

Literacy Dates

Disability Awareness Week - May 25-31

Intergenerational Day - June 1

National Indigenous Day - June 21

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Blog



Early childhood education program “phenomenal”

Aurora College’s Early Childhood Education Program still has the 22 students it began with in September. This is “phenomenal” as college programs usually expect a 25 percent dropout rate, says Jim Arsenault, Program Head - Early Childhood, Aurora College. He describes the early childhood program as “innovative and experiential.”...[Read more](#)



Announcements and Events

NorthWords NWT Festival starts today

Events are planned in Yellowknife, Hay River, and Fort Smith during the [NorthWords NWT Festival](#) from today until Sunday. Writers, visiting authors, and community members will take part in workshops, panels, mentorships, and events such as FLASH, BLUSH, and the annual Gala.

Summer job application deadline extended

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 Monday, June 3 at 5 pm.

Nominate someone for a literacy award

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.



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

Two NWT educators receive national awards

After leaving France to discover the Canadian North, [Amandine Falette-Galiussi](#) quickly put her tireless energy to work for the Yellowknife community. Her innovative ideas, her commitment, her insatiable interest in early childhood, her leadership and her love of the outdoors make her an exceptional educator. [Deborah Horen](#)'s students are not surprised she just won a Prime Minister's award for teaching excellence. The award recognizes teachers who are "preparing their students for a digital and innovation-based economy."

How an Inuit-Montessori preschool hopes to reinvent education in the north

Karen Nutarak and her close friend Tessa Lochhead developed a unique early childhood education program by blending Montessori teaching principles and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit or Inuit traditional knowledge, known as IQ...[Read more](#)

Educational TV show for kids has broader message about north's Indigenous peoples

When the new PBS KIDS television show "Molly of Denali" begins airing on public television stations in July, viewers will get more than lessons in literacy and problem-solving. The first national animated television series with an Alaska Native lead character, "Molly of Denali" will also help set the record straight about the north's Indigenous peoples...[Read more](#)

Challenges in certification still hampering learners

Today learning happens everywhere and adults who learn in daily non-formal situations and environments need to be able to prove their skills to outsiders...[Read more](#)



Resources and Websites

Becoming

[Waldorf Schools at 100 \(video\)](#)

Handbook of Indigenous education

[International voices on research and practice](#)

6 ways to protect your mental health

[From social media's dangers](#)

4 reasons you should be reading books daily

[According to science](#)

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