



Literacy This Week

October 18, 2018

Literacy Dates

Canadian Library Month - October
Health Literacy Month - October
Financial Literacy Month - November

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Our Blog

Our new board member Rachel VanderVeen has expanded her literacy activist role.

Why I joined the NWT Literacy Council board

As an educator, I have witnessed the effect that literacy skills have on people's lives. In my first years as a teacher, I focused entirely on my students and actions to aid them to become more literate, thus helping them to experience success. I soon realized that my students often struggled if literacy was not encouraged in their homes...[Read more](#)



Announcements and Events

Rockhill fundraiser on Saturday

Participants in our Community Connections for Newcomers Program and others will cook up a delicious meal this Saturday, October 20 at 5 pm at William McDonald School. The [Rockhill Fundraising Dinner](#) will raise money to help families affected by the recent fire at Rockhill apartment building in Yellowknife. We guarantee it will be delicious!

Volunteer tutor training this weekend

The Literacy Outreach Centre in Yellowknife is holding a [training session for volunteer tutors](#) on Sunday, October 21 from 11 am to 4 pm. Volunteer tutors are needed. No teaching or tutoring experience is necessary. Confirm your participation with Xiaoyi at 920-3016 or xyan@auroracollege.nt.ca

Bedini book launch on Sunday

Dave Bedini is launching his book, *Midnight Light*, on Sunday at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife at 2 pm. [Read John Mutford's review.](#)

Indigenous language lessons scheduled

The Goyatikò Language Society is delivering [Wìlìdeh Language and History](#) classes, and [Chipewyan](#), and [Wìlìdeh](#) language classes starting in early November. The classes are in Ndlò and Dettah. Yellowknives Dene First Nation members are a priority, but anyone else is welcome if there is room. Contact Mary Rose Sundberg for information at goyatiko@gmail.com or 446-7280.



Funding

United Way NWT accepting funding applications

[United Way NWT](#) invites funding applications from registered NWT charities. The maximum amount awarded to any one group in 2017 was \$7,500. The United Way NWT also awards a multi-year grant of up to \$15,000 a year for three years. The deadline to apply is November 30, 2018.

NWT Arts grants open

The [NWT Arts Council](#) is accepting applications for funding for projects to be completed during 2019-2020. Individual artists or organizations can apply. The deadline to apply is October 31, 2018.



News, Research, Opinion

NWT education minister says she's not qualified to make call on Aurora College program

The minister responsible for Aurora College says she's not qualified to make a decision on the future of its social work program. Instead, she'll leave it to a government official who hasn't been hired yet...[Read more](#)

How Canadian universities help fight to save Indigenous languages

Though not alone, Six Nations Polytechnic stands out in the ambitious scope of its language degrees. It's joined by a growing number of Canadian universities adding Indigenous language courses as well as certificates, diplomas and degrees...[Read more](#)

Picture books not just for children

If I could give one assignment to readers of all abilities it would be to take five or ten minutes each week to read one picture book. Picture books are an incredible combination of storytelling, art and a magic that we often don't indulge...[Read more](#)



Resources and Websites

What is dyscalculia?

Reconciliation Canada call out to young adults

[Community action toolkit](#)

2018 report card

[Provincial and territorial curriculum on Indigenous Peoples](#)

Is your day home literacy-friendly?

[Checklist](#)



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