

Literacy Dates

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

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Blog



Call-Out! Help to Promote Community Healthy Living: Oral Health Facilitator Training

Early childhood caries—also known as cavities—are one of the leading causes of day surgeries in children under five years of age in Canada. Oral health

impacts a child's physical, emotional, and intellectual wellbeing. When a...[Read more](#)

Announcements and Events

***Land-Water-Sky/Ndè-Tı-Yat'a* online discussion with Katljà**

Join Dene author Katljà (*Northern Wildflower*) for an online discussion about her new book on November 1 at 6:00 p.m. Click [here](#) for the meeting link. For more information, visit the City of Yellowknife [website](#) or call (867) 920-5642.

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 the 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

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.

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](#).

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

KFN On-the-Land Program promotes traditional skills

K'atl'odeeche First Nation's (KFN) On-the-Land Fall Hunt Program kicked off this week. Participants will spend 12 days learning about harvesting, preparing traditional foods, gathering, tanning moose hides, and teaching...[Read more](#)

NWT teachers' association negotiates 2.5% wage increase, different leave options

Teachers in the Northwest Territories are getting a 2.5 per cent wage increase. It's part of the new one-year collective agreement that was made between the Northwest Territories Teachers' Association (NWTTA) and the...[Read more](#)

How the erasure of their place names can have 'real-life effects' on Indigenous people

Christina Gray spent a lot of time in national parks, reading plaques and paying attention to the names of nearby mountains, lakes and rivers. She quickly realized how most places were named after Europeans — or, in...[Read more](#)

Spotlight on Staff



Katie Johnson, Family and Community Literacy Coordinator

Katie joined the NWT Literacy Council in August 2010. During her decade with NWTLC, she has also worked in Youth and Adult Services, first managing our Pan-Northern Youth Literacy and Essential Skills project and then developing our Skill Builders for Youth Program.

After becoming a mother, Katie returned to Family and Community Literacy as she has explored the amazing journey of early childhood development with her two young children. She has enjoyed working with community organizations and visiting communities to support the programs that they are running.

Outside of work, Katie loves gardening, and getting her kids involved with

growing and cooking food. She volunteers with Food First Foundation as a board member, and with Girl Guides as a Sparks leader.

Resources and Websites

Resources for media literacy week

[The good, the bad, and the ugly of technology \(NWT Literacy Council\)](#)
[6 tips for keeping kids motivated for online learning \(Common Sense Media\)](#)
[5 tips for talking to kids about racism and violence in the media \(Common Sense Media\)](#)



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