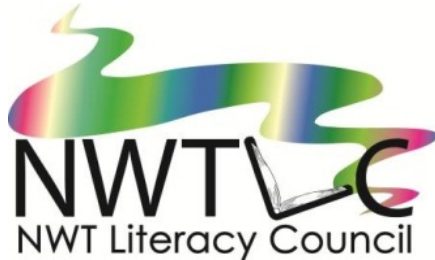


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## Literacy Dates

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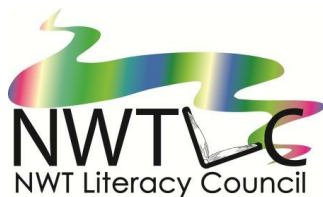
Senior Citizens' Month - June

National Indigenous Peoples Day - June 21

## Our Blog

### Promoting literacy with DeBeers

Christine Barker and I travelled with DeBeers promoting literacy in eight NWT communities, as well as at the Gahcho Kué mine this spring. It was a wonderful experience to visit some communities I'd never been to before, and to meet with children and educators...[Read more](#)



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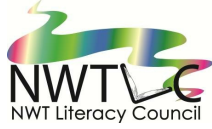
[Check out our website to learn more](#)

## Announcements and Events

### We're looking for board members

Do you want to join a great board? We have vacancies for [regional board members](#) in the Deh Cho, Sahtu, and the North Slave (Yellowknife, Ndilo and Dettah) regions. There are nomination forms on our website, or call us at 873-9262 for more information. The deadline for nominations is June

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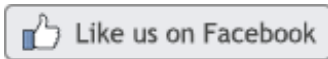


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- [Make a donation](#)
- [Join the Council](#)
- Take part in literacy activities in your community

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22, 2018.

## Literacy award nomination deadline extended

The deadline to nominate an elder, youth, educator, or learner for a [NWT Literacy award](#) has been extended until June 22, 2018. Nominate someone today and acknowledge their contribution to literacy in the NWT.

## Nominations are open for Culture and Heritage Circle

The [Culture and Heritage Circle](#) honours the efforts of residents who work to strengthen the arts, cultures and heritage of the Northwest Territories. There are categories for youth, individuals, elders and groups. The deadline for nominations is August 31, 2018.

## Funding

### Nominations open for Arctic Inspiration Prize

The [Arctic Inspiration Prize](#) will award up to \$3 million this year. It will be shared by up to 10 winning teams in three prize categories. The prize inspires team building and encourages these teams to develop innovative projects that provide a near-term benefit to Arctic communities. Optional letters of intent are due July 9, 2018, and nominations close October 15, 2018.

### Apply for funds for your youth-led project

[TakingITGlobal](#) is looking for young people who are inspired with ideas and ready to take action with youth-led community service grants. The deadline is June 30, 2018 for \$750 and \$1,500 grants.

## News, Opinion, and Research

### 'No commitments' versus 'no faith' at Aurora College meeting

NWT education minister Caroline Cochrane tried to reassure Fort Smith residents at a public meeting this week. She faced residents angry at the conclusions of a recently published report - which recommends closing Aurora College's Fort Smith headquarters and replacing the college with a Yellowknife-based polytechnic university, while maintaining a campus in the town...[Read more](#)

### Multimedia resources help teachers share Indigenous knowledge in the classroom

Picture a lake as smooth as polished granite parted by the keel of a narrow vessel with lines that gently curve from stem to stern. This shapely canoe, the icon of Canada, continues to be the most efficient means of transporting people through unforgiving terrain...[Read more](#)

### What does growth look like for a student who

### **isn't having success on standardized tests?**

Over the course of my career, I've had some years where my students' standardized test scores were on the rise, and other years where they stagnated. Rarely did these scores correlate to the amount of growth each learner had experienced during our time working together...[Read more](#)

### **The quest for digital literacy in Canada**

According to new research, Canada is making progress in increasing digital literacy, but there is still a digital divide...

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## **Resources and Websites**

### **International youth internship and volunteer opportunities**

[Go abroad and make a difference](#)

### **Indigenous arts, culture and heritage**

[Kids' Stop](#)

### **16 young words**

[For old people](#)