



# Literacy This Week

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## Literacy Dates

Canadian Libraries Month - October

Health Literacy Month - October

Plain Language Day - October 13

NWT Literacy Council Annual Meeting - October 19

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## Blog



### **Bison Bus a hit with summer student, not just families**

Hi all! My name is Catriona, I was the summer student at the NWT Literacy Council in 2018 and was fortunate to return as one of two summer students this year. I love working at the Council. By far, one of the best opportunities I've been given is to go on all the Bison Bus trips in the southern portion of the territory...[Read more](#)



# Announcements and Events

## Literacy questions for federal candidates

Literacy matters to our economy, democracy and communities, say literacy advocates across Canada. They are urging federal election candidates to "[Choose Success - Invest in Literacy](#)". They have also released a number of [questions that can be posed to election candidates](#).

## Study seeks families using early childhood services

The [Inclusive Early Childhood Services System Project](#) is [recruiting participants for a multi-year study](#) that looks at the range of services for children with atypical development, disabilities, special needs, and gifts. The study hopes to learn more about how needs are being met. The study will include families from seven Canadian cities, including Yellowknife.



# Funding

## New short film grant

A new [Bell Media](#) \$20,000 short film grant will allow an emerging NWT filmmaking team to turn their dramatic short film script into a finished production. The deadline to apply is November 6.

## NWT Arts grants open

The [NWT Arts Council](#) funds art projects by individual artists or organizations. The next deadline to apply is October 31.



# News, Research, Opinion

## High school dropout to PhD: Gwichyà Gwich'in woman graduates with doctorate

Crystal Fraser will be the first Gwichyà Gwich'in student to get a PhD at the University of Alberta. After nine years working on her Canadian history degree, Fraser successfully defended her 463-page thesis last week. It looked at the history of residential schools in the Inuvik region...[Read more](#)

## Fort Simpson does away with colonial school names

Two schools in Fort Simpson have shed their colonial names for Indigenous names. Last week, education officials announced that Bompas Hall Elementary School and Thomas Simpson Secondary School have been renamed to Łı́ı́ı́ Kúé Elementary and Łı́ı́ı́ Kúé Regional High School...[Read more](#)

## South Slave, Dehcho schools urge youth to try trades

More than 50 South Slave students spent the past week being introduced to trades through a partnership between the region's schools, Fort Smith's career centre, and Aurora College...[Read more](#)

## We street-proof our kids. Why aren't we data-proofing them?

Google recently agreed to pay a US\$170 million fine for illegally gathering children's personal data on YouTube without parental consent. This is a violation under the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act...[Read more](#)

## New research shows low financial literacy, social isolation increase scam risk

New fraud research shows that people who live alone or have low financial literacy levels are more likely to lose money to fraudsters. The research also shows that the highest engagement and victimization rates involve online purchases and social media...[Read more](#)



# Resources and Websites

## International Plain Language Federation

[New website](#)

## ABC Life Literacy resources

[Health literacy](#)

[Federal election posters and guide](#)

## Climate change

[Climate atlas of Canada](#)

[Climate data of Canada](#)

## Indigenous content in Canadian schools

[Charting progress](#)



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