

March 14, 2019

Literacy Dates

Pi Day - March 14

International Read to Me Day - March 19

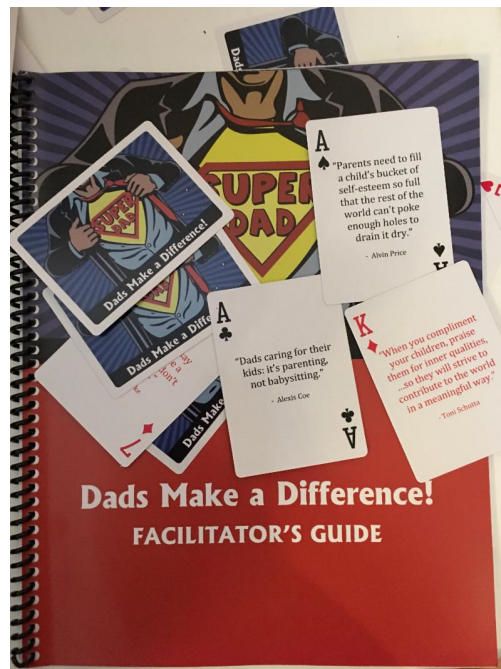
World Storytelling Day - March 20

World Poetry Day - March 21

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Blog



Fatherhood matters in early childhood

The NWT Literacy Council hears from community family literacy facilitators that they want more dads and male role models to come to their programs. We committed to create a resource or tip sheet to help get dads involved in family literacy. But the task seemed daunting to me, as I am not a man or a dad. How

do I know what will support dads? So I recently jumped at the chance to go to a conference on fatherhood in early childhood...[Read more](#)



Announcements and Events

'Poem a day' is back

April is National Poetry Month and NWT residents can celebrate by getting a poem in your email inbox each day. Sign up to receive poems hand-picked by the Yellowknife Public Library staff each day in April. To sign up email library@yellowknife.ca and put poem a day in the subject line, or register yourself at <http://eepurl.com/dnTTeH>

Children's book contest deadline extended

The South Slave Divisional Education Council has extended the deadline for its [Children's Storybook Contest](#) until June 30. All NWT residents are welcome to submit entries. The prize is \$500 and publication of your book in three languages. For information or to submit your entry contact spruys@ssdec.nt.ca

Youth writing contest offers chance to be published

[NorthWords NWT](#) is accepting entries to the [2019 Youth Writing Contest](#) until midnight March 30. Entries must be original works of 1,000 words or less by youth between the ages of 13 and 17. Entries can be fiction, nonfiction or poetry. The winner will receive a week-long YouthWrite camp experience in Calgary this summer. The winning submission will be published in The Edge YK Magazine.



Funding

Get money for musical instruments

Applications are open for the 2019 [MusiCounts TD Community Music Program](#). This program awards up to \$25,000 in musical instruments and equipment to non-profit, youth-oriented community organizations across Canada. The deadline to apply is April 18.

Yellowknife Community Foundation offers various funds

The deadline for various scholarships through the [Yellowknife Community Foundation](#) is May 15. The Foundation accepts applications for the Yellowknife Community Fund anytime, while named funds have their own criteria.



News, Research, Opinion

Time to overhaul Official Languages Act, says NWT languages commissioner

The law governing official languages in the Northwest Territories is ill-suited for the territory and ready for an overhaul during its upcoming review, the territory's languages commissioner says. The NWT Official Languages Act was passed in 1984 and modelled after federal legislation. It's been reviewed several times since then and is set for another review shortly...[Read more](#)

Why reading aloud is a vital bridge to literacy

Advice that children should still be read to as teenagers makes sense, as they learn the complex gear changes between speech and prose...[Read more](#)

How AI can increase literacy rates

Artificial intelligence in education may help make educators' and students' lives more manageable. It accomplishes this by allowing machines to complete tasks that are usually performed by humans. In turn, educators are free to focus on tasks that cannot be achieved by AI...[Read more](#)

The case for a name change

Reclaiming traditional names is important for healing the injury of colonialism, says a News North editorial...[Read more](#)



Resources and Websites

Biographies and history

[Unsung heroes in children's lives](#)

Child care for all plan

[Child Care Now](#)

Financial literacy

[Education tools and programs](#)

Fraud Prevention Month

[Articles and tips to avoid becoming a victim](#)

Essentials of linguistics

[Open educational resource](#)

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