

Literacy Dates

Financial Literacy Month - November

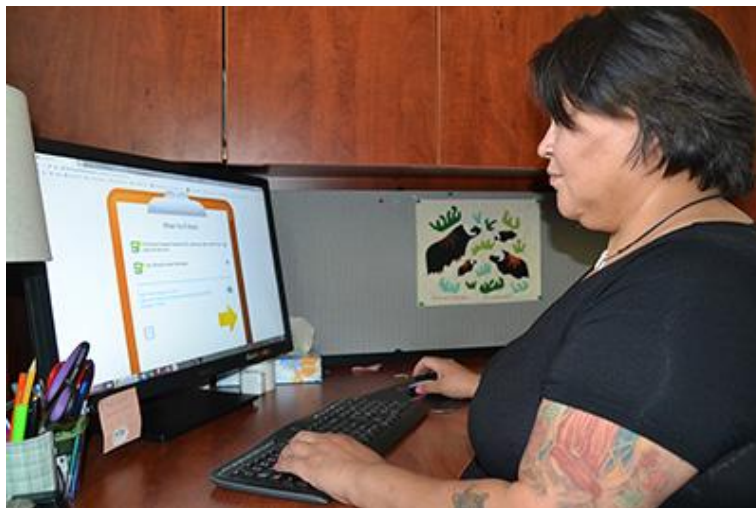
Education Savings Week - November 18-22

Family Literacy Training Institute - November 25-28

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Blog



Why is saving for post-secondary education important?

This week is Education Savings Week in Canada. This is a great opportunity to think about the reasons to save for our children's future education, and learn about some programs to help with savings.

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Announcements and Events

Family Literacy Training Institute 2019

We will be hosting our annual Family Literacy Training Institute next week in Yellowknife from November 25-28. Participants from around the Northwest Territories will join us for sessions such as an Introduction to Family Literacy, Choosing Books, Baby Brain and Language Development as well as sessions on some of our resources like *1-2-3 Rhyme with Me*, *Science Fun* and *Story Time Adventures*.

Congratulations to Edna Elias!

The first president of the NWT Literacy Council, Edna Elias, was invested to the Order of Canada this week. The Order of Canada is one of the country's highest civilian honours and recognizes outstanding achievement, dedication to the community and service to the nation. Edna has been a leader in preserving Inuit language and culture. Through her work as a politician, educator and linguist, she served as commissioner of Nunavut and was the director of the Language Bureau for the Government of the Northwest Territories, where she helped to implement standardized writing systems in Inuktitut. She founded the Edmonton Inuit Cultural Society and is a director and founding board member of the Arctic Indigenous Wellness Project.



Funding

City of Yellowknife Community Grants

The City of Yellowknife provides [funding](#) to not-for-profit organizations for the purpose of assisting in the organization of events, projects and programming. Deadline for applications is Friday January 10, 2020

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.

United Way Community Investment Fund

Organizations can apply for 1 or 3 year funding for projects. Projects must focus on one of three areas: From poverty to possibility; Healthy people, strong communities; and All that kids can be. [Applications](#) are due December 6, 2019.



News, Research, Opinion

How Helsinki built 'Book Heaven'

You might say, "Yes, of course I love the library." We do, too. But I'm not sure anyone loves libraries quite like the Finns do. In a country that boasts one of the world's highest literacy rates, the arrival of the new central library in Helsinki last year was a kind of moon-landing-like moment...[Read more](#)

From table tennis to Frisbee, wellness café keeps Mount Lorne seniors on the move

It's pretty typical to find table tennis at a rec centre. In Mount Lorne, Yukon, the table is in the warming hut that serves as the team benches for the outdoor rink. But the woodstove isn't lit to take the chill off. Bob Sharp is bent over and twisting in the arm of the tennis net onto the table. The 77-year-old is a retired teacher and an old hand at table tennis...[Read more](#)

An open door to reconciliation: inside Ottawa's new Indigenous Peoples building

Inside the ornate former U.S. embassy across from the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa, a set of plain tools sits in a glass display case — knives for cutting and scraping hides, a stone oil lamp. The tools are carefully made by hand and appear new. In a sense, that's why they're here. In a city filled with museums offering carefully curated glimpses...[Read more](#)

A culture not lost but disconnected

Bessie Pihoak Omilgoetok's worn fingers delicately tease pieces of white Arctic cotton before placing them in her qulliq — an Inuit stone lamp used for heating and cooking. Oil saturates the downy cotton as the 80-year-old ignites it with a barbecue lighter at a small camp overlooking Cambridge Bay, Nunavut. "I was orphaned at four years old," she tells a group of teenagers in Inuinnaqtun, the region's Inuit language. Her grandmother adopted her and raised her to use the qulliq...[Read more](#)



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