

Literacy This Week

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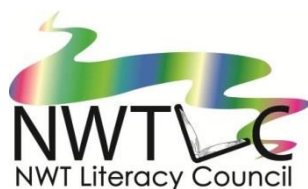
NWT PGI for Literacy - October 6-9

Our Blog

NWT communities celebrate literacy

We set aside seven days each year to think about the many ways literacy impacts our lives. It's an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of students and supporters, to learn new things and to join with our community to share in learning...[Read more](#)

Announcements and Events



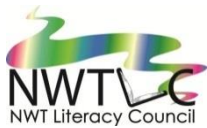
We're the family, youth and adult literacy and essential skills centre for excellence.

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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Support Literacy



You can support literacy in the NWT

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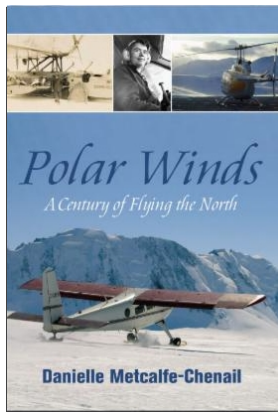
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Show your support for literacy during NWT Literacy Week

Looking for a way to support literacy this week? How about [making a donation](#) that will support a community literacy project? Or [buy a ticket](#) to a October 7 or 8 PGI (Peter Gzowski Invitational) Concert for Literacy and match the cost with a donation. It's easy and a great chance to make a difference, because Literacy Changes Lives.

Welcome Laura

Laura Eby joined the NWT Literacy Council earlier this month to work on Adult and Youth Services. Laura came to the NWT in 2011 and taught school in Nahanni Butte and Fort Providence. She is looking forward to learning about alternative ways to meet the needs of northern learners and their families.



Book launch at the museum

Join author Danielle Metcalfe-Chenail for the launch of *Polar Winds: A Century of Flying the North* on Sunday at 1 pm at the [Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre](#) in Yellowknife.

Author and illustrator at Yellowknife library

The Yellowknife Public Library is bringing Canadian author, Ashely Spires, to the library on Saturday at 10 am. This free event is of interest to families with children ages 5-10 or members of the artistic community who want to learn more about illustrating a children's book.

Funding

Apply now for nonprofit leadership grants

The [PricewaterhouseCoopers Canada Foundation](#) is accepting submissions for its Leadership Grants Program. It provides professional development grants to small to medium-sized registered charities in Canada. The grants can be for individuals or teams of staff and volunteers. The deadline to apply is October 24, 2014.

Apply for NWT arts grants

The [NWT Arts Council](#) is inviting applications for funding for emerging or established artists and registered NWT organizations with an arts development mandate. The deadline to apply is October 31, 2014.

News and Research

Helen Balanoff among those honoured during NWT Literacy Week

Helen Balanoff, the NWT Literacy Council's project manager, was honoured as a literacy champion Tuesday at the annual Learners' Luncheon in Yellowknife. There were others honoured as well, including students from Deninu School who received the youth learners award...[Read more](#)



Experts examine traditional knowledge usage in NWT

Northern Journal, September 23, 2014

Just weeks after one of the boats from the storied Franklin expedition was discovered - with the help of local Inuit knowledge - delegates met over the weekend to discuss the benefits of elevating traditional knowledge to a level where it shares similar status with Western science in the Northwest Territories...[Read more](#)

The powerful TED talk by author, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie - [The danger of a single story](#) - was featured at the conference.

NWT student absenteeism 'daunting' as attendance stagnates

Moose FM, September 15, 2014

Student absenteeism in the Northwest Territories remains 'daunting' according to one MLA as new figures for the territory are published...[Read more](#)

Investments in early childhood guided by new early development data

New data released by the Department of Education, Culture and Employment confirms that actions the Government of the Northwest Territories is taking to support the healthy development of children in the NWT are focused on areas of greatest need...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

It's My Life!

[Cancer prevention app](#)

During NWT Literacy Week

Be inspired by these Aurora College adult learners

- [Lillian Kanayok](#)

- [Robert Voudrach](#)
- [Michelle Bourke](#)

Top health information websites

[Named by Canadian Living](#)

Caring for Our People

- [Plans to improve the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services System](#)
- [Improving the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services System \(Discussion Paper\)](#)
- [Short Survey to provide your input](#)

Essential Skills Day

[Workplace literacy and skills training are important!](#)

