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Literacy Dates

Canadian Library Month - October

Health Literacy Month - October

NWT Literacy Council Annual Meeting - October 19

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Thankful for Canada

Arriving in a new country as a refugee is much different than arriving as an immigrant. In the first case you will accept the first chance to get yourself and your family away from a war zone. In the other case you make your selection based on deep thinking and you prepare what is needed to start your new life...[Read more](#)

Announcements and Events

Come to our annual general meeting

The [NWT Literacy Council annual general meeting](#) is this Saturday at noon at the North Star Building, 4910 53 St. in Yellowknife. A light lunch will be served. Everyone welcome.



Funding

United Way seeks funding applications

Registered NWT charities can apply to the [United Way NWT](#) for funding for projects that move people out of poverty, improve access to social and health supports, or help children in early learning, school or transitioning to adulthood. The deadline to apply is December 6.

#RisingYouth community service grants

Have a simple project idea to support your community? [#RisingYouth](#) is a program that empowers young people, ages 15-30, to support their local community by putting ideas into action through grants of \$250, \$750, or \$1500. The next deadline to apply is October 31.



News, Research, Opinion

Women only swim night at Yellowknife pool proves popular

Sometimes it takes fresh eyes to recognize a need. Anjum Bhatti moved to Yellowknife from England a couple of years ago. She noticed women in Yellowknife did not have access to the popular women only swim nights she had been accustomed to. "A lot of women don't like swimming in pools where there's men," Bhatti said. "It can be religious reasons, cultural reasons, [or] just body image."...[Read more](#)

What do parents hope to get out of parental controls?

The Washington Post recently reported that teens have figured out how to get around Apple's Screen Time. It beats me why parents are surprised. Kids and teens today have a lot of experience navigating their digital worlds...[Read more](#)

Canadian kids aren't playing outside enough, experts say, and

it's harming their health

Kids are extremely unlikely to get kidnapped if they play outside. They're also unlikely to be hit by a car, die by falling off a swing or otherwise face serious harm in the great outdoors, experts say. They actually face more harm by spending all their time inside...[Read more](#)

'We need to get teachers from our communities'

In 20 years, the Mi'kmaw high school graduation rate has increased threefold. A partnership between Mi'kmaq communities and St. Francis Xavier university helped...[Read more](#)



Resources and Websites

Drama resources

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