



Literacy This Week

May 7, 2020

Literacy Dates

Mother's Day - May 10
Victoria Day - May 18
International Museum Day - May 18
Learning at Work Week - May 18 - 24

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Blog



Motivational Struggles during COVID-19

We are currently living in unprecedented times, with everyone experiencing some disruption to their daily lives. As a result of COVID-19, many of us have been remanded to our homes for the vast majority of our time in...[Read more](#)

Announcements and Events

Aboriginal Sport Circle NWT online wellness workshops

On Friday, May 8 from 12:10 p.m. - 12:50 p.m. there will be Bodyweight HIIT with Ryane Peterson. Click for more details on their page [here](#) and don't miss next week's calendar for a session lead by NWT Literacy Council!

Cabin Radio's drive-in movie

Entry is by donation at the Multiplex and Fieldhouse parking lot. The movie will either be Hook, Jurassic Park, or Groundhog Day. All physical distancing rules will be followed. Please see more details on their [page](#) before attending.

Stay Away but Keep in Touch Contest

Write and submit your story about keeping in touch with seniors while keeping away from them physically. There will be prizes for three entries. Please email stories to ed@seniorsnwt.ca by May 8. See more information [here](#).

Funding

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.

TakingITGlobal Adobe Creative Cloud Donation Program

Nonprofit organizations can receive up to 50 shared device licenses that give youth access to Adobe programs including Photoshop, Lightroom, and more. See more details [here](#), fill out the form [here](#), and email TakingITGlobal [here](#).

Collaborating for Inclusion of Older Adults

This four-year project aims to decrease social isolation of seniors and elders by building connections through activities and community engagement in 10 NWT communities. Application deadline is May 22, 2020. See more [here](#).

News, Research, Opinion

On the end of a phone, therapists gauge the NWT's mental health

Raymond Pidzamecky is a therapist who works in Indigenous communities across the NWT. He lives in Ontario and travels a few times a year to see his clients, all of whom either survived residential school or...[Read more](#)

This graphic novel tells 150 years of Canadian history from an Indigenous perspective

This Place is a graphic novel anthology that examines the 150-plus years of

Canadian history since Confederation from the perspective of Indigenous Canadians. The book features work by Indigenous authors from...[Read more](#)

YK's LGBTQ2S+ youth find pandemic sanctuary in Netflix parties

The coalition, operating in Yellowknife since 2011, helps youth, families, and allies across the territory. It normally runs close to 30 free programs per month, from paint nights and sports games to support groups...[Read more](#)

Spotlight on Adult Educators



Josh Macdonald, Behchokò

Josh MacDonald received a Master of Adult Education from Saint Francis Xavier University (St. FX) and is currently working as a Community Adult Educator with Aurora College in Behchokò. He previously worked with the Public School Board in South Korea teaching English; he also taught academic English as part of the LEAP program at St. FX.

Before joining Aurora College, Josh worked with the Progressive Alternatives Society of Calgary as an Employment and Community Facilitator supporting individuals with developmental disabilities. His professional interests include discovering new community development strategies as well as learning effective means to improve online learning and distance education.

In addition, Josh worked with the public library in South Korea to develop a language-learning program, volunteered as a language tutor with the Coady International Institute and served on the St. Ninian's Parish Council in Antigonish, Nova Scotia. In his spare time, he enjoys watching ice hockey and practicing Judo and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.

Resources and Websites

[DIY Home Spa Treatments for Mother's Day \(Boulder Locavore\)](#)
[DIY Handprint Coasters for Mother's Day \(Dwelling in Happiness\)](#)
[Easy Tassel Flowers: DIY Dandelion Bouquet \(Bren Did\)](#)



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