



Literacy This Week

Literacy Dates

Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month- March
NWT Literacy Week- April 11-17

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Blog



For a Lifetime of Healthy Smiles

NWTLC's oral health literacy project adapted in ways we never could have expected when the project began over a year and a half ago. In fact, just over a year ago we were sitting down for lunch in Fort Smith with Richard Van Camp, anticipating our next visit to unveil Richard's latest book, *Our Ever Awesome NWT Brushing Song!*...[Read more](#)

Announcements and Events

Job Opportunity: Instructor-Coordinator, Literacy and Essential Skills in the Workplace

Frontier College has partnered with the NWT Literacy Council and Employment and Social Development Canada to deliver literacy and essential skills support to low-skilled individuals in workplaces across Northern Canada. The Instructor-Coordinator position will work closely with participants and employers to implement the project in several workplaces and in Yellowknife...[Read more](#)

NWT Recreation and Parks Association Community Leaders Retreat

The NWTRPA Community Leaders Retreat is a highly interactive, informative, and idea provoking educational event. Both experienced and new community leaders will benefit from learning more about decolonization in the NWT. The retreat will be offered in collaboration with Dene Nahjo on May 12-14...[Read more](#)

The Great Northern Music Conference Artist Showcases

The Great Northern Music Conference is excited to announce the 2021 showcasing artists! Tune in on March 28 from 2-4 PM for a live stream event. Enjoy amazing NWT artists performing from 3 NWT communities...[Read more](#)

Funding

NWT Literacy Week community events grant

Community organizations can apply for up to \$500 to host an event during NWT Literacy Week, April 11-17. Our theme this year is Literacy on the Land. Funding will be granted on a first come, first served basis, with one grant per community...[Read more](#)

Northern Youth Abroad micro-grants

Northern Youth Abroad (NYA) is releasing a number of small funding grants available to support northern-based activities, projects, and ideas that engage youth. The deadline to apply for and use funds is March 31, 2021. The intent of these grants is to engage youth and their communities. While NYA welcomes everyone with an idea to apply, applications that benefit the community as a whole will be prioritized...[Read more](#)

News, Research, Opinion

Podcaster uniting Dene Athabaskan speakers across the continent

Dene Athabaskan languages spread across much of North America, and one man has set out to teach his language online through a video podcast. Willis Janvier is from La Loche, SK and currently lives in Moose Jaw where he's studying Indigenous social work at First Nations University of Canada. When he used to work in Fort McMurray, AB, and his daughter lived more than 10 hours away from him, he would search for Denesúhne videos he could listen to on Youtube, but there weren't many, he said...[Read more](#)

Sesame Workshop releases 'ABCs of Racial Literacy' to help parents talk to kids about race

In a new video from Sesame Workshop, Elmo wants to know why five-year-old Wes's skin is brown. Wes's dad, Elijah, explains to Elmo the "concept of melanin and that the color of our skin is an important part of who we are." The video is part of Sesame Workshop's "ABCs of Racial Literacy" and its "Coming Together" initiative to provide parents with tools to talk to their children about race and racism...[Read more](#)

Three ways museums are making classic literature more attractive to young readers

For many lovers of classic literature, opportunities to devour the works of undiscovered authors can be enough to make people's eyes light up. For those who aren't as keen on the genre, the appeal of these titles is a little less obvious. In fact, it's one of the reasons museum professionals are running into issues when it comes to inspiring new generations to read such works...[Read more](#)

Case Studies of Programs to Promote and Protect Nurturing Care during the COVID-19 Pandemic

In response to the COVID-19 crisis, many organizations have been actively adapting both content and delivery of existing Early Childhood Development programs to continue to reach and meet families' needs during this difficult time. This Case Study Report describes the implementation experiences and emerging lessons of COVID-19 response strategies of seven programs that prioritize nurturing care and Early Childhood Development in their work...[Read more](#)

Spotlight on Community Literacy Programs

Yellowknife Playschool, Yellowknife

The Yellowknife Playschool has been actively involved with supporting family literacy for several years. Staff at the Yk Playschool have attended NWTLC's Family Literacy Training Institute and have used the knowledge and skills

gained there both in their daily program with preschoolers and with families.

Through their family literacy program, Yk Playschool have created and utilized many community partnerships. Families have been invited to join music programs with local music teachers and DancePl3y programming with instructors. Students and families have connected with nature in partnership with Bush Kids, and have connected with Indigenous culture guided by an Elder. Their family literacy program helps to bring families into the school space, as well as hosting families at different spaces around Yellowknife.

Thank you to the Yellowknife Playschool for being a long-time literacy partner!

Resources and Websites

Resources for Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month

[Alex's First Seed online storybook](#)

[Blossom's Big Job online storybook](#)

[Plant activities for preschool](#)

[FarmFood360 video farm tours](#)



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