

# Literacy This Week

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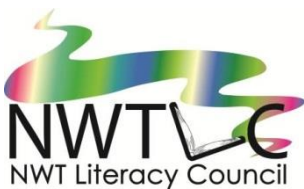
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We're the family, youth and adult literacy and essential skills centre for excellence.

We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

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## Literacy Dates

Holiday Hours - We are closed December 20 to January 1

National Family Literacy Day - January 27

## Announcements and Events

### Nominations for our Beaufort Delta regional representative extended

We extended the nomination deadline until December 20 for you to nominate yourself or someone else to be the [regional representative for the Beaufort Delta](#) on our board of directors.

The regional representatives for the Sahtu (Mary Ann Vital), the Deh Cho (Emma Amundson), and Yellowknife (Rachel Gauthier) were returned to their positions by acclamation. We will have an election for the Tẖcho regional representative in the new year.

### We've got book giving ideas for you

We have lots of suggestions for great books this holiday season for all ages and interests. [Read our blog](#) and add you own book suggestions.

### Tis the season for family learning

[ABC Life Literacy Canada](#) offers family learning activities for the holidays on its website. Look for lots more ideas among our [resources for families!](#)

### Youth and literacy project video now on line

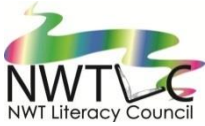
We are partnering with the Yukon Literacy Coalition and others on a project to embed literacy into programs aimed at youth. The folks in the Yukon worked with youth at a cultural salmon fishing camp on a video about the camp. [Watch the video made by the youth.](#)

### Register now for next Dechinta

[Dechinta](#) is offering four courses in its winter/spring semester: Indigenous Self-Determination in Theory and Practice; Sustainable Communities; Indigenous Community Health; and Community Governance,



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You can support literacy in the NWT

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## Funding

### The NWT Law Foundation

The [NWT Law Foundation](#) funds research, legal education and law libraries. The deadline to apply for foundation grants is March 31 each year.

The Law Foundation also provides scholarships for NWT law students. The scholarship application deadline is April 15.

## News and Research

### Charter confirms commitment to Poverty Free NWT

Twenty-four delegates at a recent NWT Anti-Poverty Roundtable signed an Anti-Poverty Charter and committed to plans of action...[Read more](#)

### How to worry less about money

The consumerism of the holiday season makes now a good time to revisit our relationship with money...[Read more](#)

### Is it deworming or free textbooks that improve education?

*Wired, November 12, 2013*

One of the most cost-effective ways to boost attendance came as a big surprise: treatment for intestinal worms, which caused absenteeism to drop by one-quarter...[Read more](#)

### A look at Libraries, Literacy, and Social Inclusion

On the surface, it seems that everyone feels welcome at their community library, says the author of this paper. But many people are intimidated by libraries and, for a variety of reasons, feel they are not welcome...[Read more](#)

## Resources and Websites

### Broke in the Buying Season?

[Budget Gift Giving](#)

### Art Activities for Children

[Book suggestions and making paper snowflakes video](#)

**Touching Mandela tribute**

[from an unexpected place](#)

**Clear Language Driver's Guide**

[by Literacy Alberta](#)

