Too Good* from Yellowknife singer-songwriter Nara Dapilos. The song marks the debut single for 24-year-old Dapilos, who was born, raised and...[Read more](#)

# Spotlight on Board Members



### Ken Latour, President

Ken Latour has been a member of the NWT Literacy Council since 2015 and is the current President. It is a position he is honoured to hold and reflects his lifelong interest in education, and his belief in the importance of literacy as a key pillar for a healthy and happy life.

Ken was born in Tuktoyaktuk and migrated all the way south with his family to Hay River when he was still an infant. He attended high school in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and then earned a BA in Anthropology from Princeton University. After a stint teaching English as a Second Language in Indonesia, Ken returned to the North and took a position as an adult educator for Aurora College in Fort Resolution. After five fulfilling years there, Ken returned to his hometown of Hay River and still lives there with his wife, Kate, and his seven-year-old child, Soren.

Ken now works as a Regional Program Head for Aurora College. The position allows him to support the work of adult educators in communities and to continue to explore how literacy, education and training can improve people's lives. Ken enjoys spending time with his family, being outside as much as possible, lifelong reading and learning, and simply being alive in a beautiful place in an interesting time.

## Resources and Websites

## Resources for the month of January

[Family Literacy Day 2021 - Activities \(ABC Life Literacy Canada\)](#)

[How-to-Kit: Plan a Family Literacy Day Fair \(NWT Literacy Council\)](#)

[Little Chefs Family Literacy Cooking Program \(NWT Literacy Council\)](#)



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