



# Literacy This Week

## Literacy Dates

Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month- March

International Read to Me Day- March 19

World Storytelling Day- March 20

World Poetry Day- March 21

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination- March 21

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## Blog



### Reading Together: Bedtime stories from fathers in jail

With International Read to Me Day coming up on March 19, it is fitting that

NWT Literacy Council (NWTLC) is completing our Reading Together project this week. The project, funded by the GNWT's Healthy Choices Fund, has been a partnership with the North Slave Correctional Complex (NSCC). NSCC Programs staff and NWTLC staff have worked together to create a supportive program for fathers in the facility...[Read more](#)

## Announcements and Events

### NWT Literacy Week: Literacy on the Land

NWTLC is excited to announce that our theme for NWT Literacy Week 2021 is Literacy on the Land. NWT Literacy Week will take place April 11-17 and we encourage all NWT residents to learn outside that week. Literacy on the Land could include traditional and cultural learning opportunities, taking classroom-based learning out on the land, developing your physical literacy skills outside, using your literacies to prepare for a safe outing or more. Take time to enjoy a good book out in the sunshine, plan a camping trip or set up a Story Walk(c) for your community.

NWTLC has books and prize items available for community groups who would like to celebrate the week. Please contact [nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca) to request items and include the age range for the participants of your celebration. We will contact you about items we can send.

NWTLC is offering community organizations grants of up to \$500 to host an event during the week. Organizations may use the funds for staff costs, to rent space or equipment, for supplies, transportation costs, snacks and more. Events must adhere to GNWT's *Emerging Wisely* regulations and connect to the theme of Literacy on the Land. Find more information and apply [here](#).

## Funding

### Canada Post Community Foundation Grant

Eligible projects increase the capacity of an organization. Such projects create or expand services rather than maintaining existing services, for example purchasing new equipment or launching new programs. Project grants can total up to \$25,000 each...[Read more](#)

### Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care Quality Improvement Projects

The Government of Canada will fund Indigenous communities, governments and organizations that are exploring ways to improve Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care. You can apply for up to \$750,000 and projects can

## News, Research, Opinion

### **Read, Speak, Sing: Promoting early literacy in the health care setting**

This article will help health care providers assess and advise on early literacy with families in almost any practice setting. It defines emergent literacy skills, including early language learning and storytelling, and explores the benefits of reading, speaking, and singing with infants and toddlers for both children and caregivers...[Read more](#)

### **Learning to negotiate: online simulation exposes youth to the complex world of treaty negotiations**

Sixteen Indigenous youth from across the country came together in an online treaty simulation this past week. Over four days, participants took turns negotiating the education chapter of a self-government agreement between a fictitious First Nation and the governments of Canada and the Northwest Territories. The third National Treaty Simulation was organized by The Gordon Foundation, the Land Claims Agreements Coalition and the BC Treaty Commission...[Read more](#)

### **Devery Jacobs, championing *Jonny Appleseed* by Joshua Whitehead, wins Canada Reads 2021**

Devery Jacobs successfully presented her case about why the 2018 novel *Jonny Appleseed* — a coming-of-age story about a two-spirit person named Jonny trying to put his life back together following the death of his stepfather — best fits the [Canada Reads 2021](#) theme as the "one book to transport us."

## Spotlight on Community Literacy Programs

### **Open Doors Society, Fort Simpson**

The Open Doors Society has been involved with the NWTLC and promoting literacy in Fort Simpson for many years. In recent years, two team members at Open Doors have completed NWTLC's Family Literacy Training Institute and have used this training to create exciting family programming. This year they got creative so they could continue to offer programming within COVID-19.

Their Family Literacy Nights gave families an opportunity to get out of the house, while safety measures such as limiting numbers kept everyone safe. Parents of babies in their *1-2-3 Rhyme With Me* program enjoyed socializing and being with other parents after having their babies during the pandemic.

Open Doors also participated in NWTLC's Community Oral Health Literacy Project by hosting a special family literacy night with every family receiving their own copy of *Our Ever Awesome NWT Brushing Song* book and oral hygiene supplies.

Thank you to Open Doors Society for being a strong literacy partner!

## Resources and Websites

### Resources for the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

[Raising and teaching anti-racist kids](#)

[Anti-racism resources for child and youth health care providers](#)

[Anti-racism resource list](#)

### Resources for World Poetry Day

[Hands-on poetry activities](#)

[How to write found poetry](#)

[Book spine poetry](#)

Poetry for Northern Learners:

- [120](#)
- [130](#)
- [140](#)



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