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Literacy Dates

World Read Aloud Day - February 1

Safer Internet Day - February 5

International Book Giving Day - February 14

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Blog



Indigenous languages as social factors of health

We will be hearing a lot about Indigenous languages this year, as the world marks the International Year of Indigenous Languages. Two language champions made the case for language-based education and health services during a webinar recently hosted by the National Collaborating Centre for Indigenous Health. In its Social Determinants of Health Fact Sheet, the Centre states that “revitalization of culture and language is essential for improving health outcomes” of Indigenous peoples in Canada...[Read more](#)



Announcements and Events

Celebrate Chinese New Year with us

We're joining the Yellowknife Chinese community, the Literacy Outreach Centre, and the Integration Office to celebrate the [Chinese New Year](#). You can too. Come to the Legislative Assembly building on Sunday 1-4 pm for a multicultural potluck meal and performances.

Training to elect more women to the Legislative Assembly

A new group called, Women on the Ballot, wants more women to run for public office and to get elected. It is holding six Saturday morning workshops starting this Saturday. The training runs from 10 am until noon. Please register by contacting womenontheballot@gmail.com

Save the date for our Bowl-a-thon

We're raising money for supplies to take on the road this summer in our Bison Bus Mobile Family Literacy Centre. The [PGI Bowl-a-thon for Literacy](#) is your chance to have fun and win prizes while helping the Bison Bus reach NWT communities. The Bowl-a-thon is February 16 from noon until 5 pm at the Kingpin Centre in Yellowknife. Now's the time to get your team together, register, and start gathering pledges.

Enter an Elder and Youth Video contest

The [Indigenous Languages and Learning Secretariat](#) is celebrating Indigenous Languages Month in February with a video contest. Your video should answer the question—how can Elders and youth work together to revitalize their Indigenous language. The deadline to enter is February 14.



Funding

Got an arts project that needs support?

You have until February 28 to apply to the [NWT Arts Council](#) for money to support your artistic project. The project can be in the visual, literary, media, and performing arts, or on issues and policies related to the arts and artists.

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

Education tragedy in the North, says News North publisher

The culture of failure in our schools is nothing new. Our present schools are a humane improvement over the inhumane and damaging residential schools of our recent past. But year after year we as a people have accepted unacceptable results in our classrooms...[Read more](#)

YK's Jeff Seabrook named to outstanding principals list

École William McDonald Middle School's Jeff Seabrook has been named to the 2019 list of Canadian Outstanding Principals. Seabrook has been teaching with the YK1 school board for more than two decades...[Read more](#)

Indigenous basket-weaving makes an excellent digital math lesson

Public universities across Canada are committed to addressing the calls to action included in the final report by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. There is a general expectation that academic institutions and faculty members across the country will contribute to this process...[Read more](#)

How the latest technologies help improve literacy skills

Emerging technologies are shaping the future of the education system. Fortunately for modern learners, new useful tools appear every day. Various devices and software facilitate the studying process and help students to master essential skills faster than ever before...[Read more](#)

With larger classes, teachers can't attend to children's needs

In Ontario, Education Minister Lisa Thompson recently announced she will be consulting with education partners on the possibility of removing hard caps on class sizes. Kindergarten classes are capped at 29 and grades 1, 2 and 3 have a cap of 23 students...[Read more](#). A 2009 report documents research on class sizes for four and five year olds in early childhood programs...[Read more](#)



Resources and Websites

How children across the world develop language
[Stanford University research](#)

PolarFlicks

[Video contest for early career and Indigenous researchers](#)

Ice lanterns DIY

[Enter City of Yellowknife Ice Lantern Festival](#)

AlphaPlus

[Useful apps](#)



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