

# Literacy This Week

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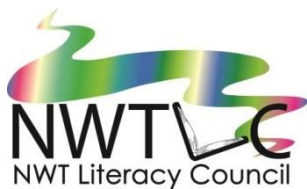
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

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## Literacy Dates

NWT Literacy Week - September 21-27

Essential Skills Day- September 26

NWT PGI for Literacy - October 6-9

## Our Blog

### NWT pediatricians promote early literacy

Guest blog by Dr. Sam Wong



Ever since my childhood I have appreciated the entertainment and learning value of reading. As a child, I often spent my summer days curled up in a chair or lying in bed reading whatever book I could find in the library that struck my interest...[Read more](#)

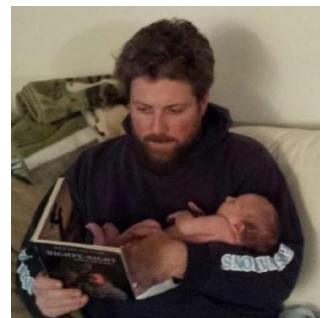
## Announcements and Events

### 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](#) or call 1-866-599-6758.

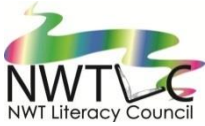
### Thank you to CBC's Loren McGinnis for your kind words

Last week Loren McGinnis, the host of CBC Radio's *The Trailbreaker* posted this great photo on Twitter of him reading to his brand new baby boy, along with the message "When a baby is born in the Northwest Territories, the NWT Literacy Council gives the family a bag of books. Including a Richard Van Camp kids' story. Such a great gift."



We thank Loren for his kind words, and wish him and his wife lots of joy with their new little one.

## Support Literacy



You can support literacy in the NWT

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Take part in literacy activities in your community

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Have you received a baby bag to enjoy with your new little one? Let us know on Facebook or Twitter what your favourite part is!

### Literacy Week is Coming up!

We would love to hear what your community has planned for NWT Literacy Week this year. Let us know on Facebook, or email [Katie](#). We are excited to see all the ways that groups celebrate literacy and the theme of *Literacy: Our Health Depends on It!*

## Funding

### MEC Outdoor Nation

[MEC Outdoor Nation](#)'s Leadership Council and delegates will be creating programs to inspire young people to get outside and be active at a stage in their lives when activity levels typically decrease substantially. MEC Outdoor Nation will launch with three inaugural weekend summits hosting 450 delegates between the ages of 18 to 27. The top three projects at each summit (as voted on by delegates) will receive funding from MEC. With \$30,000 in total project grants, MEC will help these committed young adults introduce new ideas, identify a generation of leaders and build community engagement.

### Avon Foundation for Women

The [Avon Foundation for Women](#) will award a total of one million dollars to breast cancer charities. Ten grants of \$100,000 will be awarded to Canadian charitable organizations aiding and/or supporting those touched by breast cancer. Ten charities will be awarded funds in January 2015. To be considered for funding, Canadian breast cancer charities are invited to submit a proposal online by October 31, 2014.

### Victims Week 2015 Funding

Through the Department of Justice Canada Victims Fund, limited financial assistance (up to \$10,000 per organization) is available each year for projects that support the goals of Victims Week. The key goal of Victims Week is to raise awareness about the issues facing victims of crime and about the services, assistance and laws in place to help victims and their families. Apply [online](#) by October 6, 2014.

## News and Research

### Canada's Premiers Announce Literacy Award Recipients for 2014

*September 8, 2014*

On the occasion of International Literacy Day, Canada's Premiers announced today the [recipients of the 10th annual Council of the Federation Literacy Award](#). The award celebrates outstanding achievement, innovative practice and excellence in literacy. It is presented to educators, volunteers, learners, community organizations, non-governmental organizations and businesses.

Congratulations to all of these hard working winners. Special congratulations to the NWT recipient, Julie White. Julie is a student at the Literacy Outreach Centre in Yellowknife. Julie will receive her award on September 23, along with winners of the Ministerial Literacy Awards.

### **FASD Day videos**

4 [Youtube](#)

videos about FASD that are outcomes from the FASD Symposium held in March 2014 in Yellowknife were released on September 9, International FASD Day. You may use these videos

- as part of your FASD Awareness activities,
- to enhance your awareness of this disability, or
- to take some time out on this day to pause and reflect on the significance of this day, and throughout the year.

### **What literacy means today**

A message from Plan Canada's CEO

We used to call them the "three R's": reading, writing and arithmetic. (Never mind that anyone who thought they all began with an "r" didn't score very high on two of them.) These were the educational basics, the core skills that any Canadian had to acquire through primary and at least some secondary school to be deemed literate and live a productive life...[Read more](#)

### **New Early Childhood Development scholarships launched**

Ten \$5,000 scholarships are available to qualifying full-time college and university students to help with the cost of attending accredited post-secondary institutes offering diploma and degree programs with a direct focus on early childhood development...[Read more](#)

### **The Top 20 Most Annoying Buzzwords and Phrases in the Workplace**

While today's workplace is awash with buzzwords and cliches, certain terms and phrases are more common -- and grating -- than others, according to an Accountemps survey of human resources (HR) managers. "Dynamic," "deep dive" and "leverage" were among the most overused and annoying business buzzwords cited by those polled... [Read more](#)

## **Resources and Websites**

### **Pinterest**

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