

Literacy This Week

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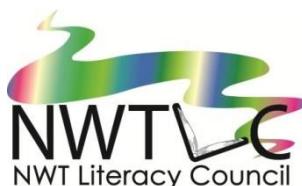
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

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Literacy Dates

Aboriginal Languages Month - March

World Read Aloud Day - March 5

World Poetry Day - March 21

Adult Learner's Week - March 29 - April 6

Our Blog

Garden books to help you grow

Marianne put together our list of gardening books we promised to share in our recent blog, "How to garden in February". These are some of our favourites for families...[Read more](#)



Announcements and Events

Save postage and paper

Please let us know if you would like to receive our upcoming newsletter, Literacy Matters, by email, rather than a paper copy in the mail. We would love to save paper and postage. You can email communications@nwtliteracy.ca to get on the Literacy Matters email list.

We stand together

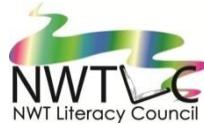
Join Free The Children and the Martin Aboriginal Education Initiative from February 24 to March 7, 2014, as they break down the barriers to starting a dialogue about Aboriginal culture, rights, experiences and history. After you sign in, scroll down the [We Stand Together](#) page for lesson plans.

We're consulting with young fathers

Katie and David visited Whati Tuesday for a focus group with young fathers. We are asking what young fathers would like to see in a learning program for themselves, and with their children. We will use these ideas to create new programs for communities next fall. If you would like to share ideas with us, please



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contact davidb@nwtliteracy.ca. We are heading to Inuvik March 11th and Deline March 25th.

Funding

Family Literacy funding

We accept proposals for family literacy projects on an ongoing basis. Contact us at 1-866-599-6758 or email pat@nwtliteracy.ca or visit our website for the [program criteria, application and reporting form](#).

Opportunities Fund for Persons with Disabilities

The [Opportunities Fund for Persons with Disabilities](#) funds organizations to help people with disabilities prepare for, obtain and maintain employment or self-employment.

News and Research

6 top facts about adult learning theory every educator should know

There are many great educators and they all have one thing in common. It is not that they are the best among the best in their own field. Instead, they are the ones who know best how to facilitate learning...[Read more](#)

Minister Lafferty announces new approach to language funding

Education, Culture and Employment Minister, Jackson Lafferty announced three-year Aboriginal language funding and a streamlined reporting process in the NWT Legislative Assembly...[Read more](#)

The linguistic genius of babies

Patricia Kuhl shares astonishing findings about how babies learn one language over another - by listening to the humans around them and "taking statistics" on the sounds they need to know...[Watch more](#)

Canada's literacy and numeracy challenge worsens

Canada's results in literacy and numeracy were depressing. Although Canada has a modern knowledge-based economy, with well developed provincial primary and secondary education systems, Canada's score in literacy was only the average of other industrialized countries...[Read more](#)

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