

## Literacy Dates

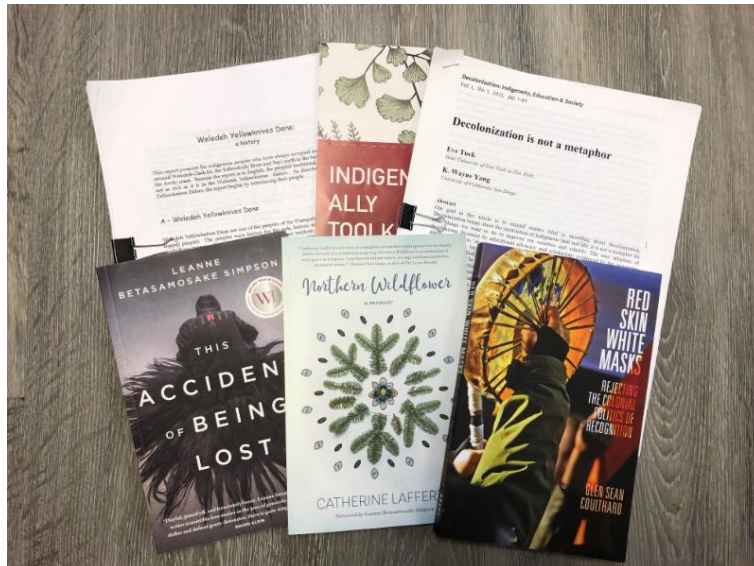
Screen-Free Week - April 29-May 5

TD Canadian Children's Book Week - May 4-11

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## Blog



### Learning about decolonization

I had the good fortune to learn more about decolonization late this winter. Critics of reconciliation argue that it merely attempts to increase satisfaction with existing systems. Decolonization demands that colonial systems of power and governance be dismantled with new decolonized systems created in their place. All this learning took place at the Community Leaders Retreat hosted by the NWT Recreation and Parks Association...[Read more](#)



# Announcements and Events

## It's Children's Book Week

The theme of [TD Canadian Children's Book Week](#) this year is Readers are Dreamers. Guest author, Sara Gillingham, will visit the [Beaufort Delta, May 6-10](#). Sara is an author/illustrator of more than 25 books.

## Everyone welcome at Skills Canada event

Alongside the [Skills Canada NWT](#) territorial competition, you can check out the Career Expo and Try-A-Trade®/ Technology event tomorrow at the Multiplex in Yellowknife. It's all free and runs from 8 am until 4 pm.

## Apply now for a northern leadership camp

[Northern Youth Leadership](#) brings together youth from across the Northwest Territories for remote on-the-land camps. The camps develop leadership skills, inspire confidence, and help youth develop the resources needed to overcome challenges, reach their full potential, and create positive change in their communities. The deadline to apply is May 17.



# Funding

## NGO stabilization fund open to applications

The [NGO Stabilization Fund](#) provides short-term money to non-government organizations that deliver critical programs that are funded by the Government of the Northwest Territories. The next deadline to apply is May 31.

## Money to get active in June

[Get Active](#) funds community events that get people physically active in the NWT. June is Recreation and Parks Month. Communities can celebrate by applying for grants of \$400 to organize and deliver a physically-active event in June. The deadline to apply is May 31.

## Energy rebates and services for non-profits

The Arctic Energy Alliance has energy experts and money to help non-profit organizations conserve energy and improve their energy efficiency. If you want to save money by reducing the amount of heating fuel, electricity and water you use, or want to reduce your greenhouse gas emissions, contact the [Arctic Energy Alliance](#). Money is available on a first-come, first-served basis.



# News, Research, Opinion

## Jacey Firth Hagen wins literacy award

Jacey Firth Hagen won the the Peter Gzowski award from the NWT Literacy Council on the weekend. The award recognizes her work promoting the Gwich'in language with her social media campaign, #Speak Gwich'in To Me. As she told CBC's Loren McGinnis, learning she won the award was a surprise...[Listen here](#)

## Working with special-needs preschoolers requires adjusting own behaviour, educators told

To most effectively teach special-needs preschoolers, educators first need to analyze their thinking and behavior, and make changes...[Read more](#)

## Kindness: What I've learned from 3,000 children and adolescents

After asking more than 3,000 students about kindness, I've learned a lot about just how children and adolescents understand and act with kindness, especially at school. The results might surprise parents and educators...[Read more](#)

## Indigenous leaders at UN meeting push for decade dedicated to language revitalization

Indigenous leaders are calling for the United Nation's year of Indigenous languages to be expanded to a decade. They made this call in speeches at a gathering in New York last week of the United Nations' Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues...[Read more](#)



# Resources and Websites

## The Duck Caller

[Sally Manning Award for Indigenous Creative Non-Fiction winner](#)

## The Bison Whisperer

[Sally Manning Award for Indigenous Creative Non-Fiction runner-up](#)

## High interest, low vocabulary books

[For youth and adults](#)

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