



# Literacy This Week

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## Literacy Dates

NWT Literacy Week - September 22-28

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## Blog



### Not your average office job

My summer job with the NWT Literacy Council was an exceptionally diverse work experience. It was also an enlightening entry point to the NWT for a new northerner like me...[Read more](#)



## Announcements and Events

## Volunteers needed for Canada Learning Bond sign up

Parents or grandparents will receive a \$25 gift certificate if they participate in a pilot project for our Canada Learning Bond program. Their child or grandchild must have been born in 2004 or later and not already have a Registered Education Savings Plan. Contact Christine at [christine@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:christine@nwtliteracy.ca) or 873-9262.

## Literacy matters to our economy, democracy and communities

International Literacy Day on September 8 may have slipped by in the busyness of back-to-school activities, fall hunts and berry picking. But people committed to promoting literacy used the occasion to remind Canadians why literacy matters to our economy, democracy and communities. The NWT Literacy Council was among those groups calling for a national literacy policy and federal funding for literacy. [Choose Success](#) calls for an investment in literacy. You can find more background in [The State of Literacy In Canada](#).

## Register now for family literacy training

Registration is now open for our annual [Family Literacy Training Institute](#) in Yellowknife November 25-28. This event usually fills up fast, so register now.



# Funding

## Heritage funding available in Yellowknife

The [City of Yellowknife Heritage Committee](#) provides limited funding for groups with projects that celebrate Yellowknife's history and culture. This funding has been used to create heritage photo displays and heritage-related public art displays, but new ideas are always welcome. The deadline to apply is October 1.

## On the land funding open for applications

The [NWT On The Land Collaborative](#) brings together partners to make it easier for communities to access money and resources for on the land projects. The 2019 deadline to apply for a grant is November 8.



# News, Research, Opinion

Congratulations to Liza Mandeville

Canada's Premiers have awarded the 2019 NWT [Council of the Federation Literacy Award](#) to Liza Mandeville. Liza is an adult learner at the Aurora College Yellowknife campus who "has distinguished herself as a dedicated learner, with a joyous, persistent, and enthusiastic attitude...(and) has faced and surmounted many obstacles on her journey to academic success". We were proud to publish a short story of Liza's on [page 11 of our fall 2018 issue of Literacy Matters](#).

### **From poverty to dignity**

The GNWT's renewed anti-poverty plan aims to reduce bureaucratic red tape, fill in gaps in the data, and help departments tackle the issue together...[Read more](#)

### **Two NWT residents to receive Governor General's Polar Medal**

South Slave Divisional Education Council superintendent Curtis Brown and remote northern health expert Susan Chatwood are to receive the Governor General's Polar Medal at a ceremony in Ottawa on Thursday...[Read more](#)

### **New children's book released in Hay River**

Inspiration can come in curious ways. For Tom Lakusta, it was an unexpected run-in with an insect that inspired him to write a children's book...[Read more](#)

### **For young Canadian families, the financial pressures have never been greater**

When Tricia Grant was pregnant with her first child five years ago, she and her husband Sean were both self-employed. He is a barber, she was an athletic therapist. But that meant she couldn't take a year-long maternity leave because she hadn't been paying into the Employment Insurance for self-employed workers...[Read more](#)



## **Resources and Websites**

### **Common grammar issues**

[An infographic to help you understand 44 grammar issues](#)

### **We have northern biographies for free**

- [Francois Paulette](#)
- [Sharon Firth and Shirley Firth-Larsson](#)
- [Kw'ahtidee Jimmy Bruneau](#)

### **International Literacy Association statement**

[Children's right to high-quality education](#)

### **Inspire democracy**

[Elections Canada network for civic action](#)



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