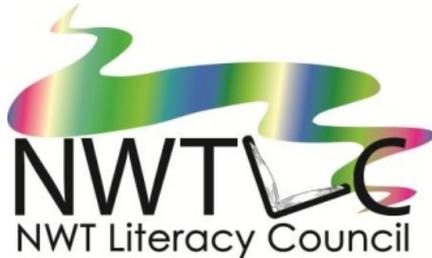


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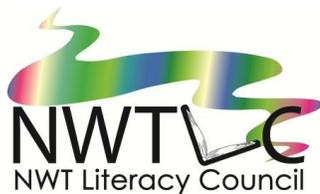
Screen-Free Week - April 30-May 6

Canadian Mental Health Week - May 7-13

Our Blog

We're learning more about literacy and essential skills

You may have noticed that the NWT Literacy Council's office was closed last Thursday and Friday. If you were wondering where we all were...[Read more](#)



We're the family, youth and adult literacy and essential skills centre for excellence.

We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

[Check out our website to learn more](#)

Announcements and Events

Women-only swim on May 11

We invite women and girls, 9 years of age and older, to a [women-only swim](#) at the pool in Yellowknife. Join us on May 11 from 8:30-9:30 pm.

Support Literacy

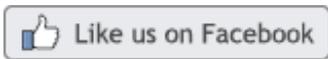


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- [Make a donation](#)
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- Take part in literacy activities in your community

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Book Week events in the NWT

Visiting author, Stephanie McLellan, will visit Fort Liard, Hay River, Fort Providence, and Fort Simpson next week. The visits mark [TD Canadian Children's Book Week](#).

Apply now for a FOXY retreat

Applications are online for [FOXY](#) and [SMASH](#) retreats this summer. The retreats are fun and help participants learn more about sexual health and healthy relationships. Deadline to apply is May 31, 2018.

Funding

Get active this June

[Get Active](#) funds community events that get people more physically active in the NWT. The NWT Recreation and Parks Association offers grants of \$400 to organize and deliver a community-oriented physically active event in June. The deadline to apply is May 31, 2018.

Letters of intent sought

The [Lawson Foundation](#) is inviting letters of intent for environmental initiatives that strengthen the leadership and civic engagement capacity of young people. Letters of intent are due May 31, 2018.

NGO stabilization funds available

The [NGO Stabilization Fund](#) helps non-government organizations, that deliver GNWT-funded programs or services, to stabilize or develop their capacity to manage programs and services. The deadline to apply is May 11, 2018.

News, Opinion, and Research

Millions of scholarship dollars go unclaimed each year in Canada

You don't have to be a genius or a sports superstar to qualify for a university scholarship. That's the message from financial expert Lesley-Anne Scorgie as students enter the final stretch of the school year...[Read more](#)

Why free preschool makes the most sense for families

The Ontario Liberals recently announced a plan to offer free child care for preschoolers - from the age of 2.5 years until they start kindergarten - to every family that wants it by 2020...[Read more](#)

Pilot program at Arviat high school boosts student attendance, emotional stability

The high school in Arviat, Nunavut, has found a way to boost student attendance and quell fights with a new pilot

program. The program was developed by Romeo Fournier, the school's principal, and a team of Inuit and non-Inuit staff...[Read more](#)

Graphic novels zap literacy - and fun - into curriculum

As superheroes leap and bound across movie screens, the book versions of these comic creations are making their way to less splashy spaces: classrooms...[Read more](#)

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Cities connect children to nature

[Guide for municipalities](#)

10 ways adults can be more playful

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7 words we've borrowed from Indigenous languages

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Outside play

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