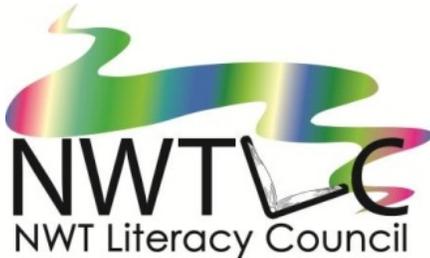


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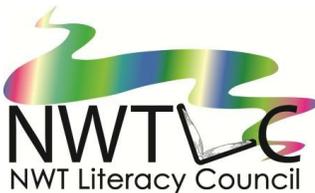
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Intergenerational Day - June 1

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Explaining Canadian parenting norms

Moving as a family to a new country may introduce challenges for parents. They are removed from their local cultural norms and communicating in a new language. Canadian expectations for parents and Canadian laws may be quite different from what immigrants are used to...[Read more](#)



Announcements and Events

Nominate someone today for an NWT literacy award

Tomorrow is the deadline to nominate an adult learner,



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youth learner, educator, or organization for an [NWT literacy award](#). The NWT Ministerial Literacy Awards honour the literacy achievements of youth learners, exceptional educators, and organizations across the territory.

The NWT Council of the Federation Literacy Award honours the achievements of an adult learner who has overcome obstacles and demonstrated outstanding progress in the pursuit of literacy skills in any of the NWT official languages.

Skill builders for youth training in June

Join us to learn how to include literacy and essential skills into programs for youth. Our training event is June 12-14 in Yellowknife. Spaces are limited. [Registration](#) forms are on our website, or call 1-866-599-6758, or email emily@nwtliteracy.ca

NorthWords Festival this weekend

Don't miss the NorthWords NWT Writers Festival today until June 3, 2018 in Yellowknife, Hay River and Fort Smith. Go to the [NorthWords website](#) for this year's schedule of workshops and other events, including tonight's free barbeque in Yellowknife.

Funding

Apply for funds for your youth-led project

[TakingITGlobal](#) is looking for young people who are inspired with ideas and ready to take action with youth-led community service grants. The deadline is June 30, 2018 for \$750 and \$1,500 grants.

Women's project funding deadline extended

The [NWT Women's Initiatives Grants Program](#) deadline for special project grants is extended until June 8, 2018. For information email elizabeth_biscaye@gov.nt.ca or shawn_mccann@gov.nt.ca

News, Opinion, and Research

Review proposes transforming Aurora College into polytechnic university

A highly anticipated review of Aurora College recommends Aurora College be transformed into a Northern Canada polytechnic university. The 143-page document includes 67 recommendations on everything from governance to accountability, academic program management, and operations, to the recruitment and retention of students, with an emphasis on changing the territory's vision for post-secondary education...[Read more](#)

Go to the Department of Education, Culture and Employment website for an [update and links to the full report and terms of reference](#).

All NWT languages are in danger, says Minister

Every resident of the Northwest Territories has the right to equal access to public services, yet many services are not easily accessible in the nine official Indigenous languages ...[Read more](#)

What does the research say about technology and childhood learning?

In January 2018, Michael Levine participated in a panel conversation on young children's media use hosted by Common Sense Media and the Brooklyn Public Library. In the first of a two-part series, here are his comments on media use by kids up to eight years of age...[Read more](#)

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