

## Literacy Dates

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

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## Blog



### World Children's Day: November 20

For over 60 years, the United Nations has marked World Children's Day on November 20. Each year, the day is held to reflect on improving the welfare of children and to connect nations in the awareness of the needs and...[Read more](#)

## Announcements and Events

## 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.

## Northern book launch of *Journal of a Travelling Girl*

Join author Nadine Neema in a virtual launch of her new middle grade novel about a girl's life-changing journey in a Tłı̨chʔ community. Click *going* for a chance to win a prize (must be present November 24 at 7 p.m.) Event [here](#).

## Virtual sharing circle: Indigenous Knowledge Holders on strengthening a safe connection to ice

The NWTRPA and Mackenzie Recreation Association are hosting this free event on Thursday, November 26 at 10:30 a.m. Anyone is welcome to register. Registration in advance is required. See more information on the [event page](#).

# 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.

## United Way NWT Community Investment Fund

NWT organizations who are registered charities are invited to submit an application for projects focusing on poverty, health support services, and early childhood learning. Deadline is December 4. See their [website](#) for more info.

## 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](#).

# News, Research, Opinion

## A 'conversation we have to have': Northerners give reconciliation advice in new podcast

Two people with connections to the North are launching a podcast about everyday acts of reconciliation. Former NWT MLA Michael Miltenberger and lawyer Merrell-Ann Phare are the co-hosts of the Porcupine...[Read more](#)

## **Journeyman baker makes a fresh batch of doughnuts. Here's how to do it**

They don't make doughnuts like they used to. In the good old days doughnuts were always freshly handmade. Now, some big chain doughnut shops cook them from frozen. And while those are still delicious, they aren't...[Read more](#)

## **'I'm super Inuk': Nunavut singer Terry Uyarak releases songs in Inuktitut**

Terry Uyarak hums all the time. Whether sledding with his dog team across the frozen ocean north of the Arctic Circle or driving his snowmobile over a land in darkness, the self-taught singer-songwriter says he's "always...[Read more](#)

# Spotlight on Staff



### **Grayce Patino, HIPPY Coordinator**

Grayce has worked with children for over 15 years in different capacities. She has supported children in learning new skills, understanding their feelings, interacting with people and their environment, and honing their strengths, all while allowing them to be the funny and imaginative.

Her most fulfilling achievement in working with early childhood education is helping children reach their full potential in learning and building essential skills. She is a strong believer in early literacy because it fosters successful and creative citizens that live productive lives.

With her background in teaching, psychology, nursing, and early childhood intervention, Grayce joined the NWT Literacy Council this October. The Council is launching a new program called HIPPY - Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters, and Grayce has taken on a dual role of a Coordinator/Home Visitor. HIPPY is a home-based, early childhood education program that supports parents and provides solutions that strengthen the

family, while fostering parental involvement in school and community.

Grayce is a licensed independent advisor who continues to assist families to prepare for their financial future. She is a servant at heart who is always willing to share her time, knowledge, and resources to support her family, church, and community members.

## 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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