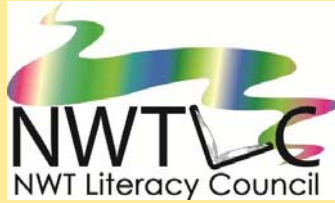


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We strive to be the centre of excellence for family, youth and adult literacy and essential skill development. We support skill development in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories. We're also plain language specialists.

## Literacy Dates

Adult Learners' Week - April 6-14

National Volunteer Week - April 21-27

Earth Day - April 22

## Announcements and Events

### Celebrate Adult Learners

Put a banner on your webpage or an [Adult Learners' Week](#) cover photo on your Facebook page. There are a variety of downloads online. Take the Adult Learning Survey. There are lots of ways to celebrate Adult Learners' Week. You can also read our research into [Factors that Facilitate Adult Learner Success in the NWT](#).



### Take the literacy practitioner survey

The Canadian Literacy and Learning Network is [surveying paid workers delivering literacy and essential skills training to adults](#) in Canada. Take the survey to have your perspective included.

### It's time to nominate someone for a Literacy Award

Recognize someone in your community who promotes literacy in any NWT official language and

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helps others to improve their literacy. Nominate a youth, educator, adult learner or organization. The deadline for [NWT Literacy Award](#) nominations is May 15, 2013.

### **NorthWords announces 2013 lineup**

Canadian author and designer, Douglas Coupland, will be headlining the 8th [NorthWords Writers Festival](#) May 30 - June 2, 2013 in Yellowknife. He will be joined by three mystery writers, poets and others. For the first time, the Festival will extend to another community. A festival guest will be in Fort Smith for a day of reading and support to the reading and writing community there.

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## **Funding**

### **Community and school funding for children**

The [Canada Post Community Foundation](#) invites applications for funding from registered charities, school programs or community groups for projects that benefit children. The deadline for applications is May 12, 2013.

### **Learning Supports for Persons with Disabilities Fund**

The [Learning Supports for Persons with Disabilities Fund](#) helps NWT adults with disabilities achieve their learning goals. Individuals or organizations may apply for funding. Proposals must show that the funding requested will help to overcome barriers to learning.

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## **News and Research**

### **Poll: Employers say skills relevant, but few want to provide training**

A new survey conducted by Ipsos Reid on behalf of ABC Life Literacy Canada reveals that while employers realize the importance of essential skills to their business, not many are willing to invest and

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provide training for such skills for their employees...[Read more](#)

### **Literacy the foundation for skills training**

*Ottawa Citizen, April 1, 2013*

Matching people without jobs to jobs without people is a challenge that officials from many levels of government have tried to address - most recently, the federal government as part of its 2013 budget released last month.

...[Read more](#)

### **Study Shows Parents Spend More Time Teaching Daughters**

*Huffington Post, April 4, 2013*

If you're trying to keep up with the latest headlines on gender equality and parenting, it's hard to tell if Canada is really having a girl crisis, or if girls are more empowered than ever...[Read more](#)

### **Language Learning and Literacy in Infants**

How infants acquire early language and the development of related brain function have attracted many developmental psychologists. Recently, brain scientists have joined them in trying to solve the mystery of language acquisition...[Read more](#)

### **How Digital Devices Change the Rules of Etiquette**

*Smithsonian.com, March 25, 2013*

I committed my first texting heresy a few years ago when my son was away at college. I had asked him about a class he was taking and had needed three, maybe four sentences to express myself...[Read more](#)

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## **Resources and Websites**

### **Writing Tools**

[Language Portal of Canada](#)

**Sneak It In Week: April 8-12**

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