



Literacy This Week

November 1, 2018

Literacy Dates

Media Literacy Week - November 5-9

International Children's Day - November 20

Financial Literacy Month - November

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Our Blog

Community connections are good for everyone

The recent fundraising dinner for YWCA's Rockhill apartment residents is a good example of what our Community Connections program is all about...[Read more](#)



Announcements and Events

NorthWords NWT encourages everyone to write

Learn to write for magazines

[NorthWords NWT](#) presents a workshop with Laurie Sarkadi, editor of Edge YK and author of *Voice in the Wild* on November 17, 2018 in Hay River. Learn what magazine editors look for, how to pitch your story idea, and how to get your work into print. There is a \$30 fee for this workshop. Register at the NWT Centennial Library or call (867) 874-6486.

Youth writing workshops each month

NorthWords NWT and the Yellowknife Public Library are putting on monthly writing [workshops aimed at youth](#). The next workshop is Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Each workshop is stand alone, so you don't have to worry if you haven't been to previous ones.

Monthly adult writing circle

NorthWords [Writers Circle](#) is a new group for adult writers of all abilities and experience. It is held once a month on Sunday afternoon at the Yellowknife Public Library. The next circle is November 25, 2018 from 1-4 pm.



Funding

Energy Efficiency Incentive Program

The [Arctic Energy Alliance](#) provides rebates to northerners who purchase new, more energy-efficient models of products that they use every day. The program can be accessed by individuals, non-profits, municipalities, businesses and First Nations.

Funding for food security

The [Feed Opportunity Fund](#) provides grants to test and expand innovative approaches to advance food security. There is a two-step application process – Letters of Intent are due on November 14, 2018. Following review of these letters, some groups will be invited to submit a proposal by January 11, 2019.



News, Research, Opinion

Board member wins contest with new children's book

Our Yellowknife, Ndiłq and Dettah board member, Rachel Vanderveen, read her new book, [A Journey Down the River](#), to students in Yellowknife Catholic Schools recently. The book was a prize winner in the [South Slave Divisional Education Council's Children's Storytelling Contest](#). The annual contest is open now with a deadline at the end of March, 2019. Winning entries are published in English and three Indigenous languages.

Inuit will not support 'symbolic' language law: Obed

The federal government's intention to protect Indigenous languages through new legislation might not get the support of a prominent Inuit organization. "There's a risk that it can end up as symbolic legislation," said Natan Obed, president of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, an organization representing 60,000 Inuit in Canada...[Read more](#)

Aurora College needs a new board, not another bureaucrat: Fort Smith councillor

Fort Smith town councillor, Kevin Smith, says he's "cautiously optimistic" about the government's commitment to create a polytechnic university in the NWT — but "very skeptical" about the decision to hire a new senior bureaucrat to get the job done...[Read more](#)

University or college? Polytechnics fall somewhere in between

It's a confusing post-secondary landscape out there, with universities that are home to colleges and colleges becoming universities. Then there are the polytechnics. A true polytechnic offers four-year bachelor's degrees, but isn't a university...[Read more](#)



Resources and Websites

Understanding trauma

[Learning brain versus survival brain](#)

Project Peace

[Toolkit for Indigenous girls, women, Two-Spirited people, boys, and men who have experienced or witnessed violence](#)

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