

### **Literacy This Week**

### March 26, 2020

### **Literacy Dates**

Nutrition Month - March

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# Blog



# Our Ever Awesome NWT Brushing Song Bloggy Blog by Richard Van Camp

Had anyone ever told me when I was running laps at JBT in grades 4,5, and 6 back in the 70's in Fort Smith, NWT, that I'd hold my 25th book in that same gymnasium at the tender age of 48 as a father, a husband, a son...<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 Council 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.

#### Strict new mandatory quarantine rules come into effect at midnight for returning Canadians

The federal government is imposing strict, mandatory quarantine rules on travellers returning to Canada and is promising heavy fines and jail time for those who ignore the warning. See more details about these new rules <u>here</u>.

## 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

#### NWT education leaders, Minister recommend closing schools for rest of academic year

Northwest Territories education leaders and the Education Minister are

recommending that schools close for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year due to the COVID-19 public health emergency...<u>Read more</u>

#### Acho Dene Koe offering members help to get out on the land

The band office stated in a Tuesday news release that Jacqueline Spies, Community Wellness Manager, will be taking registrations by phone at 867-770-4571 extension 1003 or by email. Registrants need to...<u>Read more</u>

#### NWT Justice Department releases some of its plan for NWT jails amid COVID-19

The NWT Justice Department has released information on its website about how its jails will protect inmates and workers from the COVID-19 pandemic. The plans include measures to limit the number of inmates in cells...<u>Read more</u>

### **Spotlight on Adult Educators**



#### Adam Smith, Hay River

Adam Smith, Community Adult Educator at Aurora College's Hay River Learning Centre, graduated from Cape Breton University in 2005 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy. In 2008, he attained his Bachelor of Education Degree at the University of Maine Fort Kent (Dean's List).

Originally from Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, Adam made his home in Hay River in 2009, first working as a substitute teacher in the local schools. Joining the Aurora College family in 2010, he has served in several instructional roles and also as a Senior Instructor. In his spare time, he enjoys playing and producing music, walking, spending time with his young daughters and wife, and reading.

### **Resources and Websites**

#### Nutrition resources

Great Food for Northern Cooks National Nutrition Month Eating and Learning Little Chefs



