



Literacy This Week

September 19, 2019

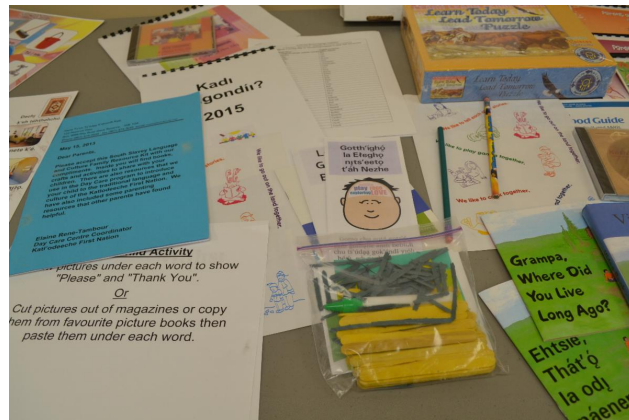
Literacy Dates

NWT Literacy Week - September 22-28
Canadian Libraries Month - October
Plain Language Day - October 13
NWT Literacy Council Annual Meeting - October 19

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Blog



Celebrate Indigenous languages

NWT Literacy Week is September 22 to 28. Each year NWT residents spend the last week of September participating in fun literacy events and promoting the development of essential skills. Our theme for NWT Literacy Week this year is: Celebrate Indigenous Languages!..[Read more](#)



Announcements and Events

We have money for your NWT Literacy Week event

The NWT Literacy Council has small grants for NWT Literacy Week events again this year. The event has to promote our NWT Literacy Week theme, Celebrate Indigenous Languages. Use this [Google docs link](#) to apply.

Volunteers needed to sign up for Canada Learning Bond

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 or 873-9262.

Our AGM is October 19

Save the date and plan to come to the [NWT Literacy Council Annual General Meeting](#) on Saturday, October 19 at the North Star Building in Yellowknife. We are making changes to our bylaws. There will be a vote about deleting a requirement to have two face-to-face board meetings each year. This change will allow flexibility when we can't afford to pay for in-person board meetings. There is also a proposal to reduce the size of the board while maintaining regional representation. The AGM is at noon and a light lunch will be served. Email nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca for more information.



Funding

Skill Builders for Youth funding

You can apply to carry out a project targeted at youth who are out of school, unemployed, underemployed, and/or at-risk. Your [Skill Builders for Youth](#) project must incorporate literacy and essential skills in a non-formal way. The funding deadline is January 15, 2020 for projects completed by the end of next March.

Arctic Inspiration Prize nominations due soon

The [Arctic Inspiration Prize](#) inspires team-building and innovative projects that benefit Arctic communities. In 2019, the Arctic Inspiration Prize will award up to \$3 million which will be shared by up to 10 winning teams in three prize categories. The deadline to submit nomination packages is October 15.



News, Research, Opinion

Tunchai Redvers to launch her first book of poetry in Hay River

Tunchai Redvers will be returning to Hay River on October 3 for the NWT launch of *Fireweed*, her debut collection of poetry. The book's theme is healing. "So it's my own personal story of healing as a young Indigenous person," Redvers said...[Read more](#)

Teaching 6-year-olds about privilege and power

Some people may think first grade is a bit early for some of these heavy topics. Some parents have pushed back against Bret Turner's approach, and he's received many critical -- and sometimes hateful -- comments online from people who disagree with him. But Turner says kids are aware of race from a very early age...[Read more](#)

Health literacy counts as academic competence in Finnish schools

In Finnish national schools, health literacy is a competence to help students make sound health decisions, and to identify and work on the factors that affect one's own health and well-being...[Read more](#)

Actually, it's OK to disagree. Here are 5 ways we can argue better

Argument is everywhere. From the kitchen table to the boardroom, we all use argument to persuade, investigate new ideas, and make collective decisions. Unfortunately, we often fail to consider the ethics of arguing. This makes it perilously easy to mistreat others...[Read more](#)



Resources and Websites

Books for educators

[Teaching climate change and eco-literacy](#)

National progress report on early learning and care

[Tracking progress between Ottawa and provinces and territories](#)

Financial literacy resources

[How to teach financial literacy for kids](#)

[Countering financial illiteracy: Practical tips for pre-teens](#)

[Talking with children about money](#)



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