

Literacy Dates

National Indigenous History Month - June
Canadian Environment Week - June 1-5
World Refugee Day - June 20

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Blog



Time to be in the bush

Now is the time to be on the land. Connection to nature is one of the ways we heal, and we are excited to be out with family and friends (while practicing physical distancing, of course). The land is a teacher, a provider...[Read more](#)

Announcements and Events

Folk on the Rocks presents: Fred Penner and P I Q S I Q

This event is taking place online at 1:00 p.m. on May 30. Tickets are only \$7.00 and can be purchased [here](#). Ticket holders will be given a Zoom link prior to the performance. Please see more information on the [Facebook event page](#).

Understanding online exploitation - a workshop for caring adults

Sexual Assault Support Centre of Waterloo Region welcomes you to learn about exploitation in the digital age and ways to broach this difficult topic with youth in your life. Takes place online May 29 1-3 p.m. See more information [here](#).

NWT Graduates 2020 hosted online by CBC NWT

CBC NWT is holding a big graduation event for high school students from around the Northwest Territories. Join on CBC NWT's Facebook page or on your radio June 4 from 7-8 p.m. Click on the "Going" button [here](#).

Funding

Creative Industries Economic Recovery Funding

The GNWT - ITI & ECE is providing special funding for film-and-arts-related initiatives. The deadline for applications is May 29 at 5:00 p.m. There is \$250,000 is available in total. Please see the full details [here](#).

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.

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

NorthWords writers' festival heads online in June

This year's NorthWords NWT literary festival will take place online from June

19-28, replacing the traditional format of events held at locations around Yellowknife and beyond. Valerie Gamache, NorthWords Executive...[Read more](#)

5 ways to keep human connections when moving learning online due to coronavirus

Universities across Canada and the world have been working to rapidly move their face-to-face classes to remote delivery. While digital technologies enable people to work and learn from home during the COVID-19...[Read more](#)

Indigenous knowledge-holders explore health in a pandemic

Tłıchǫ Elder Nora Wedzin remembers the tuberculosis epidemic in the early 20th century. Wedzin, from Behchokò, was taken from her community as a young girl to receive treatment. She recalled: “I was in isolation...[Read more](#)

Spotlight on Adult Educators



Cherie Stewart, Fort Smith

With a Bachelor of Education, majoring in Native Studies and minoring in English, Developmental Studies Instructor Cherie Stewart brings a uniquely northern Indigenous perspective to her students at Aurora College’s Thebacha Campus. Striving to include as many Aboriginal-based resources as possible, and infusing traditional story-telling by Elders, Cherie’s expressed goal is to ensure the indigenizing of College curricula to meet students’ academic and cultural aspirations.

In 2014, Cherie was awarded Aurora College’s Instructional Excellence Award and, in 2019, celebrates her 10th year of service as teaching faculty at the College and as a GNWT employee.

Originally from Fort Chipewyan Alberta, Cherie made her home in Fort Smith 17 years ago, where she also raised her daughter. In all her life capacities, Cherie keeps close ties to her Aboriginal ancestry and culture. She uses her knowledge of the land and her surroundings to help her connect with her students, and also to help keep herself grounded. Beyond her passion for

teaching, Cherie enjoys being on the land and spending as much time as possible with family.

Resources and Websites

Resources for well-being

[The We Well-Being Playbook \(WE.org\)](#)

[Dealing with Stress Workbook \(NWT Literacy Council\)](#)

[15 Ways to Start Improving Your Health Literacy \(NWT Literacy Council\)](#)



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