

Literacy This Week

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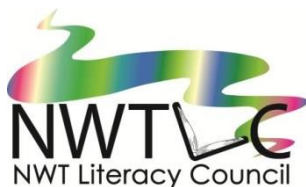
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

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Literacy Dates

Financial Literacy Month - November

Media Literacy Week - November 3-7

Skilled Trades and Technology Week - November 3-9

Universal Children's Day - November 20

Our Blog

Start your own business

Ever asked yourself if you might want to start your own business? Many adult learners across the NWT are asking themselves that question after taking part in a new Aurora College course...[Read more](#)

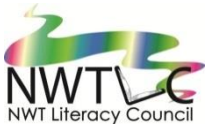


Announcements and Events

ECE seeks input for child care study

The Department of Education, Culture and Employment hired independent consultants to carry out this universal child care feasibility study requested by MLAs a year ago.

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We're anxious to improve Literacy This Week to make sure it meets your needs. [Please take 5-10 minutes to complete our short survey](#). Thanks!

New associate director of Aboriginal languages

Vance Sanderson is the new associate director of the Aboriginal Languages Secretariat within the NWT government. Vance was most recently the Cree Language Coordinator with the NWT Metis Nation in Fort Smith. The Aboriginal Languages Secretariat is now housed within the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife.

Strengthening financial literacy

The [Financial Literacy Leader](#) invites comments and questions about the financial literacy needs of priority groups, including low-income Canadians, Aboriginal peoples and newcomers, and about other young and adult Canadians. These comments will inform the development of the national strategy for financial literacy. You should submit your comments by December 10, 2014 for priority groups and by December 31 for other young and adult Canadians.

Funding

New program nurtures diversity in the arts

[Cultivate](#) is a new Canada Council funding program to nurture diversity in the arts. There are four program streams. The application deadline for two streams - sector and organization development - is December 15, 2014. These grants will be for organizations or individuals from Aboriginal, culturally diverse, Deaf, disability and official language minority arts communities.

Green Streets funding

Tree Canada and TD Friends of the Environment Foundation encourage communities to get innovative with their urban forests. [Tree Canada](#) offers matching grants up to \$15,000 for qualifying projects. The deadline to submit an application is December 12, 2014.

News and Research

Minecraft: why are kids and educators so crazy for it?

With millions of copies already sold and the possibility for plenty of growth still, it seems Microsoft is tapping into something that thousands of school-age kids have known for a while: Minecraft is awesome...[Read more](#)

Canada's child care workforce research summarized

There are significant challenges for the childcare workforce in Canada. However, many of the solutions are quite clear. All the available data and research indicates that if wages and working conditions improve, there are real opportunities to improve and sustain the quality of the childcare workforce and, therefore, the quality of childcare programs...[Read more](#)

Narrowing the gap

This study compares the wages of full-time public and private sector workers and finds significant gaps in the wages of women, aboriginal workers, and visible minority workers-and that those gaps are bigger in the private sector in every instance...[Read more](#)

Economic benefits of improved literacy can take 10 years

This study has prompted calls for the funding of adult literacy to be extricated from the short-term political cycle...[Read more](#)

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