

## Literacy Dates

International Pride Month - June  
National Indigenous History Month - June  
World Refugee Day - June 20  
National Indigenous Peoples Day - June 21  
Father's Day - June 21

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## Blog



### Words from a Speak English Café VIP

I am Tony, from China. I have been in Yellowknife since April 2019. In the

beginning of the days when I got here, I looked for ways to improve my English skills. Once I went to the library and saw a poster for the Speak...[Read more](#)

## Announcements and Events

### Northern Youth Leadership Summer Science Expedition

For youth of all genders, between the ages of 13-17. Taking place in the East Arm of Great Slave Lake July 29 to August 5, 2020. Deadline to apply is tomorrow - June 19 at 5 p.m. See more info [here](#) and fill in an application [here](#).

### Qmunity Camp NWT by RCYK and NWT Creative Collective

A five-day, four-night sleep-away camp for LGBTQ2S+ and questioning youth aged 12-19 filled with fun workshops, outdoor activities, and so much more. Registration is free and open until June 30. Details and application are [here](#).

### Family Literacy Program Survey - win a \$100 prize!

Do you do work relating to literacy in the NWT? We want your feedback! Those who participate will be entered in a draw to win a \$100 gift card from the Book Cellar. Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey [here](#), and good luck!

## Funding

### Government of Canada's Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF)

Businesses or organizations could receive up to \$100,000 through the small projects component to improve accessibility and safety for persons with disabilities. For the full details including deadlines and applications, click [here](#).

### GNWT Student Financial Assistance

The Department of Education, Culture and Employment provides financial assistance to eligible Northwest Territories residents to assist with post secondary education-related expenses. Please see more information [here](#).

### NWTRPA Active, Resilient, Connected (ARC) grants

This is a unique grant program for June. Organizations are encouraged to apply for one of the five categories. If you need assistance or have any questions, contact Stefanie, by [email](#) or call 867-669-8379. Details are [here](#).

## News, Research, Opinion

### Fort Providence turns curling club into community greenhouse

The initiative, led by Fort Providence-based group Northern Loco alongside the

hamlet and Deh Gáh Got'îê First Nation, includes an indoor garden, outdoor growing boxes, and a hydroponic system. Jason Collard...[Read more](#)

### Three easy ways to get your kids to read better and enjoy it

It's little wonder that we often feel as though our kids aren't as successful with reading as we'd like them to be. The "reading wars" - the battle between sounding out words and using the sentence as context for...[Read more](#)

### Opinion - Why we are not exempt from racism in the North

I will never forget that day. It was in 2015, I had just moved to Yellowknife and went out for dinner after finishing work. I walked up to the bar, ordered a beer, and looked around for a place to sit. There was one seat open next...[Read more](#)

## Spotlight on Adult Educators



### Xiaoyi Yan, Yellowknife Literacy Outreach Centre

Xiaoyi Yan is the Coordinator for the Yellowknife Literacy Outreach Centre, a 21-year partnership between Aurora College and Yellowknife Association for Community Living (now called Inclusion NWT).

She received a Master of Education in Curriculum Development from the University of Toronto. Nourished by her professional role working with community members of all ages, ethnic backgrounds, skills levels and learning goals, Xiaoyi's academic interests encompass community literacy and holistic teaching.

In 2012, Xiaoyi accepted the Ministerial Literacy Award on behalf of the Literacy Outreach Centre and, in 2013, she received Aurora College's Board of Governors Quality Service Award. In her spare time, Xiaoyi loves reading, travelling, dancing, outdoor activities, and spending time with friends and family.

## Resources and Websites

## Resources for the month of June

[Yellowknife Insider's Guide \(CDÉTNO and Edge\)](#)

[Resources to improve queer, trans, and Two-Spirit lives \(Qmunity\)](#)

[Useful Links for Indigenous Education \(Ontario Teacher's Federation\)](#)



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