

# Literacy This Week

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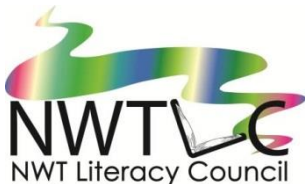
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We're the family, youth and adult literacy and essential skills centre for excellence.

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

We're also plain language specialists.

[Check out our website to learn more](#)

## Literacy Dates

International Literacy Day - September 8

NWT Literacy Week - September 21-27

NWT PGI for Literacy - October 6-9

## Our Blog

### Get ready to celebrate literacy this fall

We're going to be busy celebrating literacy this fall. And, we hope you'll join us.

September 21-27 is NWT Literacy Week. Our theme this year is **Literacy: Our health depends on it!**

There are a number of links between literacy and our health...[Read more](#)



## Announcements and Events

### Facilitators wanted for youth literacy training

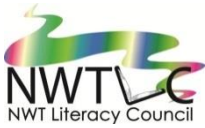
Are you interested in facilitating a learning project for young parents in your community? Our next youth literacy training is September 16-18 in Yellowknife. If you want more information, contact Katie at [katie@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:katie@nwtliteracy.ca)

or call 1-866-599-6758.

### Canada's Democracy Week is September 15-21

The fourth annual [Canada's Democracy Week](#) encourages Canadians, particularly youth, to learn more about the importance of democracy and voting and to become more involved in the democratic process. You can participate in a National Democracy Challenge and school-based programs.

## Support Literacy



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Take part in literacy activities in your community

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## Traditional knowledge symposium this month



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TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE  
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The Tłı̨cho Government, Canadian Polar Commission and the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre will host a [symposium on traditional knowledge](#) September 19 to 21 in Yellowknife. Organizers say the event is of interest to "anyone interested in TK use, its contemporary relevance, or its compatibility with the scientific method".

### Recreation for All program launched

The City of Yellowknife has a new program called "[Recreation for All](#)." It provides lower income city families with free annual family flexi-passes to several recreational facilities.

## Funding

### Accessibility fund for small businesses

Small businesses are encouraged to apply for the [Enabling Accessibility Fund](#) for grants of up to \$50,000 for projects that increase accessibility for Canadians with disabilities in workplaces. The deadline for proposals is October 1, 2014.

### Status of Women economic funding

[Status of Women Canada](#) is looking for proposals for projects that promote women's economic prosperity. Projects that address barriers to business success and ways to improve business opportunities are eligible for funding of up to \$300,000. The deadline to apply is October 17, 2014.

### Green municipal funds available

Grants are available for a range of studies that assess or test the feasibility of diverting at least 50 per cent of municipal solid waste from a landfill. [The Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Municipal Fund](#) covers up to 50 per cent of eligible costs to a maximum of \$175,000. This funding is available to all municipal governments and their partners.

## News and Research

### Inuit Centre combines culture, School's Cool early learning program

When the front door opens to the Ottawa Inuit Children's Centre, a line of three- to five-year-olds tumbles into the playroom, shrieking and giggling, before they cluster in small groups, picking up toys or Play-Doh or puzzle pieces...[Read more](#)

### **Farm training receives federal funding**

Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced funding to promote northern agriculture during his northern tour in August. The announcement includes \$2 million to build a farm training campus...[Read more](#)

### **New study shows benefits of essential skills training in the workplace**

The UPSKILL: Essentials to Excel study establishes a strong business case for well-designed essential skills training programs delivered in the workplace. UPSKILL was designed to evaluate workplace Essential Skills training using state-of-the-art methods...[Read more](#)

## **Resources and Websites**

### **Eating and Learning**

[Fun tips, crafts and recipes for good health](#)

### **Playing and Learning**

[Fun games for good health](#)

### **How to tell a great story**

[Harvard Business Review](#)

### **Must-have language arts apps**

[for classrooms](#)

