

Literacy Dates

Indigenous Languages Month - February

Book Giving Day - February 14

Canada Learning Bond Event, Inuvik - February 17

Family Literacy Training Institute, Beaufort-Delta - February 18-20

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How to Kit



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Physical Literacy – Keeping active in the winter

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During the long, cold winter months it can be hard to find the motivation to get outside and stay active. While we definitely approve of staying cozy indoors

and catching up on a good book, here are some suggestions to keep your physical literacy sharp as well...[Read more](#)

Announcements and Events

Turning Points - A documentary film screening in Yellowknife

Join us for a documentary screening and reception. The screening will feature eight short video stories co-created with local storytellers, journalists and researchers. These short films explore alcohol use, addiction, resilience and healing in the North. Storytellers will then share reflections on their experiences and the collaborative approach used to film their stories. Screening will be taking place at 1 pm on February 1 at the Prince of Wales Heritage Centre. Seating is limited so please reserve your [free ticket](#).

Call for Expression of Interest - Unique opportunity for two Inuvik youth

The Town of Inuvik is looking for [Expressions of Interest](#) for an opportunity for two Inuvik youth (and their parent or designated chaperone) ages 12 to 18 for a unique travel and learning opportunity. The trip will take place February 26 to March 3, 2020, with the youth travelling from Inuvik to Vancouver to act as cultural and brand ambassadors for the Town of Inuvik. Applications are due no later than 5 pm on Friday, January 31. These can be emailed or dropped in person at the Town Office.

Encounters with Canada program

[Encounters With Canada](#) is a unique opportunity for Canadian teens to meet other young people from across the country. The students spend an adventure-filled week in Ottawa, while exploring future career options and discovering our country. For 37 years, Encounters With Canada has delivered a rich and varied bilingual program. The program costs \$750 for the full week, covering travel, accommodation, meals and all program costs - activities, visits and tours. Additionally, there are needs-based bursaries available. Encounters With Canada is currently offering a special rebate of \$100 for new participants who register by March 13, 2020. The rebate is limited and applies to remaining spots on a first come, first served basis.

Funding

Canadian Tire Community Development Grant

Our [Community Development Grants](#) help qualified donee organizations develop or sustain sports and recreational programming for kids aged 4 - 18 in financial need. Applications are due February 1.

GNWT Healthy Choices Fund

This fund is for Indigenous governments, community governing authorities, non-government organizations, and health and social services authorities. Applications are due February 14. See more details [here](#).

Tweed Collective

[Tweed Collective](#) is a social purpose initiative that funds community impact projects across Canada. Our partners are the non-profits, Business Improvement Areas (BIA), and registered charities that are creating new pathways to *Grow Opportunities*, *Grow Greener* and *Grow Connections* in their communities. Applications close February 20.

News, Research, Opinion

Quebec Cree hip-hop duo makes video about youth struggles

Northern Quebec rap duo The NorthStars has released a new song and video with a powerful message about what some Indigenous young people face. The group is hoping *Monsters*, a video about the ravages of substance abuse, will inspire some difficult but necessary conversations and offer an outlet for Indigenous youth struggling with mental health issues like depression and suicidal thoughts. "The song is about the things [youth] face – their monsters and inner demons," said Gary Jolly in Cree. Jolly is one of the founding members of The NorthStars. "[It's] about the struggles that weigh them down and trying to overcome them." ...[Read more](#)

Lake research video translated into Ojibway to help promote language as well as science

An environmental science video has been translated to Ojibway and the creators are hoping it sparks youth interest in science and language revitalization. "We really believe that language is an essential part of culture and any way that we can help kind of promote local languages, the better," said Pauline Gerrard...[Read more](#)

15 Canadian books to read about mental health

Here are 15 Canadian books that deal with mental health...[Read more](#)

How Finland starts its fight against fake news in primary schools

You can start when children are very young, said Kari Kivinen. In fact, you should: "Fairytale work well. Take the wily fox who always cheats the other animals with his sly words. That's not a bad metaphor for a certain kind of politician, is it?" With democracies around the world threatened by the seemingly unstoppable onslaught of false information, Finland – recently rated Europe's most resistant nation to fake news – takes the fight seriously enough to teach it in primary school....[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Family literacy resources

[Flit, A Family Literacy App](#)

[Reading Rockets](#)

[30 Days of Families Learning Together](#)

[Storyline Online](#)



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