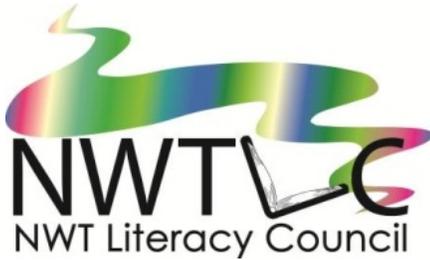


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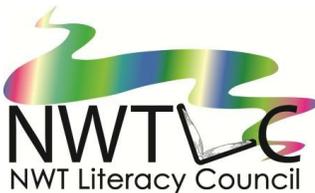
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## Literacy Dates

Indigenous History Month - June

Senior Citizens' Month - June

National Indigenous Peoples Day - June 21

## Our Blog

### School's out and the summer slide starts!

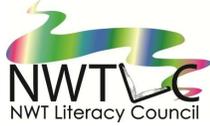
Summer slide? It's not a new game, nor something you find in a playground. It's the brain-drain that happens during the holiday months when kids are out of class. Academic skills tend to slip away during the summer if students aren't actively engaged in learning. Math, spelling, and reading skills suffer the most...[Read 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. Go to

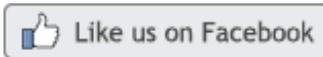


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- Take part in literacy activities in your community

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our website, or call us at 873-9262 for more information. The deadline for nominations is June 22, 2018.

### Get a plain language certificate online

[Simon Fraser University](#) offers a plain language online, part-time certificate program. You can also take individual courses.

### Inuvialuit host summer literacy camps

You can register now for free [Inuvialuit summer literacy camps](#) in Tuktoyaktuk, Aklavik and Inuvik. The camps are for youth ages 6 to 12.

## Funding

### Improve access in your community

The [Enabling Accessibility Fund](#) provides money for capital projects that increase access for people with disabilities in Canadian communities and workplaces. Projects should create more opportunities to participate in community activities, programs and services, or access employment. The deadline for small projects is July 26, 2018. The deadline for the youth leaders program is September 21, 2018.

### Funding for economic development

[Strategic Investments in Northern Economic Development](#) strengthens key economic sectors in Canada's three territories. This funding helps drive economic growth and diversification; supports capacity development; enhances economic infrastructure; and, will help create jobs. Applications by July 31, 2018 will receive priority consideration.

## News, Opinion, and Research

### New program could remedy shortages.

A Tuktoyaktuk-born Aurora College nursing grad says a new practical nursing program coming to Inuvik's campus this fall stands to boost Indigenous representation in health care...[Read more](#)

### Yukon College set to become Canada's first northern university

Yukon College in Whitehorse, Yukon, has a plan in place to make it Canada's first Arctic university by 2020. The designation will make Yukon University - as it will be called - the only place in Canada to study the North, from the North...[Read more](#)

### What is the future of post-secondary education in the NWT?

CBC hosts roundtable discussion on the issue...[Listen here](#)

### Why your child will benefit from inquiry-based learning

"Inquiry-based learning" is a hot topic in education these days, both in Canada and around the world. In Canada, Ontario's incoming premier Doug Ford recently declared his opposition to recent curriculum reforms including the inquiry-based "discovery math." ...[Read more](#)

### **Universal childcare: The potential to level the playing field between the rich and poor**

As childcare programs are expensive, the question arises how effective they are in enhancing children's skills. In addition, one may ask whether these programmes help to reduce the early disadvantage of children from families of low socio-economic status...[Read more](#)

## **Resources and Websites**

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