



Literacy This Week

September 27, 2018

Literacy Dates

NWT Literacy Week - September 23-29

Our Annual General Meeting - October 13

Plain Language Day - October 13

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Our Blog

What does cooking have to do with literacy?

Cooking is a great opportunity for intergenerational learning. That's why we decided to make *Everyone in the Kitchen* the theme of NWT Literacy Week this year. There is always more to learn from cooking, even if we've been working in the kitchen for many years...[Read more](#)



Announcements and Events

Family Literacy Fun Night is Friday

If you're in Yellowknife, join us for fun and games, snacks and stories Friday from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Fieldhouse. For information call 873-9262 or email katie@nwtliteracy.ca

Register now for Family Literacy Training

You can still register online for our [Family Literacy Training Institute](#). The training is October 15-18 in Yellowknife. Expenses to participate are paid for a limited number of NWT residents. Apply soon.

NWT Disabilities Council AGM is tonight

The NWT Disabilities Council annual general meeting is tonight at 5:30 pm at the Chateau Nova in Yellowknife. If you want to call in to the meeting from other parts of the NWT or need transportation to attend, contact admin@nwtcdc.net or call 867-873-8230 or toll free 1-800-491-8885.



Funding

Youth Water Stewardship grants available

The 2018-19 [NWT Youth Water Stewardship and Mentorship Grant Program](#) provides mentorship opportunities and small project grants (up to \$5,000) to NWT youth between 18 and 30 years of age. It aims to help young people build their skills and leadership in water stewardship. Projects must support the goals and vision of the NWT Water Strategy. The deadline to apply is October 16, 2018.

Apply for a grant to get people active this winter

[Get Active](#) funds community events that get people more physically active in the NWT. Activities must take place between October 1, 2018 and March 15, 2019. The deadline to apply for a grant is October 15, 2018.

News, Research, Opinion

Awards acknowledge and celebrate achievements in literacy in NWT

Recipients of the Council of the Federation Literacy Award and the Ministerial Literacy Awards were honoured today during the annual Adult Learners' Luncheon at Northern United Place in Yellowknife...[Read more](#)

Author debuts memoir

Catherine Lafferty, a Dene woman from Yellowknife, reflects not only on her life but on broader issues facing some Indigenous people in her debut book, *Northern Wildflower: A Memoir*...[Read more](#)

New virtual exhibit in 11 NWT languages

The virtual edition of the "Special Constables in the NWT" exhibit is now live. It is the first virtual exhibit at the Prince of Wales Heritage Centre to be translated into all 11 official languages...[Check it out here](#)

Governor declares emergency for Alaska Native languages

Gov. Bill Walker signed an administrative order Sunday in Juneau officially declaring a linguistic emergency for Alaska Native languages. The order recognizes the threat faced by Indigenous languages and takes steps to revitalize them by directing state agencies to work more closely with tribal partners and use traditional place names on state signs... [Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Language program resources

[First Peoples' Cultural Council](#)

Writing gender-inclusive letters and emails

[Government of Canada guide](#)

Trends in plain language

[Plain Language Academy](#)

Media Smarts

[Lessons and resources](#)

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