



# Literacy This Week

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## Special Dates

National Family Literacy Day - January 27

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## Blog



**Travel the World Together - learn about the world without leaving your community!**

Each year on January 27th we celebrate National Family Literacy Day. In 1999, ABC Life Literacy Canada created National Family Literacy Day as a day of awareness and celebration of family literacy and families having...[Read more](#)

# Announcements and Events

## Virtual Tea Time: Full Moon Teachings with Julia Pegahmagabow

Join in on an informal chat on Zoom with Julia as she shares some of her knowledge and teachings regarding Full Moon ceremonies! This free session is on January 22 at 11 a.m. All are welcome to listen. See the event page [here](#).

## Outspoken: Stories on Home, Place, and Identity

How do newcomer, immigrant, and Indigenous communities dealing with legacies of colonization and displacement conceptualize home, place, and identity on Treaty 6? Find out via Zoom on January 27 at 6 p.m. See more [here](#).

## The Arctic Youth Network Webinar Series Presents: Environmental Stewardship

This online session is open to everyone – no RSVP or registration is required. Follow this [link](#) if you would like to register and attend via Zoom. This event will take place on January 28 at 9 a.m. Check out their event page [here](#).

# Funding

## 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](#).

## Indigenous Skill and Employment Training Strategies

Native Women's Association of the NWT provides Indigenous women with services that support their long-term employment goals, including funding for training and upgrading (based on eligibility and availability). See more [here](#).

## 2020-2021 NWT Film Apprenticeship Program

The Northwest Territories Professional Media Association is offering film professionals an opportunity to access special funding. Placement must be completed by March 31, 2021. Please see their [website](#) for more information.

# News, Research, Opinion

## Nunavut television network launches Inuit-language channel

Inuit Canadians will soon have 24/7 access to Inuktitut-language television programming. The Nunavut Independent Television Network (NITV) is launching a new channel – Uvagut TV – starting first thing on...[Read more](#)

## How the NWT is combating COVID-19 misinformation, and how you can too

It's tough to control the spread of information online, but health officials in the Northwest Territories have been trying to tackle the gossip, mistruths and questionable sources around COVID-19 and the vaccine one...[Read more](#)

## Nearly half of adult Canadians struggle with literacy — and that's bad for the economy

Nearly half of Canada's population has a big roadblock ahead of them when it comes to post-pandemic economic recovery — and it's not the novel coronavirus but a fundamental set of skills for daily life. Poor...[Read more](#)

# Spotlight on Board Members



### Rachel Vander Veen, Yellowknife Region

Rachel is the Executive Director of the Yellowknife Playschool Association. She originally moved to Fort Providence in 2007 to work as a volunteer at Deh Gáh Elementary and Secondary School. In 2010, she earned her Bachelor's of Education and returned to teach at Deh Gáh School for the following six years until she moved to Yellowknife with her husband and son in 2016.

While in Fort Providence, Rachel was inspired by the Immersion program and her time out on the Land to write a children's book entitled *A Journey Down The River*, which was translated into four languages including the local language, Dene Zhatié.

Rachel joined the NWT Literacy Council board in 2018. While working in Zhahti Koe Community Library in Fort Providence, she had taken NWTLC's Family Literacy training and had become involved in leading local family

literacy events. Upon arriving in Yellowknife, she wanted to become more involved because she values the work of the organization.

In her spare time, Rachel loves reading, kayaking, cross country skiing, cooking and spending time with her friends and family.

# Resources and Websites

## Resources for the month of January

[Science Fun For Family Literacy Groups \(NWT Literacy Council\)](#)

[How to Kit - Lifelong Learning: It's a Trip! \(NWT Literacy Council\)](#)

[Family Literacy Day Event Coordinator's Guide \(ABC Life Literacy Canada\)](#)



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