



Literacy This Week

November 15, 2018

Literacy Dates

Education Savings Week - November 18-24

Universal Children's Day - November 20

Financial Literacy Month - November

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Our Blog

Thanks to our guest blogger, Lana de Bastiani who tells us how...

Writing a children's book got me my Master's in Education

For my Master's in Special Education I wrote a northern children's picture book called, *The Fox and My Boot*. My University of Northern British Columbia graduate program allowed me to use the development of a children's book as my final project...[Read more](#)



Announcements and Events

November is the month to think about investing in yourself

Canadians are encouraged to invest in their financial well-being during November, Financial Literacy Month. The [Financial Consumer Agency of Canada](#) has resources and information on its website to help you work on your financial well-being.

Yellowknife library seeks crochet squares

The [Yellowknife Public Library](#) wants 8-inch crochet squares to create a new blanket for the children's area at the library. Drop off your square by December 15.

Have your say on the Market Basket Measure

Statistics Canada is asking Canadians to take an online survey about how it measures poverty. Recently, the Government of Canada announced that the [Market Basket Measure](#) will be used as Canada's official poverty line. Statistics Canada is reviewing the measure which is based on the cost of a basket of goods and services that individuals and families require to meet their basic needs and achieve a modest standard of living.

Literacy instructor wanted in Yellowknife

The Literacy Outreach Centre supports adult learners with or without disabilities who have low literacy skills. If you are passionate about lifelong learning, apply to the [Yellowknife Association for Community Living](#).



Funding

United Way NWT accepting funding applications

[United Way NWT](#) invites funding applications from registered NWT charities. The maximum amount awarded to any one group in 2017 was \$7,500. The United Way NWT also awards a multi-year grant of up to \$15,000 a year for three years. The deadline to apply is November 30, 2018.

Rising Youth grants support projects by and for youth

[TakingITGlobal](#) is looking for young people who are inspired with ideas and ready to take action through youth-led community service grants. The deadline to apply for \$250 grants is November 30, 2018. You can apply for larger grants by the end of the year.



News, Research, Opinion

Learning music early can make your child a better reader

Neuroscience has found a clear relationship between music and language acquisition. Put simply, learning music in the early years of schooling can help children learn to read...[Read more](#)

Living 'in the middle of nowhere' is no obstacle for online students

Chris Cameron dropped out of the University of Lethbridge after a difficult three semesters. He had also, however, taken a handful of courses from online-only Athabasca University – and found the experience night-and-day different...[Read more](#)

Creating a diverse classroom library

The library is the physical and metaphorical centre of my classroom. It is a reading world adorned with a carpet, comfy chairs, a lamp, and bins of neatly organized books. When I remember my own childhood, I picture a colourful tapestry woven by the hundreds of worlds I visited through the pages of books...[Read more](#)

In the rush to improve early education, don't forget about teachers

Parents know that a child's early experiences greatly influence their success later in school and in life. While parents are young children's first and best teachers, they rely on early educators as partners in preparing their children for success. And when that partnership is strong, we have the building blocks for prosperous communities...[Read more](#)



Resources and Websites

Little Black Book of Scams

[Become a fraud-fighting superhero](#)

Smartsaver.org

[Save money and get government grants for your child's education](#)

7 fun drawing games

[Flex your creativity muscles](#)

Universal Children's Day

[UNICEF activities and resources](#)



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