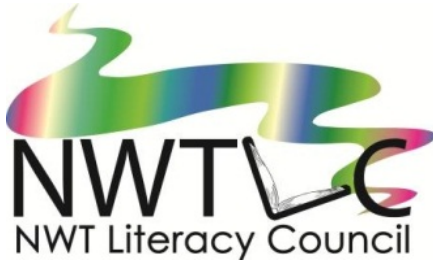


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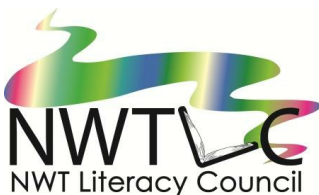
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## Support Literacy

## Literacy Dates

Canadian Libraries Month - October

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## Our Blog

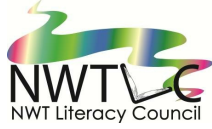
### A visit will get you thinking

*Thanks to our guest blogger, Megan Clark, the public services librarian at the Yellowknife Public Library.*

October is Canadian Library Month and every year a different theme is chosen. This year's theme is: A Visit Will Get You Thinking. The Yellowknife Public Library is such a lively and exciting place that my work day includes an abundance of thoughts about libraries. Today I highlight just two principles of librarianship...[Read more](#)



## Announcements and Events



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**Welcome to Maxine**  
Maxine Lacorne joined the NWT Literacy Council recently on a part-time basis to provide Indigenous languages program support. She is organizing our annual gathering of regional Indigenous language revitalization champions and some joint efforts to celebrate Indigenous Languages Month. Welcome Maxine!



## Enter the Inuvialuit Christmas card contest

The [Inuvialuit Regional Corporation](#) is inviting students to enter an art contest. The Corporation will use the winning artwork for this year's Christmas card. The theme is "What does a traditional Inuvialuit Christmas mean to you?" The artwork must answer the question and be hand drawn in crayons, colouring pencils, paint, etc. Deadline to enter is November 3, 2017.

## Nominate a teacher or early educator today

Nominate outstanding [teachers](#) and [early childhood educators](#) for a Prime Minister's Award. Nominations must come from someone with a direct knowledge of the person's contributions, such as a parent, fellow educator, student or supervisor. The deadline for nominations is January 12, 2018.

## Literacy This Week delivery issues

We're still working on resolving distribution issues for *Literacy This Week* getting to some addresses, including the Government of the Northwest Territories and Aurora College. If you have missed out for the past few weeks, we have an [archive of Literacy This Week on our website](#).

## Funding

### Swim to Survive grants still available

The Recreation and Parks Association is still accepting Get Active grant applications for [Swim to Survive](#) grants.

### Promote intercultural understanding

The [Inter-Action: Multiculturalism Funding Program](#) provides funding to community-based events that promote intercultural understanding, or foster civic memory and pride, or respect for core democratic values grounded in our history. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

## **Preserve and revitalize Indigenous languages**

The federal [Aboriginal Languages Initiative](#) supports the preservation and revitalization of Indigenous languages through community-based projects and activities. The deadline to apply is December 5, 2017.

## **News, Opinion, and Research**

### **Halloween costumes and the challenges posed for schools: two opinions**

Anne Frank, Harvey Weinstein Halloween costumes call for drastic measures...[Read more](#). Let's fight for the right of our children to imagine themselves in someone else's shoes...[Read more](#)

### **Inventing a vocabulary to help Inuit people talk about climate change**

Inuvialuit elders are coming up with renewable energy terminology - and maybe revive a dying language...[Read more](#)

### **Literacy builds life skills as well as language skills**

School children who read and write at home with their parents may build not only their academic literacy skills, but also other important life and learning skills, a recent study found...[Read more](#)

### **Why the anti-mistake culture is detrimental to language learning**

Entrepreneur Catalin Matei describes what she calls the "anti-mistake culture", the societal expectation that making mistakes is a bad thing, something to punish. One vivid example to which anyone can relate is the discouraging red ink on school assignments...[Read more](#)

### **What literacy rates really tell us**

Last week the link to this story was broken. Here it is! Literacy is linked to many important aspects of everyday life, influencing everything from health to wealth... [Read more](#)

## **Resources and Websites**

### **5 tips for teaching literacy**

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### **7 secrets of people who bring their lunch**

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