



Literacy This Week

November 5, 2020

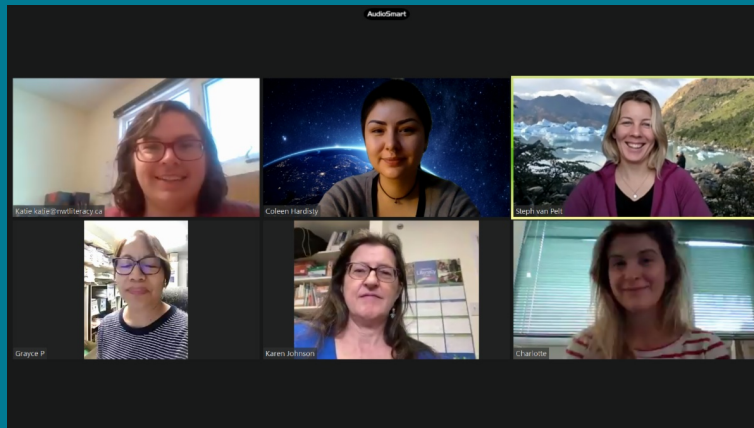
Literacy Dates

Financial Literacy Month - November
Remembrance Day - November 11
World Children's Day - November 20

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Blog



Reorganizing the Way We Work

NWT Literacy Council's work is rooted in connecting with community-based organizations. We do this through community visits, hosting trainings and networking events, and interacting directly with our many...[Read more](#)

Announcements and Events

Skill Builders for Youth applications for training are now open

Get training to apply for funding! Sessions will take place from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. November 23, 24, 30, and December 1. Deadline for applications is November 16. See details, contact information, and the application form [here](#).

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 to order.

Northern Productions - YKIFF Virtual Edition Free Section

Yellowknife International Film Festival is featuring films produced by northern filmmakers. This section is free to view and will be available from November 4 at 12 p.m. to November 9 at 11:59 p.m. Click to see their [full list of events](#).

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.

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](#).

NWT On-The-Land Collaborative

The Collaborative supports projects that connect community members to their land, culture, languages, and traditions. They accept applications from individuals, organizations, and communities based in the NWT. See more [here](#).

News, Research, Opinion

NWT launches Indigenous languages curriculum

The curriculum, named Our Languages, runs from junior kindergarten to Grade 12 and aims to ensure “Indigenous languages are heard and spoken throughout schools, at assemblies, and in all Northwest Territories classrooms,” the GNWT said on Friday...[Read more](#)

Aurora College identifies areas of specialization ‘at the core’ of polytechnic university’s identity

The territorial government has revealed the future NWT polytechnic university’s areas of specialization: skilled trades and technology, earth

resources and environmental management, Northern health...[Read more](#)

10 financial literacy tips to mark 10 years of Financial Literacy Month
November marks the 10th anniversary of Financial Literacy Month (FLM), an initiative launched by numerous community groups, non-profits and government bodies to help improve Canadians' financial literacy...[Read more](#)

Spotlight on Staff



Coleen Hardisty, Youth Literacy Coordinator

Coleen has been at the NWT Literacy Council for just over a year. Her main responsibility is the Skill Builders for Youth (SBY) program, which funds projects that foster development of youth literacy and essential skills (see more details above). Coleen is coordinating Indigenous Languages Month (ILM) for a second year, in partnership with the GNWT - Indigenous Languages and Education Secretariat. ILM will take place online all month in February 2021.

As part of her professional development, Coleen was fortunate to attend Dechinta Centre for Research and Learning this fall. Coleen and the NWTLC believe Indigenous languages and cultures to be fundamental literacies of the north, and have been involved with Indigenous Evaluation facilitated by Hotiñ ts'eeda for the SBY program.

Coleen loves to play music and spend time on the land. She volunteers regularly at the Rainbow Coalition of Yellowknife Youth Centre, and is the facilitator for a new program starting today. The program is called Tea & Social and is for Two Spirit and Indigiqueer youth aged 30 and under.

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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