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Literacy Dates

National Family Literacy Day - January 27

World Read Aloud Day - February 1

Safer Internet Day - February 5

International Book Giving Day - February 14

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Blog



Celebrating Family Literacy Day for 20 years

This January 27 is the 20th Anniversary of National Family Literacy Day. What started in 1999 as an ABC Life Literacy Canada awareness day is now celebrated in communities across the country. NWT communities are no different...[Read more](#)

Announcements and Events

We'll be at the Festival of Silliness

The NWT Literacy Council will do activities with families during the [Children's Festival of Silliness](#) on Saturday in Yellowknife. The fun happens in the lobby of the Northern Arts and Cultural Centre from 1-4 pm. That's how we'll be marking National Family Literacy Day. We're anxious to hear how other groups and communities celebrate.

National early childhood education conference in April

The [national early childhood education conference](#) is in Vancouver April 10-13. Save those dates. The theme this year is: looking back, moving forward.

Present your paper at an Indigenous languages conference in Russia

March 1 is the deadline to submit your application to present at the [Conference on Indigenous Languages and Sustainable Development in the Arctic](#). The conference is June 27-29.



Funding

Healthy Choices Fund open to applications

The [Healthy Choices Fund](#) aims to improve the health outcomes for NWT residents. The deadline to apply is January 31.

Funding for business and economic development

The [Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency](#) is seeking expressions of interest for new single or multi-year projects that will start in the next fiscal year. Priority will be given to projects that address the government's business and community economic development priorities. The deadline is March 1.

Language revitalization funding

The [Language Legacies](#) grant program supports documentation and revitalization efforts throughout the world. It is open to community members and researchers from any country. Grants are for one year and average around \$2,000 (US). The deadline to apply is March 15.



News, Research, Opinion

Four Indigenous research capacity and reconciliation grants awarded in NWT

Michael McLeod last week congratulated research grant recipients—Dechinta Centre for Research and Learning, Aurora College, the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation, and the Sahtú Renewable Resources Board. The money supports projects that identify new ways of doing research with Indigenous communities...[Read more](#)

Don't repost fake news

About a year ago, Roy Erasmus reposted an article on Facebook about Donald Trump that a friend had posted. The article was about some outrageous comments and activities by Trump that completely fit his character...[Read more](#)

Data breaches are inevitable – here's how to protect yourself anyway

It's tempting to give up on data security altogether, with all the billions of pieces of personal data – Social Security numbers, credit cards, home addresses, phone numbers, passwords and much more – breached and stolen in recent years. But that's not realistic – nor is the idea of going offline entirely...[Read more](#)

Creating passionate readers through independent reading

How can we ensure that students are successful not only at learning to read but also at becoming as driven about reading as they are about their video games, sports, or other hobbies? There is no one-size-fits-all answer, but there is an instructional approach that produces results...[Read more](#)

Forget screen time rules—lean in to parenting your wired child, author says

The overuse of technology has overtaken drugs, sex, and bullying as the biggest parental worry, according to the annual American Family Survey. But what are we actually supposed to be doing about it?...[Read more](#)



Resources and Websites

Eat a variety of healthy foods each day

- [Canada's new food guide](#)
- [Do cultural and social barriers make it unachievable?](#)

Safer Internet Day 2019

[Resources to help parents start the conversation with their kids](#)

World Read Aloud Day 2019

[Ways to celebrate](#)

How and when to invite Indigenous speakers to the classroom

[ActiveHistory.ca](#)



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