

Literacy Dates

Disability Awareness Week - May 25-31

Intergenerational Day - June 1

National Indigenous Day - June 21

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Blog



Photo by Dawn Tremblay

Learning how to share my love of the land

This month I learned more about helping immigrants to Canada enjoy being outdoors in Yellowknife. For the first five days in May I was outside in the snow at the Forest and Nature School Practitioners Course...[Read more](#)

Announcements and Events

We have a summer job opening

We're looking for a summer student for eight weeks. They'll assist with NWT Literacy Council activities and events. Please send your resume and a cover letter to nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca by May 31.

Literacy award nominations open

The [NWT Ministerial Literacy Awards](#) honour the literacy achievements of youth learners, exceptional educators, and NWT organizations. The NWT Council of the Federation Literacy Award honours the achievements of an adult learner who has demonstrated outstanding progress in the pursuit of literacy skills in any of the NWT Official Languages. June 10 is the deadline for all nominations.

Call for nominations to the Culture and Heritage Circle

The [Minister's Culture and Heritage Circle Award](#) honours the efforts of residents who work to strengthen the arts, cultures, and heritage of the Northwest Territories. The deadline for nominations is July 31.



Funding

RBC donations and sponsorships

When making donations [RBC](#) looks for charitable partners which have sustainable sources of funding and use their donors' funds responsibly. RBC also offers sponsorships for events and ideas, and has three project-specific funds: RBC Future Launch, RBC Youth Mental Well-being, and RBC Emerging Artists Project.

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.

Family literacy funding

We have money to help NWT communities put on family literacy programs and events. Our [family literacy funding](#) is available on a first come, first served basis.



News, Research, Opinion

Learning can be fun

It was nice to see kids actually having fun at Inuvik's Science Rendezvous as they interacted and learned about topics they probably would have found boring if they were just reading about it in a textbook...[Read more](#)

How to help your preschool child with reading

Kindergarten reading is less about actual reading than it is about looking and recognizing sight words. By the time kids are four years old, they're typically familiar and engaged with reading, particularly when reading is part of the family ritual that a child looks forward to...[Read more](#)

Canadian schools spend more as enrolment and test scores fall

The question of value for money is central to any public policy consideration. Given its scale, coupled with its critical social and economic impact, education ranks as one of the most important and challenging policies for analysis...[Read more](#)

How movement and exercise help kids learn

Neuroscientist Wendy Suzuki was a rising star in the field of memory when she looked around and realized that her lifestyle wasn't sustainable. "I was trying to get tenure, and I was doing nothing but work," she says. "I had no friends outside of my lab. I knew I needed to do something. I thought, at least I can go to the gym and try to feel stronger."...[Read more](#)



Resources and Websites

Climate literacy

[The principles of climate science](#)

Current events quizzes for students

[New York Times](#)

From Sea to Sea to Sea

[Celebrating Indigenous picture books](#)

[Children's books by Indigenous authors](#)

Structured literacy

[An introductory guide](#)

Teaching and assessing spelling

[International Literacy Association](#)

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