



# Literacy This Week

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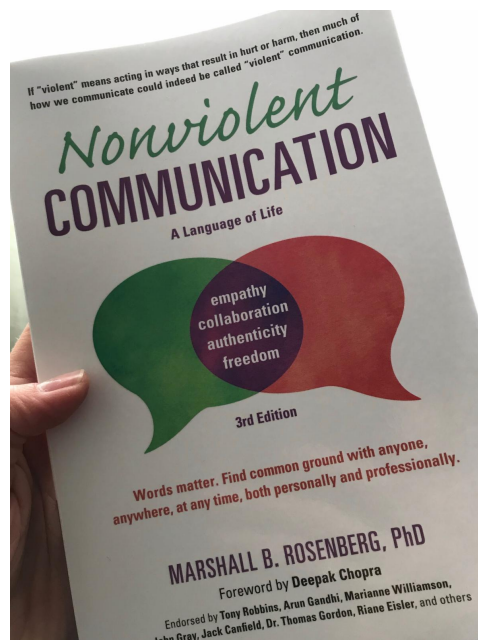
## Literacy Dates

Victoria Day - May 18  
International Museum Day - May 18  
Learning at Work Week - May 18-24

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## Blog



### Defuse Conflict and Improve Your Relationships

My first introduction to nonviolent communication (NVC) was in Mexico City, just after finishing my undergraduate studies in peace and conflict. During my time living in the capital and working on issues of urban peace, I...[Read more](#)

# Announcements and Events

## ***Land-Water-Sky/Ndè-Ti-Yat'a* by Kathà (Catherine Lafferty)**

You may remember this author's first book, a memoir published under her previous name, titled *Northern Wildflower*. *Ndè-Ti-Yat'a* is a debut novel from Yellowknives Dene Author, Kathà. It is now available for pre-order [here](#).

## **Aboriginal Sports Circle NWT week four wellness workshops**

Boxing fundamentals with John Stanley (Stanley Fitness) take place Thursday from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Bodyweight HIIT with Ryane Peterson (Just Fitness) is on Friday from 12:10-12:50 p.m. See more details on their page [here](#).

## **Rainbow Coalition of Yellowknife virtual programs schedule**

This month will include resource sharing, a Netflix watch party, an Instagram Live chat on mental health, a Zoom call for parents, and much more. See an overview on their Facebook page [here](#) and don't hesitate to message them!

# Funding

## **Land is Life and Snowchange Grants for Indigenous Peoples**

Applications are now open for Indigenous grassroots organizations, communities, leaders and individuals. Each grant is maximum 5000 USD. See more information on their page [here](#) and [email them](#) for applications.

## **TakingITGlobal Adobe Creative Cloud Donation Program**

Nonprofit organizations can receive up to 50 shared device licenses that give youth access to Adobe programs including Photoshop, Lightroom, and more. See more details [here](#), fill out the form [here](#), and email TakingITGlobal [here](#).

## **Funding for Senior Citizens' Month and World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**

NWT Seniors' Society would like to support those wishing to celebrate the contributions of older adults in your community. Access up to \$400 by sending in a form by May 31. Please see the application [here](#) and the guide [here](#).

# News, Research, Opinion

## **Aurora College grads on 'bittersweet' celebrations amid pandemic**

When Gloria Gaudet said goodbye to her classmates, she didn't think it would be for the last time in the foreseeable future. It was late March, and they were only a month away from graduation at Yellowknife's Aurora...[Read more](#)

## After two months closed, future of Yellowknife's youth drop-in centre remains uncertain

More than two months after the SideDoor's youth drop-in centre in Yellowknife closed its doors, a question mark still looms over when it will reopen, and what it will look like when it does. The downtown...[Read more](#)

## Fort Resolution school offers students drive-in internet

The Deninu School in Fort Resolution, is offering students drive-in internet access to help them stay connected during the COVID-19 pandemic because a majority of them have limited or no access otherwise. "When you...[Read more](#)

# Spotlight on Adult Educators



## Verna Firth, Deline

Since 2016, the Adult Educator at Aurora College's Deline Learning Centre, Verna Firth, has been a model of just how valuable transferrable skill sets are in today's modern educational settings. Bringing over 30 years of office and volunteer experience to the classroom, Verna has parlayed her knowledge and proficiency to the benefit of her students, co-teaching math and English courses through teleconference delivery, facilitating online independent study for English 130, tutoring GED preparation and delivering a variety of Northern Adult Basic Education (NABE) courses. As well, Verna is currently working to complete her Certificate in Adult Education through Aurora College.

A long-time resident of Deline, Verna is a tireless volunteer at many community events. She also strives to live a traditional lifestyle, and her cultural interests extend to teaching traditional skills and knowledge to the community's youth at her cabin on the Bear River. She finds fulfilment in generously giving of her time and resources to help others. She finds it especially gratifying to see people strive towards their goals and overcome the barriers they face. An avid reader and skilled craftsperson, Verna also enjoys trying her hand in all sports. Encompassing her diverse interests, Verna also celebrates the rich maternal dimension of her identity as the proud and

grateful grandmother to four beautiful girls; two of which are twins.

# Resources and Websites

## Resources celebrating International Museum Day

[Online Learning \(Arizona Science Center\)](#)

[Explore & Learn \(The Smithsonian Institution\)](#)

[The Ultimate Guide to Virtual Museum Resources, E-Learning, and Online Collections \(Museum Computer Network\)](#)



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