

Literacy Dates

Canada Learning Bond Training in Hay River - March 11

Oral Health Gathering in Ulukhaktok - March 19 - 27

Canada Learning Bond Training in Norman Wells and Yellowknife - March 30

Oral Health Gathering in Sachs Harbour - March 30 - April 3

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Blog



Thirty Years of Friends of Literacy

April 2020 marks 30 years since the NWT Literacy Council was created. We are excited to celebrate with you all year long, starting with NWT Literacy Week from April 19 to April 25. We have several events, contests...[Read more](#)

Announcements and Events

Naka festival

This is a celebration of the aurora borealis and northern culture taking place March 2-7. It features exciting events and ends with an Indigenous cultural gala in Dettah at the Chief Drygeese Centre. See the full list of events [here](#).

NWT Literacy Council events

We will be in Fort Smith and Hay River March 10-12 with NWT author Richard Van Camp! This tour is in honour of oral health, and the Canada Learning Bond. Please see a full list of events on our Facebook page [here](#).

Snowking's calendar of events

There is a vast array of events going on at The Snow Castle this weekend, including a youth DJ showcase being hosted by NWT Creative Collective. Check out the full list of events [here](#) before the month is over!

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 [here](#).

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 [here](#).

Student Financial Assistance

If you're thinking of post secondary, click [here](#). One of the recent SFA updates is an increase to the amount of funding you can get for tuition and books. The Basic Grant is meant to help with the cost of your post-secondary education. It isn't a student loan because you won't have to pay it back!

News, Research, Opinion

Sign project in Inuvik on pause after questions over Gwich'in wording

The group behind newly translated signs in Inuvik, N.W.T., is pausing their project after people began questioning the Gwich'in translation that was used. Three new signs with translations in both Inuvialuktun and...[Read more](#)

Feds invest over \$700,000 in Cultural Infrastructure and Language Immersion in Inuvik

Michael McLeod, NWT MP, announced \$562,666 in federal funding for the Town of Inuvik's Chief Jim Koe Park Redevelopment Project. The Canada Cultural Spaces Fund goes towards the creation and renovation...[Read more](#)

Northern wildflower: Trusting traditional knowledge

I wanted to be all natural and stop using products that had chemicals in them. So, I went out onto the side of the highway, because I was too afraid of bears to hike alone through the bush, and I picked the flowers and plants...[Read more](#)

Spotlight on Adult Educators



Liz Pope, Katlodeeche First Nation

Currently the Community Adult Educator at Aurora College's Chief Daniel Sonfrere Learning Centre on Katlodeeche First Nation (Hay River), Liz Pope received both her Diploma in Education and Certificate in Adult Education from Aurora College as well as her Bachelor of General Studies from Athabasca University and a Bachelor of Education and Master of Education in Educational Administration from the University of Saskatchewan. She spent 13 years at the Hay River Community Learning Centre, followed by six years as a classroom teacher at the Chief Sunrise Education Centre.

Liz's professional interests include decolonizing and Indigenizing education as well as celebrating, nurturing, and engaging learners in personal growth and being proud of who they are and where they come from. Liz serves as treasurer on the Soaring Eagle Friendship Centre Board and Member of the Hay River Elks Lodge. In her spare time, she is learning to play the piano, dabbles in crafts and has a particular interest in learning about medicinal herbs. Her greatest joy is sharing stories about her precious grandchildren.

Resources and Websites

Canada Learning Bond resources

[Information on the NWT Literacy website](#)

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