

May 9, 2019

Literacy Dates

TD Canadian Children's Book Week - May 4-11

Mental Health Week - May 6-12

International Day of Families - May 15

Intergenerational Day - June 1

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Blog



Immigrant youth tell digital stories

Well this was a first! The first time I ever worked with northern youth who were relatively new to Canada. I delivered a Digital Storytelling workshop with Yellowknife youth who had roots in Syria, Palestine, United Kingdom, Kenya and Somalia. What an inspiring, resilient, brilliant, and fun group of young people...[Read more](#)



Announcements and Events

Want a Bison Bus visit?

Contact us to invite our Bison Bus to visit your community or your family-friendly event. We're booking summer travel for our mobile family literacy centre. Call 1-866-599-6758 or email charlotte@nwtliteracy.ca

Great summer opportunities for NWT youth

- Interested in science? Apply now for the spaces still available in the 10-day [Tundra Science and Culture Camp](#). It's organized by the NWT government Environment and Natural Resources department. The camp is also looking for teachers interested in a professional development experience.
- Youth aged 13-17 years from the NWT, Yukon, and Nunavut are invited to apply for the 2019 [FOXY](#) and [SMASH](#) Peer Leader Retreats at Blachford Lake Lodge, NWT. All costs are covered, including travel from your home community to Yellowknife. Apply by Sunday, June 2. If you already attended a Peer Leader Retreat, contact FOXY for a separate application.

Dene Kede Speak Dene Cafe on Monday

The first gathering of people interested in getting together to [speak a Dene language](#) at the Yellowknife Public Library is Monday, May 13. Bring your lunch at noon. Visit the [library website](#) for information about other programs.

Book launch on Saturday

Celebrate the new book, [The Science of the Sacred](#), by Nicole Redvers, on Saturday, May 11 at the Yellowknife Public Library at 3 pm.



Funding

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.

Yellowknife Community Fund

The [Yellowknife Community Fund](#) supports capital assets or items that improve social conditions, promote arts and cultural activities, sport, recreation

and community development, or are for health care or education. You can apply at any time.



News, Research, Opinion

Paulatuk school improves attendance rate by 25% this year

Angik School in Paulatuk, NWT has always struggled with improving its attendance rate—at one point, the school had the lowest attendance rate in the Beaufort Delta region. "We've been in a battle with attendance for many years. We've even experienced the bottom of the barrel," said Gilbert Thrasher Sr., chair of Paulatuk's District Education Authority...[Read more](#)

My dyslexia is not just a reading disability

I have never been one to hide my disabilities. Within 10 minutes of meeting me, you will probably learn I am dyslexic. Dyslexia has given me many, many gifts. However, it's also something I have struggled with. One of the reasons dyslexia is so hard to deal with is because it has a stereotype that only my reading is affected...[Read more](#)

Creating passionate readers through independent reading

As Fortnite, the latest downloadable action game to dominate the gaming scene, captivates middle school and high school students across the globe, teachers may wonder, how can we compete for students' attention in learning to read? How can we inspire a similar level of passion?...[Read more](#)

'Nothing but the language': On-the-land immersion instills Dene Zahtie in young man

Brandon Jumbo is bucking a trend. He is fluent in Dene Zahtie, one of nine official Indigenous languages of the Northwest Territories...[Read more](#)



Resources and Websites

11 Canadian books to read for Mental Health Week

[CBC Books](#)

Northreads

[New reviews of northern books](#)

Tips for good mental health

[Information sheet and audio link](#)

May is National Bike Month

[Try this bicycle quiz](#)

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