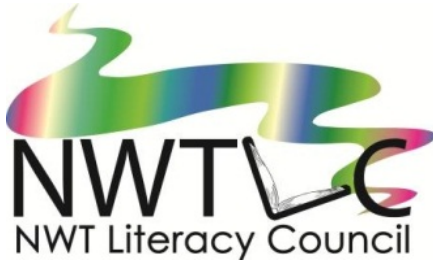


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## Literacy Dates

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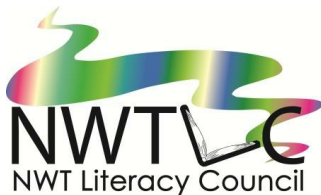
Senior Citizens' Month - June

National Indigenous Day - June 21

## Our Blog

### Reflections on the NWT evaluation symposium

As a long-term program evaluator for the NWT Literacy Council, I was thrilled to be able to attend the NWT Evaluation Symposium with four of the Council's staff members. The symposium took place last week in Yellowknife and at Aurora Village...[Read more](#)



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## Announcements and Events

### We're at the Yellowknife Farmers Market


We braved the cold and rain, at least briefly, with our book mobile to give away free books at the [Yellowknife Farmers](#)

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- Take part in literacy activities in your community

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[Market](#) on Tuesday. It was too wet for activities this week. We'll be there with free books and fun activities for families each week this summer.

## Meet our summer student



Catriona Profit joined the NWT Literacy Council recently. She'll spend the summer on special projects and will be at the Yellowknife Farmers Market each week. Catriona is an English major at the University of Calgary.

## First Nations Storybooks apps free for IOS and Android devices

You can find 50 books free online in Bush Cree, Chipewyan and Dene Yatíé (South Slavey). Search for First Nations Storybooks on the App Store or Google Play. They are from the [South Slave Divisional School Council](#) collection. Most are also available with English translation.

## Seniors' month photo contest

The [NWT Seniors' Society](#) is looking for photo entries for its contest showing the beauty of all generations. Deadline for entries is June 30, 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

### Indigenous education conference sparks conversation about lack of NWT curriculum

Whether the NWT needs to develop its own curriculum - rather than relying on Alberta's - was one big idea among many discussed at a national Indigenous education conference in Inuvik last week...[Read more](#)

### **From cover to cover**

Several days were devoted to bookworms and writers as NorthWords NWT held its 13th annual NWT Writer's Festival...[Read more](#)

### **Minister says university "won't close down" Fort Smith as residents protest**

At a public meeting on Tuesday night, Lynn Napier-Buckley - Fort Smith's mayor - told more than a hundred gathered residents: "We need to fight." Napier-Buckley forecast 71 administrative and support positions based at Fort Smith's Aurora College campus could go if the territorial government replaces the college with a Yellowknife-based polytechnic university, as proposed in an independent report published last week...[Read more](#)

### **Cartoonist draws his way to No. 1**

A Yellowknife cartoonist has had his recently published book reach number one on Amazon.ca's political humour bestseller's list...[Read more](#)

### **How a humanities degree will serve you in a disruptive economy**

I don't know why we call them "soft skills." They're certainly not easy to learn, although they are as valuable and necessary as the skills doctors use in surgery, bankers use to assess risk and physicists use to split atoms...[Read more](#)

## **Resources and Websites**

### **Digital literacy 101**

[Teacher resources](#)

### **National Indigenous History Month**

[Grammar quiz](#)

### **Banff Centre**

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