

June 6, 2019

Literacy Dates

Indigenous History Month - June

Senior Citizens' Month - June

National Indigenous Peoples Day - June 21

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Blog



Choosing books for Girlspace

Last October, a fire destroyed the Rockhill apartment building in Yellowknife. I wasn't sure what I could do to help. I looked at the list GirlsSpace posted of things that they were trying to replace. What stuck out for me was *books*...[Read more](#)



Nominate someone today for a literacy award

The [NWT Ministerial Literacy Awards](#) honour the literacy achievements of youth learners, educators, and NWT organizations. The NWT Council of the Federation Literacy Award honours the achievements of an adult learner who demonstrated outstanding progress in the pursuit of literacy skills in any of the NWT Official Languages. June 10 is the deadline for nominations.

Lots of activities to connect newcomers in June

Our Community Connections program is organizing [Speak English Cafes](#) tonight and also on June 13 and 20. Newcomers to Canada and Yellowknife are invited to [Global Cooking](#) on Thursday, June 13. There will be a [Ladies-Only Swim](#) on Saturday evening, June 15.

Youth writing contest winner published

Congratulations to Lagurenh Janse Van Rensburg, of Yellowknife, who won the [2019 Northwords YouthWrite story contest](#). Her winning story was published in this month's Edge Magazine. Lagurenh also wins a one-week all-expense paid trip to the YouthWrite writing camp in Calgary this summer. Down to Earth Gallery sponsored the prize.



Funding

Help NWT women get elected

The Yellowknife Community Foundation has a new grant program called the [Get Her Elected Fund](#). Grants from the fund will be awarded to non-partisan organizations working towards greater representation of women in political leadership. The deadline to apply is June 30.

Apply for a youth community service grant

[TakingITGlobal](#) is looking for young people with ideas and who are ready to take action through youth-led community service projects. Grants range from \$250 to \$1,500. Apply by June 30.



News, Research, Opinion

'Bulging at seams,' Yellowknife will get new campus building

NWT Education minister Caroline Cochrane says the territorial government hopes to acquire land from the City of Yellowknife and funding from the federal government for a new university building in Yellowknife. In the same meeting, the minister announced her government is also looking into the hiring of a director of Indigenous education – a position which currently does not exist...[Read more](#)

School attendance declining in small NWT communities

School attendance in small Northwest Territories communities has declined steadily in the last 10 years, despite sweeping changes to the education system designed to improve attendance and student performance. Deh Cho MLA Michael Nadli gave figures from the education department that show the disparity in attendance at small communities schools and schools in Yellowknife...[Read more](#)

MMIWG report calls for official Indigenous languages

The National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls calls for Canada to expand its official languages beyond English and French. In its “calls for justice,” the report states governments should make Indigenous languages official languages...[Read more](#)

Nunavut government doesn't prepare students for jobs or post-secondary education, says auditor general

The report, titled “Support for High School Students and Adult Learners,” states Nunavut’s Education Department has no strategy to help students graduate and transition from high school to post-secondary education or employment and that adults in the territory face major barriers to advancing their education...[Read more](#)

Video games aren't corrupting young minds — they may be building them

New science is emerging that suggests the moral panic about video games is misguided, and that many games can be benign or even beneficial by helping with social and intellectual development...[Read more](#)

NorthWords concludes with panel discussion

Book nerds took over Yellowknife last weekend as the NorthWords NWT Festival attracted dozens of literary types for a weekend of discussion, workshops, and readings...[Read more](#)



Resources and Websites

Reclaiming Power and Place

[The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls](#)

Eid al-Fitr

[It's all about generosity and gratitude](#)

Dene resilience in the life and times of Antoine Mountain

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