

Literacy This Week

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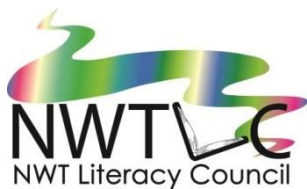
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We're the family, youth and adult literacy and essential skills centre for excellence.

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

We're also plain language specialists.

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Literacy Dates

Financial Literacy Month - November

International Volunteer Day - December 5

International Human Rights Day - December 10

Our Blog

The Christmas gift dilemma, again!

Every year I face the same Christmas gift dilemma. How do I respect the ritual gift giving and avoid the consumer hype that's so much a part of the holiday season?

Here are just some of the reasons to put the brakes on Christmas shopping. Consumer debt. A third of Canadians spend more...[Read more](#)



Announcements and Events

Do you have Christmas book suggestions?

We're looking for a couple of people outside of Yellowknife to tell us about the book they want for Christmas, or that they're giving as a gift. Your suggestion will be part of a future blog. It should be approximately 50 words. Contact communications@nwtliteracy.ca by December 4 if interested.

Now you can start your RESP form online

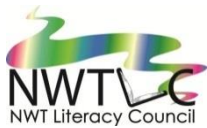
You can now apply for a Registered Education Savings Plan online through smartsaver.org. The online form makes it easier for parents to save for their child's education.

Celebrate Human Rights

The NWT Human Rights Commission is having another [Facebook Action Week](#). Participate in the daily post discussions December 1 - 5 and you will be entered in the draw to win a 32 GB iPad mini.



Support Literacy



You can support literacy in the NWT

- [Make a donation](#)
- [Join the Council](#)

Take part in literacy activities in your community

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Here's what we've been up to

Our [annual report](#) is online. You can find out more about our work by coming to our Annual General Meeting, at noon on Saturday, December 6 at the Days Inn in Yellowknife. If you can't make it, give us a call anytime. We'll be happy to hear from you.

Funding

Choose NWT has nine funding programs

The [Choose NWT funding programs](#) support volunteer development, youth, youth centres, getting active, sports and recreation programs.

Make a difference in your watershed!

[Evergreen](#) is offering eight awards of \$2,500 and one grand prize award of \$3,500 to elementary and secondary classes for learning about water, taking action and then telling them about it. Watershed Champion Awards applications are due April 17, 2015.

News and Research

Mi'kmaq speaker uses social media to share tradition



Northern Journal, November 24, 2014

Students in the South Slave got a whole new perspective on languages and love last week as Mi'kmaq motivational speaker Savvy Simon made her way from Hay River to

Lutsel K'e, stopping at schools and community centres to share her wisdom and experiences...[Read more](#)

Working on Wellness pilot underway

Five NWT work places signed on to pilot Working on Wellness: De Beers Group of Companies, Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation, Diavik Diamond Mines Inc., Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission and the Department of Health and Social Services. The program encourages healthy life choices to reduce preventable cancers and other chronic diseases...[Read more](#)

We can all be 21st Century scientists

Our ancestors may not have called themselves "citizen scientists" or organized to collect data for scientific inquiry, but they were keen observers of the natural

world. Their survival often depended on being able to tease apart nature's complexity - where to find game and when to sow seeds, collect berries and prepare for winter or bad weather...[Read more](#)

Web-savvy seniors may have better health literacy than their peers

Web-savvy older adults who attend cultural events may have better health literacy than their peers...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

How much do you know about the web and digital technology?

[Test your 'Web IQ'](#)

NWT Human Rights Commission

[Teacher's Toolkit](#)

16 days of activism against gender violence

[Check for updates each day](#)

Fun 30-second physical literacy quiz for parents

[How to get kids moving](#)

Financial literacy database of events and resources

[Financial Consumer Agency of Canada](#)

