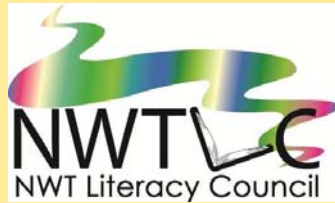


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We strive to be the centre of excellence for family, youth and adult literacy and essential skill development. We support skill development in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories. We're also plain language specialists.

Literacy Dates

National Poetry Month - April

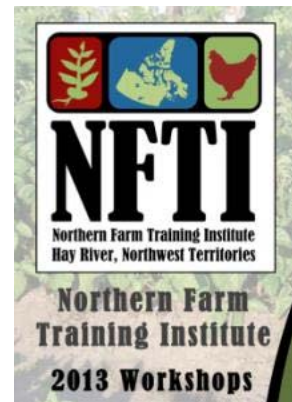
National Volunteer Week - April 21-27

TD Children's Book Week - May 4-11

Announcements and Events

Learn to garden in Hay River

The [Northern Farm Training Institute](#) is a new experiential school based in Hay River. Aspiring and active gardeners from across the NWT are invited to participate in a series of workshops on established farms and community-based sites. Travel subsidies are available.



Nominate someone for a literacy award

Don't delay. Nominate people in your community for [NWT Literacy Awards](#). Awards will go to an adult learner, an organization, a youth and an educator. They recognize people who promote literacy or help improve literacy in any NWT official language. The deadline for entries is May 15, 2013.



Burt Award deadline is May 1

The [Burt Award for First Nations, Métis and Inuit Literature](#) is given annually to three English-language literary works for young adults (aged 12 through 18) by First Nations, Métis or Inuit authors. Winning publishers will participate in a guaranteed book purchase and distribution program. The deadline to apply is May 1, 2013.

Please share your story

You have until April 30 to participate in a national [survey of the Literacy and Essential Skills \(L/ES\) workforce](#). Little is known about those working to help Canadians improve their L/ES. The survey will provide an in-depth look at the field to help develop knowledge and expertise, inform policy, and move towards professionalization in the field.

Funding

Opening Doors: Economic Opportunities for Women

[Status of Women Canada](#) is seeking proposals for projects that will increase economic security and promote prosperity for women. Projects will fall into three themes:

- Advancing Women in Non-Traditional Occupations
- Increasing Economic Options for Women
- Improving Prosperity for Immigrant Women

The deadline for applications is May 31, 2013.

Canada Post Grants

The [Canada Post Community Foundation](#) funds projects that benefit children. The deadline to apply is May 12, 2013.

News and Research



"We need to take some drastic action"

Northern Journal, April 22, 2013

The outgoing language commissioner for the Northwest Territories says Dene leadership needs to look into starting its own schools if

Aboriginal languages are going to survive in the territory...[Read more](#)

NWT program takes to the kitchen to teach kids literacy skills

CBC News, April 21, 2013

A literacy program in Fort Good Hope is teaching kids the connection between the ABCs and measuring cups. The Little Chefs program at the Chief T'selehye School uses books and cooking to get kids excited about reading...[Read more](#)

Don't forget Aboriginal workforce in foreign worker debate

CNW Newswire, April 23, 2013

The Aboriginal Human Resource Council is calling on all corporations in Canada to unite in support of each other, the need for foreign workers, and the need to advance a skilled and local workforce that includes First Nations, Métis and Inuit people -- Canada's youngest and fastest growing population..[Read more](#)

ABC Life Literacy has new president

ABC Life Literacy Canada will have a new president when Gillian Mason begins her new role on May 21, 2013...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Use Digital Technology 'How to' Sheets

[Literacy Link Eastern Ontario](#)

Award winning Literacy Campaign

[Rewards closer reading](#)

Aboriginal Bursaries Search Tool

[Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development
Canada](#)

Made in the North Forum Final Report

[What we Learned Together](#)