

Literacy This Week

March 19, 2020

Literacy Dates

Nutrition Month - March International Read to Me Day - March 19 Journée Internationale de la Francophonie - March 20 World Storytelling Day - March 20 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination - March 21 World Poetry Day - March 21

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Blog



Practicing Family Literacy during Social Distancing

With all NWT schools closed until April 14, families are thinking about the

many days at home and how to pass the time together. This time of social distancing is a great opportunity to do some special family...<u>Read more</u>

Announcements and Events

Coronavirus Local Updates

Check out your local guide to the coronavirus outbreak. Get the latest advisories, updates and cancellations for where you live <u>here</u>. Have something that should be added to this list? Email <u>webnorth@cbc.ca</u>.

NWT Literacy Office Closure

Our office is closed and staff are working at home. Please <u>contact staff by email</u> if you need assistance. We will update when we have re-opened. Take care of each other and check <u>our Facebook page</u> to see suggestions for home activities.

Funding

GNWT Community Literacy Development Fund

This fund provides financial assistance to community organizations to develop and deliver local programs that will increase literacy skills and raise awareness of the importance of literacy. See more details <u>here.</u>

Yellowknife Community Fund

This fund is for improving social conditions; promoting arts and cultural activities, sport, recreation and community development; advancing education; and the provision of health care services. See more information <u>here.</u>

Collaborating for Inclusion of Older Adults

This 4 year project aims to decrease social isolation of seniors and elders by building connections through activities and community engagement in 10 NWT communities. Application deadline is April 17, 2020. See more <u>here.</u>

News, Research, Opinion

What to do if you think you have COVID-19: A guide to each province and territory

If you have symptoms of COVID-19, the illness caused by the coronavirus, the first step is to contact your health-care provider or local public health agency by email or telephone. They'll be able to tell you if you're eligible...<u>Read more</u>

Indigenous educators volunteer to teach short K-8 lessons online amid

school closures

Indigenous educators are volunteering their time to help educate students online as schools in many provinces and territories are closing in efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19. "I wanted to offer these online...<u>Read more</u>

Why some are going on the land amid COVID-19 fears

Some people in the Northwest Territories are going on the land for a while, in response to the spread of the novel coronavirus or COVID-19. There are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in any of the territories to date. But...<u>Read more</u>

Spotlight on Adult Educators



Jim Stauffer, Whati

Based in Whatì, NT, as Aurora College's Community Adult Educator, Jim Stauffer teaches Adult Literacy and Basic Education and is working on a Thcho language acquisition/re-acquisition project with Indigenous instructors.

He earned a Certificate in Adult Education from Aurora College and a Master of Arts in Learning and Technology from Royal Roads University. Jim's professional interests focus on connectivism, decolonization and the application of technology to create independent learners in adult literacy programs.

Jim has also filled the unofficial roles of coordinator for the Whatì Interagency group and champion for the Whatì community garden for the past five years.

Resources and Websites

Nutrition resources

<u>Great Food for Northern Cooks</u> <u>National Nutrition Month</u> <u>Eating and Learning</u> Little Chefs



