

Literacy This Week

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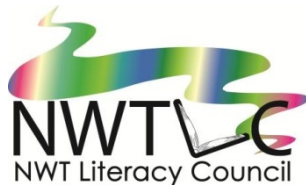
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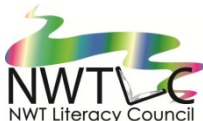
We're the family, youth and adult literacy and essential skills centre for excellence.

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](#)

Support Literacy



You can support literacy in the NWT

- [Make a donation](#)
- [Join the Council](#)
- Take part in literacy activities in your community

Literacy Dates

International Literacy Day - September 8

NWT Literacy Week - September 22-28

Essential Skills Day - September 27

Announcements and Events

We're Back with Our New look

This is our first weekly e-news since June. We hope you had a wonderful summer break, enjoying our beautiful land with family and friends.

We redesigned our weekly e-news and have a new name, *Literacy This Week*. It's all due to our gradual re-branding, which includes our new logo, more consistent use of colour, and soon - our new website! Let us know what you think of our new look.

Welcome to David!

We're delighted to have David Buchanan as our new Youth and Adult Literacy Coordinator.

David is a familiar face to many of you since he worked summers with us while studying for his education degree. He helped us out in between substitute teaching during the past school year and was back with us this summer.



Special literacy days and weeks are coming up fast! Look below for resources and websites to plan your activities.

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Funding

Deadline August 31 for Aboriginal Education Incentive Award

The [Canada Post Aboriginal Education Incentive Award](#) helps students who have left their studies for a year or more and want to go back to school. An essay must accompany the application form. Call 613-734-3120 or email aboriginalawards@canadapost.ca for more information.

Bright Future Awards

The Scotiabank Bright Future Awards showcase volunteers aged 16-24 who are making a difference in their communities. Winners will receive a tablet computer and a \$2,500 donation to the charity of their choice. Applicants must log their hours at scotiabankbrightfutureawards.com. The application deadline is October 31, 2013.

Opportunities Fund for Persons with Disabilities

The [Opportunities Fund for Persons with Disabilities](#) provides funding to organizations to assist people with disabilities in preparing for and finding employment or self-employment, as well as getting the skills necessary to maintain that new employment.

News and Research

Learning to Grow Food

Jackie Milne has a vision. She sees gardens in every Northwest Territories' community. She sees northerners growing and raising their own food, contributing to community well-being and economic development...[Read more](#)



NWT Indigenous Language Workers Go Back to School

While most of us were kicking back and relaxing this summer, the people working to preserve, promote, revitalize and teach NWT Aboriginal languages were studying. This group of dedicated language workers now have more options for professional development...[Read more](#)

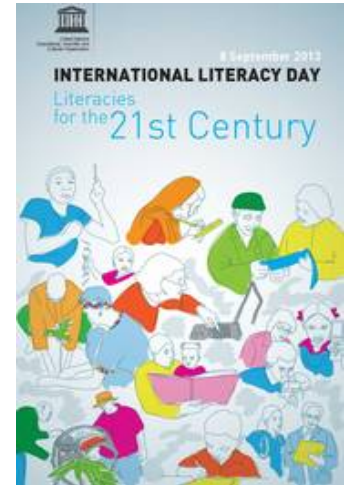
Six Characteristics of Adult Learners

Malcolm Knowles adapted the theory of Andragogy, teaching strategies for adult learners, to adults learning in the 1970s. Knowles' Andragogy outlines theoretical and practical methods based on six characteristics of adult learners...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

International Literacy Day: Sept. 8

UNESCO has made the theme for 2013 [Literacies for the 21st Century](#).



Celebrate NWT Literacy Week: Sept. 22-28

The theme this year is Finding Your Way Financially. Check [What's New](#) on our website for financial literacy related resources.

- Finding your Way Financially poster
- Canada Learning Bond Infographic
- Talking with Children about Money
- Growing With Your Money

Essential Skills Day: Sept. 27

[ABC Life Literacy Canada information and free downloads](#)

Start Your School Year with 180 Technology Tips

[Free tips for educators and other professionals](#)