



Literacy This Week

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Literacy Dates

Financial Literacy Month - November

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Blog



Multicultural HIPPY now in Yellowknife

Nine years ago, my boys and I came to Canada as newcomers. We were, of course, excited about the new life that awaited us. However, within a few weeks, reality began to sink in, the excitement almost disappeared...[Read more](#)

Announcements and Events

Skill Builders for Youth applications for training are still open

Get training to apply for funding! Sessions will take place from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. November 30, December 1, 7, and 8. Deadline for applications is November 27. See details, contact information, and the application form [here](#).

NWTLC surprise bag fundraiser - Black Friday!

Surprise bags purchased from November 26 - 29 will receive free delivery in Yellowknife. These bags have five locally purchased items, are \$85 each, can be shipped anywhere in Canada for \$20, and support NWTLC. [Email](#) us to order!

Yellowknife Public Library short story contest

If your story is between 250 and 2000 words you could win a prize! Submit your story by January 31. Please include your name, birth date, and contact info. To get involved please call 867-920-5624 or [email](#) the library. For all ages.

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.

Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS)

Canadian businesses, non-profit organizations, or charities who have seen a drop in revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic may be eligible until June 2021. See the Government of Canada website for more information [here](#).

News, Research, Opinion

It's 'who they've always been': Inuvik man opens up about being transgender in small town

A transgender man from Inuvik, NWT, is sharing his transition process on social media in the hopes that it will help other transgender youth who lack the necessary support to transition in their northern communities...[Read more](#)

Northern Indigenous voices join national Handel's Messiah show

An upcoming virtual – and entirely free – production of Handel's Messiah is breaking new linguistic and cultural ground, placing BIPOC artists front-and-centre. Messiah/Complex, from Toronto opera company Against...[Read more](#)

At 14, this Tulita teen is already building a budding rap career

A teenager from Tulita, NWT, is making waves around town after releasing his first rap album recently. Julian McPherson, who goes by the stage name Lil Macc, is only 14. But he's already garnered more than 5,000...[Read more](#)

Spotlight on Staff



Uma Sivakumar, Office Manager

Uma has been with the NWT Literacy Council since November 2015. She greets members of the public, and keeps our office running smoothly. As part of her professional development, Uma attended training from Sage Bookkeeping, and has helped the NWTLC keep track of projects and expenses.

Uma organizes and coordinates all of our board meetings, annual general meetings, business travel, and program training. Uma works closely with the program budgets to keep the rest of us employees on track and accountable, and with our auditor for year-end financials.

It is important to Uma that she keeps in touch with her language and culture. In her spare time, she loves to cook traditional South Indian food, read Tamil novels, watch Tamil movies, and spend time with her children.

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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