



# Literacy This Week

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## Literacy Dates

Groundhog Day - February 2  
Indigenous Languages Month- February

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## Blog



### There Are Many Ways to Travel the World Together

In keeping with the theme for National Family Literacy Day, “Travel the World Together,” I want to describe how I travel in my work. As the Community Connections Coordinator, I run programs for immigrants to help...[Read more](#)

## Announcements and Events

## Northern Youth Abroad - online activities

Open and free to everyone! You just need access to the internet, and either Zoom, Youtube, or Facebook Live. Check out their sessions on ballet, funky workouts, and table tennis. See their [website](#) for details and links to sessions.

## Screening of "First We Eat" in Yellowknife

Join Ecology North for a screening of the film "First We Eat" at 2 PM on Sunday, January 31 at Northern United Place in Yellowknife. This film is family friendly. Please see their [Eventbrite page](#) for more details. Please wear a mask.

## NWT Creative Collective - call for artists to host workshops

If you are interested in providing accessible art opportunities and getting paid a living wage while doing so, please fill out this [form](#). Open to any kind of artists anywhere in the NWT. See their [Facebook page](#) for more information.

# Funding

## Foster Family Coalition of the NWT COVID-19 Support Fund

Youth between the ages of 19 and 29 can apply for a one time amount of \$1000 for housing, food, clothing, physical needs, or mental health needs. Please see the [website](#) for eligibility and the application form. Deadline is February 15.

## 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.

## NWT Student Financial Assistance

Education, Culture and Employment provides [financial assistance](#) to eligible NWT residents to assist with postsecondary education-related expenses. Please be aware of the current public health orders when making travel plans.

# News, Research, Opinion

## Five tips to get reading again if you've struggled during the pandemic

Like many people, you may have resolved this New Year to read more in 2021 and spend less time on your screens. And now you may be wondering how to find the time to do it, especially in lockdown conditions, with...[Read more](#)

**'The whole project is about sovereignty': Unique capstone project incorporates Elders' knowledge**

Catherine Boucher, an Elder from Fort Resolution, says her first language was Dëne Dédliné Yatíé. “When I went to residential school, I couldn’t use my language,” she says, “the nuns used to hit my forehead... So I was...[Read more](#)

## CBC The Cost of Living & Literacy

An episode of CBC Radio’s The Cost of Living aired on Sunday January 17 featured a segment on adult literacy... [Read a blog reaction](#)

# Spotlight on Board Members



## Mary Ann Vital, Sahtú Region

My name is Mary Ann Vital and I live in Deline with my family. I work for Sahtú Dene Council as a Regional Indigenous Language Coordinator for Sahtú Region. My responsibilities are to work closely with First Nation offices, Day Cares and Preschool centers in the Sahtu Region along with language coordinators and helping them to create program and projects.

In 2007-2009, I attended the Teacher Education Program for 3 years in Fort Smith. I also took lots of training and workshop that is related to language programs. In 2010-2014, I had taken Uvic courses and completed my training in 2014. I joined CILLID courses in 2017 and have taken few courses.

I have joined the NWT Literacy Council board and representative Sahtú Region. I have also taken lots of training through NWT Literacy Council and been involved in Family Literacy programs for families and children in the Deline.

In my spare time, I loved to go out on the land and spend time sewing with my daughter. I also teaching her how to sew.

# Resources and Websites

## Resources for Lunar New Year

[Chinese New Year Crafts & Activities for Kids](#)

[Chinese New Year Picture Books](#)

[12 Good Luck Foods and Dishes for Lunar New Year](#)



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