

## Literacy Dates

Financial Literacy Month - November  
World Children's Day - November 20

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## Blog



### November 15-21, 2020 is Education Savings Week

Education Savings Week is a nationally recognized event focused on promoting and educating parents and caregivers on how to start saving for their child's post-secondary education. It is also a great opportunity to learn...[Read more](#)

## Announcements and Events

## **Skill Builders for Youth applications for training are now open**

Get training to apply for funding! Sessions will take place from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. November 23, 24, 30, and December 1. Deadline for applications is November 16. See details, contact information, and the application form [here](#).

## **NWTLC surprise bag fundraiser - for the northern economy!**

Support NWT Literacy Council and five Yellowknife businesses by purchasing a surprise bag! Each \$85 bag features local products, and can be shipped anywhere in Canada for \$20. Email [nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca) to order.

## **2020 Youth NWT Water Stewardship Multimedia Contest**

NWT youth aged 25 and under are invited to enter submissions in one of the following categories that capture their connection to water: photography, video, or artwork. Check out the GNWT website for forms and deadlines [here](#).

# Funding

## **Family Literacy and Skill Builders for Youth Funding**

NWT Literacy Council is funding projects for organizations with staff who have received our training for family or youth literacy. We will be facilitating online training sessions in the near future. Please visit our [website](#) for applications.

## **The Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund (IPRF)**

The IPRF will support Indigenous-led organizations running projects at the community level that serve vulnerable populations that have been especially affected by COVID-19. See the applicant guide, including how to apply, [here](#).

## **NWT On-The-Land Collaborative**

The Collaborative supports projects that connect community members to their land, culture, languages, and traditions. They accept applications from individuals, organizations, and communities based in the NWT. See more [here](#).

# News, Research, Opinion

## **Teachers can't take paid leave during self-isolation after Christmas travel**

Teachers returning to the NWT after Christmas break won't be granted paid leave while self-isolating and must prepare lesson plans for the time they're away from their classes, the Department of Education, Culture...[Read more](#)

## **Trudeau promises to connect 98% of Canadians to high-speed internet by 2026**

After some pandemic-related delays, the Liberal government says it's now on track to connect 98% of Canadians to high-speed internet by 2026. The announcement comes as more Canadians find themselves... [Read more](#)

### Fort Simpson filmmaker selected to work with Ryan Reynolds on project

An Indigenous filmmaker from Fort Simpson will be shadowing the director of a Netflix project after being selected for a competitive training program. Jiah Dzentu, who is Denesuline and Dehcho Dene... [Read more](#)

## Spotlight on Staff



### Karen Johnson, Community Connections Coordinator

Karen joined the NWT Literacy Council in September 2017 to offer programs for new immigrants to Yellowknife. The idea is to orient newcomers to Yellowknife, Indigenous cultures, local activities and more while improving English literacy in non-formal settings. The programs come under the broad term of Community Connections, funded by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada. Additional funding is also provided by the City of Yellowknife and the United Way NWT. Activities include recreation programs, Speak English Café, and Global Cooking and gardening. Karen initiated the Ladies-Only Swims when she learned of the need for this from the immigrant women.

Karen loves the outdoors and can be found walking or cross country skiing with her dog, paddling on the lake, and camping depending on the season. She also loves books, cooking and growing things.

One of Karen's strengths is building community. She does this amongst friends and the immigrants she works with. She enjoys sharing the beauty of where she lives and her favourite activities with others.

## Resources and Websites

## Resources for Financial Literacy Month

[Courses \(Smart About Money\)](#)

[Money Mentors podcast \(Soundcloud\)](#)

[Canadian financial literacy database \(Government of Canada\)](#)



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