

# Literacy This Week

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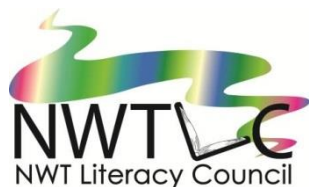
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

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## Literacy Dates

Adult Learners' Week - March 29 - April 6

Talk With Our Kids About Money Day - April 16

## Our Blog

### Shining a spotlight on adult learners

Adult education is an important, but often misunderstood part of the education continuum. Here's why we're happy there's a week to celebrate adult learners...[Read more](#)

## Announcements and Events

### Win a Kobo eReader this week

Enter our 'Who do you learn from' photo contest this week for a chance to win a Kobo eReader. Post your photo on our [Facebook](#) page or send it to [nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca) Contest closes midnight April 6, at the end of Adult Learners' Week.



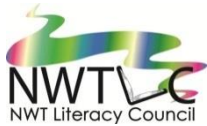
### Indigenous Education Network Mental Health Symposium in Yellowknife this spring

Fourth Annual OISE [Indigenous Education Network Mental Health Symposium](#) is in Yellowknife May 22-23. You can submit abstracts for poster presentations until May 7. To do this or register contact [ien@utoronto.ca](mailto:ien@utoronto.ca).

### Submissions open for Burt Award for First Nations, Métis and Inuit Literature

A first prize of \$12,000, a second prize of \$8,000 and a third prize of \$5,000 will be awarded to the authors of the winning titles in this [awards program](#). The program is open for submissions until May 1, 2014. We distributed some of last year's winning entries to NWT adult education programs.

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## Funding

### Yellowknife Community Fund

The [Yellowknife Community Foundation](#) reviews [community fund](#) grant applications every three months. Get your application in well before your project starts.

The Foundation has several scholarships and some special funds, such as one for self-propelled wilderness travel. You don't always have to live in Yellowknife to be eligible.

### Opportunities Fund for Persons with Disabilities

The [Opportunities Fund for Persons with Disabilities](#) program funds local and regional projects that help people with disabilities prepare for, obtain and maintain employment or self-employment.

## News and Research

### South Slave school board wins gold for literacy

*Northern Journal, March 31, 2014*

The South Slave Divisional Education Council is once again being recognized for its successful literacy program, winning gold for education at the recent national Public Sector Leadership Awards...[Read more](#)

### E-mail inbox stressing you out?

*Globe and Mail, March 30, 2014*

If you think your inbox is jammed now, give it a few years...[Read more](#)

### Employers must help fill void in essential skills

*The Star Phoenix, March 24, 2014*

There's been a lot of talk lately in government and business about Canada's skilled worker shortage, but much of it misses a critical point. What we should be talking about instead is the shortage in workers with adequate essential skills...[Read more](#)

### Barbie limits girls' career choices, says new study

*Calgary Herald, March 13, 2014*

Barbie's influence on young girls may be holding them back from being all they can be...[Read more](#)

## Resources and Websites

### 5 ways employers can promote financial literacy

[American ideas, but still relevant](#)

### Resources to support healthy child development

[Decoda integrates literacy, education, activity and play](#)

### Improving student retention

[A five-part blog series for adult education practitioners](#)

## **Andragogy**

[Characteristics of adult learners \(video\)](#)

## **Grammar's great divide - the Oxford comma**

[Ted-Ed explores both sides of comma conundrum](#)

