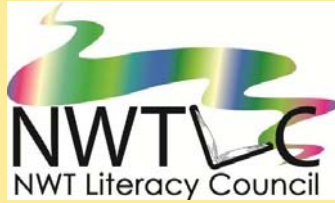


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We strive to be the centre of excellence for family, youth and adult literacy and essential skill development. We support skill development in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories. We're also plain language specialists.

Literacy Dates

Adult Learners' Week - April 6-14

National Volunteer Week - April 21-27

Earth Day - April 22

Announcements and Events

Enter our Adult Learners' Week Photo Contest

Post a photo on our [Facebook page](#) to be eligible to win a Kobo Mini e-reader. Show us where you are learning during Adult Learners' Week. The winner will be chosen by a random draw. You have until midnight Sunday, April 14 to enter! Let's see all the places that NWT adults are learning during Adult Learners' Week!

Thanks to everyone who has entered so far, including Brenda Bouvier, of Enterprise, who says: "My kids. They teach me something everyday. Patience, unconditional love, the importance of a routine, the importance of spontaneity. We learn new things together all the time."



NWT delegate sought for Aboriginal literacy round table

The Ontario Aboriginal Literacy Coalition is coordinating a national round table on Aboriginal Literacy and Basic Skills. They are looking for someone to represent Aboriginal Literacy Programs in the NWT for this one-day event. If you are interested, contact michelledavis@bell.net or 519-732-1830 as soon as possible.

Medical Association launches online health literacy course

Research in the past decade shows between 60% and 88% of Canadians have some difficulty understanding health information as they currently receive it. A new two-hour online course for [Canadian Medical Association](#) members introduces the concept of health literacy. It also helps them identify and address health literacy needs of patients and the barriers to patient understanding.

National Volunteer Week

The theme for [National Volunteer Week](#) 2013 is Volunteers Cast a Beautiful Shadow.

Funding

Bursaries for young people using art

The TD [Michaëlle Jean Bursaries](#) provide funding for training and access to mentorship for young people aged 18-30, from underserved communities, who are using the arts as a tool to improve the quality of life in their communities. Priority is given to those who have specific action plans to share their learning and experience with others. A maximum of three bursaries, ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000 will be awarded. The deadline for applications is May 15, 2013.

Yellowknife Community Foundation - 2013 Call for Applications

The [Yellowknife Community Foundation](#) is

accepting applications for 2013 scholarships and grants. Students from across the NWT can apply for many of the scholarships. There are a variety of funds for individuals or organizations. The deadline for applications is May 15, 2013. Applications to the Yellowknife Community Fund can be made anytime.

News and Research

Report outlines 10 ways to get more aboriginals in the work force

The Globe and Mail, April 10, 2013

Aboriginals under the age of 30 are the fastest-growing segment of Canada's work force, and a new report concludes companies need to change their hiring practices to boost job opportunities...[Read more](#)

Digital text books expose students who aren't reading

CBC news, April 9, 2013

Teachers at Texas A&M University are among those pioneering the use of digital textbooks that send them data - or "engagement indexes" - about how often students open their books...[Read more](#)

UNICEF report: Canada ranks 17th of 29 for well-being of children

The Toronto Star, April 10, 2013

The latest report on the well-being of children in rich countries ranks Canada 17th out of 29. The country scored "below average" grades for child poverty and obesity and children's life satisfaction, says the report...[Read more](#)

New Guidelines Call for Broad Changes in Science Education

The New York Times, April 9, 2013

New guidelines call for sweeping changes in the way science is taught in the United States - including, for the first time, a recommendation that climate change be taught as early as middle school...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

T is for Territories

[A new North of 60 alphabet](#)

[15 Classroom Literacy Ideas for Early Childhood](#)

[ScribJab website and iPad app](#)

[A multilingual digital storytelling tool for children \(aged 10-13\)](#)

[Weekly one-hour education webinars for library workers](#)

[Provincial and Territorial Library Associations of Canada](#)

