

## 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



### Fun Family Activities for March Break

It is that time of year again! March Break is almost upon us. Although we might

be missing some of our usual March activities -- like festivals, hockey tournaments and trips out of town -- there are still lots of great ways to enjoy a break here in the NWT at home, outside and in your community. Check out [these ideas](#) to make the most of your family time this March!

## Announcements and Events

### EBB + FLOW:

#### **Inuvik, Norman Wells, Fort Simpson, Hay River, Fort Smith**

An Out-Door Projection Show of International Indigenous Artists Work from the GLAM Collective. In collaboration with NACC, Open Sky Creative Society and the GLAM Collective, Western Arctic Moving Pictures will travel around the north showing [three shows a night](#) with a portfolio of International Indigenous art that will be projected on the wall of one of the highly visible buildings.

### Oral health story book available to communities

NWTLC has partnered with Department of Health and Social Services to create a beautiful oral health story book written by Richard Van Camp and illustrated by Neiva Mateus. Would you like to help families in your community receive a copy of *Our Ever Awesome NWT Brushing Song* along with oral health supplies and activities? Please email [stephanie@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:stephanie@nwtliteracy.ca) to discuss.

### 2021 Annual Children's Mental Health Symposium

[This conference](#) on April 23-25 will be keynoted by three prestigious presenters: Dr. Gordon Neufeld, Dr. Bruce Perry, and Dr. Laura Markham. These dynamic speakers will bring their expertise and decades of experience. They will also be joined on stage by Dr. Ross Greene, Dr. Deborah MacNamara, Patty Wipfler, Kim Payne, Jennifer Kolari, and more!

### National Fatherhood Conference - Side by Side: Celebrating the Diversity of Fatherhood

The Canadian National Fatherhood Conference brings caring professionals together with researchers, leaders and practitioners across Canada. Hear keynote speakers, attend workshops and build new skills while connecting with colleagues. The [virtual conference](#) will take place May 12-13.

## Funding

FCC AgriSpirit Fund

Do you have a capital project that will enrich lives in your rural community? The [FCC AgriSpirit Fund](#) may provide between \$5000 and \$25,000 to projects that qualify in a city or town of fewer than 150,000 people, or an Indigenous community. Applications are open until March 31.

### **Skill Builders for Youth funding**

Community facilitators who have taken NWTLC's Skill Builders for Youth training since 2013 are eligible to apply for funds to run a youth literacy program in your community. Visit our [website](#) for applications.

## **News, Research, Opinion**

### **Métis man works to make Michif the NWT's 12th official language**

Discussions of Indigenous languages in the NWT often leave out Michif for the more familiar languages of Tłıchǫ, South Slavey or Inuvialuktun. But Vance Sanderson, a Métis linguist in Fort Smith, is working to raise Michif to a new level of prominence...[Read more](#)

### **How racism can affect child development**

Years of scientific study have shown that, when children's stress response systems remain activated at high levels for long periods, it can have a significant wear-and-tear effect on their developing brains and other biological systems. This can have lifelong effects on learning, behavior, and both physical and mental health...[Read more](#)

### **Agriculture education in schools gets \$1.6M boost from the feds**

A Canada-wide organization that helps teach kids about food systems received a financial boost from the government this week. On Monday, federal Agriculture Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau announced \$1.6 million for Agriculture in the Classroom Canada, an organization that works with schools across the country to implement food and agriculture into curriculums...[Read more](#)

### **Here are the 'wrong' illustrations that got six Dr. Seuss books cancelled**

Dr. Seuss Enterprises, the official manager of books published under the moniker Dr. Seuss, announced Tuesday that it will no longer be publishing six Dr. Seuss titles because they "portray people in ways that are hurtful and wrong." [Read more](#)

### **Bedtime best practice: experts settle on six key steps for getting kids to sleep**

It is the holy grail of parenthood: a scientific consensus on the perfect bedtime routine for those young children who discover an irrepressible lust for life just at the moment when daylight wanes and duvets (should) beckon...[Read more](#)

# Spotlight on Community Literacy Programs

## Deninu Kų́ First Nation, Fort Resolution

The community of Fort Resolution is home to one of the longest standing Family Literacy programs in the NWT. Community member Minnie Whimp attended NWTLC's very first Family Literacy Training Institute in 2001, and has been actively involved in literacy programming ever since. Minnie was also part of our first Skill Builders for Youth training and our Oral Health Facilitator Training. Each time that trainings are offered, Minnie encourages and supports other community members to attend. This has helped to create a network of trained facilitators in the community.

Deninu Kų́ First Nation has offered Family Literacy and Youth Literacy programming, and will soon be sharing Oral Health Literacy knowledge as well. In recognition of this decades-long commitment, DKFN was awarded the Ministerial Outstanding Non-Profit Support for Literacy/Language Development Award in 2020. Thank you to DKFN for being a great literacy partner!

## Resources and Websites

### Resources for March Break activities

NWTLC resources:

[Playing and Learning](#)

[Life in Motion](#)

[Eating and Learning](#)

Other ideas:

[Climbing Rainbow Science Experiment](#)

[Make Your Own I-Spy Bottles](#)

[10 Easy Snow Science Experiments for Kids](#)



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