

Literacy This Week

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Literacy Dates

Financial Literacy Month - November Remembrance Day- November 11 National Child Day- November 20

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Blog



Sharing with our colleagues from across Canada

Did you know that our PGI Bowl-a-Thon for Literacy was just one of 10 different PGI fundraising events across Canada this year? There are 12 literacy organizations affiliated with PGI Canada in different provinces and territories. Each hosts a unique event, with the goal of raising funds and awareness of literacy activities...<u>Read more</u>



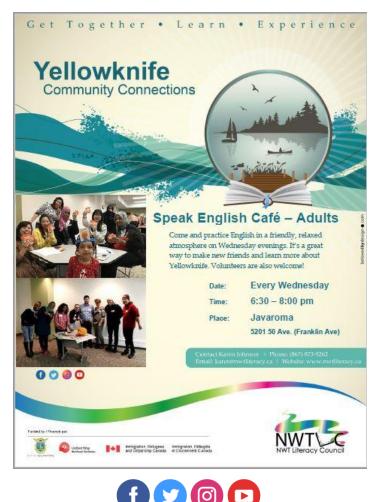
Announcements and Events

Come learn about the Canada Learning Bond

We are hosting a training event for volunteers, community champions and anyone working with low income families. You'll learn about important programs, including the Canada Learning Bond. This event is November 21-22 in Yellowknife. It is open to residents of the Thcho region, Łutsel K'e, Yellowknife, Dettah and Ndılo. Contact us at <u>nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca</u> or <u>register here.</u> Training events will also be held in Hay River, Norman Wells and Inuvik.

Speak English Cafe is now two nights a week

Newcomers are invited to come practice English in informal conversations. The group meets Monday evenings from 6:30-8 pm at the Yellowknife Public Library Meeting Room, starting November 18. Sessions also run Wednesday evenings 6:30-8 pm at Javaroma. We are also looking for more English speakers to come join the fun conversations. Email karen@nwtliteracy.ca for more information.





RisingYouth funding available

Do you have a simple project idea to support your community? TakingITGlobal (TIG) is looking for young people who are inspired with ideas and ready to take action through youth-led <u>community service grants</u>. Grants of \$250 are available each month. \$750 and \$1500 must be applied for by December 31.

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. <u>Applications</u> are due December 6, 2019.



News, Research, Opinion

Full list of NWT ministers as Cochrane hands out portfolios

Premier Caroline Cochrane has announced which cabinet members will lead which departments in her new Northwest Territories government...<u>Read more</u>

Writing and reading starts with children's hands-on play

Perhaps evolution's most wondrous manifestation is visible in the unparalleled elegance and versatility in the design of the human hand. The miracle of the hand-brain connection, a development that probably began about three or four million years ago, lies at the existential core of what it means to be human — that is, to have developed as tool makers and language users...<u>Read more</u>

"Affordable" child care is a failure of imagination

Imagine if public K-12 education in America were no longer free, no longer a right. Parents would need to come up with tuition fees—an average of about \$12,000 per child—or else figure out alternative arrangements. It would be chaos. Some parents would zero out their savings; others would leave the workforce to care for their children, or rely on family members to do so. A gray market of cheap, low-quality options would pop up. Parents would be gripped by stress, and the kids would suffer the most...<u>Read more</u>

Workshop arms Sahtu residents with tools to challenge caribou controls

The next time the people of the Sahtu talk caribou with the N.W.T. government, they'll come prepared. Last month, the community of Colville Lake, NWT, released its conservation plan for the territory's dwindling caribou herds — a plan that pushes strongly for changes to territorial policy. And this week, 22 leaders from the Sahtu will learn how to turn traditional stories about the herds into compelling evidence for local control...<u>Read more</u>



Resources and Websites

Get involved in the Literacy Nova Scotia Literacy Action Week social media campaign!

- Print one or all of the LAW 2019 posters in colour or black and white:
 - <u>I think #literacy is important because...</u>
 - <u>Because I improved my #literacy and essential skills, now I can...</u>
 - <u>#LiteracyMatters because...</u>
- Fill in the blanks. Finish the sentences ("I think literacy is important because...")
- Take a photo. Get a friend to take a picture of you holding the poster or take a selfie.
- Post the photo on Literacy Nova Scotia's <u>Facebook</u> page during Literacy Action Week, November 4 8, 2019. Share your photo on <u>Twitter</u>, <u>LinkedIn</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.
- Make sure to tag Literacy Nova Scotia and use one of the hashtags #LiteracyMatters #LiteracyChangesLives. Tag NWTLC as well to show how far their campaign is spreading.

Beautiful red poppy crafts for kids to make <u>Remembrance Day crafts</u>

Movember

Tackling prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide prevention.



