

Literacy This Week

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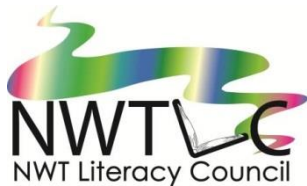
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We're the family, youth and adult literacy and essential skills centre for excellence.

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

NWT Heritage Week - February 10-14

Safer Internet Day - February 11

Freedom to Read Week - February 23 - March 1

Our Blog

How to Garden in February

You might find it hard to imagine a garden this time of year, when all you see is snow, ice and frozen everything. Diving into a seed catalogue is an inexpensive way to experience a bit of summer.

[Read our blog](#) for family gardening activities you can do now.



Announcements and Events

The NWT is still celebrating Family Literacy Day

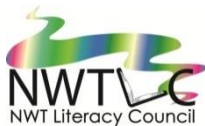
The Family Literacy Day activities continue in the NWT. This week families, staff and students at the Deninu School in Fort Resolution made valentines. Thanks for sending us the photo, Kate Powell.



Dechinta seeks teacher and volunteers

Dechinta Centre for Research and Learning is seeking a certified teacher as

Support Literacy



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well as volunteers to support [Dechinta Kid's U](#) this spring. University students from across the north are welcomed to bring their families to Dechinta's land-based semesters where Dechinta offers an integrated outdoor education experience for students' children.

Support our Olympians

The City of Yellowknife declared Monday February 10 [Red Shirt Day](#) in support of Michael Gilday. The town of Hay River declared February 7 [Green Day](#), in support of its home town athlete, Brendan Green. Jesse Cockney, born in the NWT and raised in Canmore, is the third NWT athlete competing in the Sochi Olympics.

Funding

CIRA's new program invests in projects that enhance Canada's Internet

The [Canadian Internet Registration Authority](#) is the organization that manages the .CA domain. It has funds available to community groups, not-for-profits, and academic institutions for projects that will make the Internet even better for Canadians. The deadline for applications is February 28, 2014.

Northwest Territories Law Foundation

The [NWT Law Foundation](#) has funds available to assist groups who have projects that contribute to legal education or research that recommends reform of the law or administration of justice. Deadline for applications is March 31, 2014.

News and Research

Kivalliq mine workforce worth its weight in gold

Nunatsiaq Online, January 31, 2014

With its Meadowbank mine expected to produce nearly 400,000 ounces of gold this year, and its Meliadine project contemplated to go into production for the next two years, Agnico Eagle has a good reason to invest in Nunavut...[Read more](#)

Are we ready for universal childcare in Canada?

Is Canada ready for a universal childcare system? If so, what does 'universal' look like? Canada's current childcare system is a fragmented and patchwork landscape that has been recognized internationally as a serious human development concern...[Read more](#)

Long-term premiums associated with a high school diploma

Statistics Canada followed a group of men and women for two decades. It reports that men who had finished high school by 1991 earned \$206,000 more over those 20 years than men with no high school diploma...[Read more](#)

Report: 250 Million School Age Kids Can't Read

The Huffington Post, February 5, 2014

Nearly 40% of the worlds 650 million primary school age children are unable to read, write or do basic mathematics, according to a report commissioned by the U.N. education agency...[Read more and watch the video](#)

Resources and Websites

Teach magazine

[Teaching resources, features, blogs](#)

The Word Gap

[The early language gap is about more than words \(video\)](#)

Humourous self-help site for dads

[Dadcentral.ca](#)

Food safety and Indigenous preparation

[Aboriginal literacy and essential skills pilot project curriculum](#)

February is Black History Month

[Posters, information, game, quiz](#)

