

Literacy Dates

Health Literacy Month - October
Media Literacy Week - October 26-30
Halloween - October 31

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Blog



Introducing Immigrants to Cranberry Picking

It is so rewarding to share a favourite activity with someone and to observe them enjoying it and understanding the attraction. Cranberry picking is like that for me. In the fall I could spend hours outside every day in a...[Read more](#)

Announcements and Events

Creation Space - Poetry Series with Robyn Scott

There are 10 spots available for this free workshop for folks aged 16+. No experience necessary! Participants must bring their own mask, writing utensils and paper/notebook. Held at 5125 50th Street on October 25. See more [here](#).

Virtual Family Literacy Training Institute (NWTLC)

FLTI will be delivered through several live and pre-recorded interactive videos. Participants who complete FLTI will be eligible to apply for funding to facilitate a family literacy program in their community. Apply for free and see info [here](#).

Trick-or-Treat at NWT Literacy Council October 30

Our annual book trick-or-treating will look different this year. Books will be left on tables outside our office. Please maintain physical distancing and use hand sanitizer. If you are staying indoors, see an alternative option and details [here](#).

Funding

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](#).

TD Scholarships for Community Leadership

Applications for students starting college or university starting in September 2021 are now open. Submit your application by Friday, November 13, 2020. See links for details eligibility, application, and more on the TD website [here](#).

Building Brighter Futures: Bursaries, Scholarships, Awards

Since 2004, Indspire has provided financial support to First Nations, Inuit and Métis students. All Building Brighter Futures donations are matched by the Government of Canada. See more information and the application link [here](#).

News, Research, Opinion

NWT's Bushkids wins early childhood education award

Yellowknife on-the-land learning initiative Bushkids has won an outstanding early childhood educators' award from the Canadian Network for Environmental Education and Communication. A graphic...[Read more](#)

Indigenous nurse who became a cancer patient strongly encourages

self-advocacy

An Indigenous nurse who became a cancer patient five years ago is strongly encouraging people to become better advocates for themselves in the health care system. "If [people] don't feel that their medical issue has...[Read more](#)

Aurora College releases strategic plan to begin transition to polytechnic university

Aurora College plans to incorporate Indigenous, traditional and local knowledge into its teaching and research as it transforms into a polytechnic university. The pledge comes in a broad-stroke, three-year...[Read more](#)

Spotlight on Staff



Charlotte Upton, Family and Community Literacy Coordinator & Canada Learning Bond Coordinator

Charlotte returned to Yellowknife in 2014 after completing her Bachelor of Arts Degree at Trent University. She has been with the Literacy Council since August 2015, as a Family and Community Literacy Coordinator, and recently as the Project Coordinator for the Canada Learning Bond program. Her favourite part about working at the Council is getting to meet new people, visit their communities and learn about their unique and creative programs.

In her spare time, Charlotte enjoys spending time outdoors camping, canoeing and exploring our beautiful Territory, participating in recreational sports like hockey and soccer and volunteering as coach for organizations like Special Olympics and Aurora Minor Soccer League.

Resources and Websites

Resources for health literacy

[Eating and Learning \(NWT Literacy Council\)](#)

[6 health literacy tips for Canadians \(ABC Life Literacy Canada\)](#)

[15 ways to start improving your health literacy \(NWT Literacy Council\)](#)



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