

# Literacy This Week

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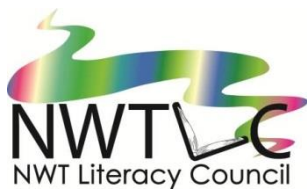
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We're the family, youth and adult literacy and essential skills centre for excellence.

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

National Poetry Month - April

Earth Day - April 22

Children's Book Week - May 3 - 10

## Our Blog

### Give your child \$2,000 for their education

Free money with no strings attached doesn't happen very often. So when it does, we want the people who need the money the most to get the windfall.

More than 90% of the eligible NWT children are missing out on up to \$2,000 of free money in a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP)...[Read more](#)



## Announcements and Events

### We're looking for a summer student

We're hiring a summer student to help prepare resource materials for publication and with summer literacy events. Applicants must be full-time students, under 30 years of age, and intending to return to their studies in the fall. Please send resumes to [nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca)

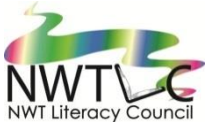
### Poetry resources for adult learners

During [National Poetry Month](#) check out our [Poetry for Northern Learners](#) resources for the Adult Learner Basic Education 110, 120 and 130 levels.

### The Jennifer Parnell Award for Youth Potential

The [Jennifer Parnell Award for Youth Potential](#) recognizes youth who demonstrate initiative, personal development, and/or outstanding progress towards their individual goals. The deadline to apply is June 1, 2014.

## Support Literacy



You can support literacy in the NWT

- [Make a donation](#)
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## Funding

### Funding for NWT voluntary organizations

The [Volunteer Organization Development Contribution](#) provides funding for training events, workshops, courses, or other learning opportunities that help voluntary organizations and volunteers to meet their goals and objectives.

### Apply for family literacy activities money

Our 2014-15 application form, criteria and reporting form for [family literacy funding](#) are now on our website. We accept applications on an ongoing basis.

## News and Research

### What types of e-books are best for young readers?

It seems that the very "richness" of the multimedia environment that e-books provide may actually overwhelm kids' limited working memory, leading them to lose the thread of the narrative or to process the meaning of the story less deeply...[Read more](#)

### Canada gets first Financial Literacy Champion

Minister of State Kevin Sorenson announced the appointment of Jane Rooney, a seasoned policy maker in domestic and international financial literacy issues, as Canada's first-ever Financial Literacy Leader...[Read more](#)

### Research shows that strong emotional bonds between parents and children play a key role in early language development

New research shows that children who grow up without secure parental bonds are at a higher risk of experiencing literacy problems and poor language development...[Read more](#)

### Intensive day care may improve long-term health of poor children

It's a grim fact of life in the United States: Children born into poor families are sicker and die earlier than their well-off counterparts, particularly from obesity-related diseases such as heart attack and stroke...[Read more](#)

## Resources and Websites

### Goodreads

[World's largest site for readers and book recommendations](#)

### Assisting adults with learning disabilities

[Strategies and tips](#)

### Respect the earth

[Earth Day](#)

[Yellowknife Earth Week events](#)

[Queen of Green tips and recipes](#)

### First Nations, Inuit and Métis Essential Skills Inventory Project

Markers of Promising Practice

**Family and community Easter activities**

Celebrate family literacy in the NWT

