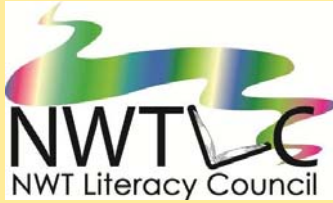


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We strive to be the centre of excellence for family, youth and adult literacy and essential skill development. We support skill development in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories. We're also plain language specialists.

## Literacy Dates

Education Week - February 18-22

Freedom to Read Week - February 24-March 2

Pink Shirt Day - February 27

NWT Aboriginal Languages Month - March

## Announcements and Events

### Let's Start Early!

We're sending out the next round of Let's Start Early family learning kits. The family of each newborn baby receives one of these bags. They are full of learning materials and fun things to support baby's growth and development.



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Thanks to the GNWT Department of Education, Culture & Employment for funding this project. And, thanks to the Beaufort-Delta, Stanton and the Fort Smith Health and Social Services Authorities who coordinate distribution. We expect to send out about 600 kits again this year.

### **Engaging employers in the essential skills dialogue**

The Office of Literacy and Essential Skills invites you to a free webinar on February 26, 2013 from 10-11:30 am to discuss ways to approach and engage employers in a dialogue about essential skills. To register, send an email to [NC-OLEES\\_WEBINARS-WEBINAIRES\\_DU\\_BACE-GD@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca](mailto:NC-OLEES_WEBINARS-WEBINAIRES_DU_BACE-GD@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca)

### **South Slave Literacy Coordinator**

The [South Slave Divisional Education Council](#) is looking for an educational leader to provide literacy service and supports to schools. The successful applicant will have specialization, training, and experience in literacy/reading development. Deadline for applications is March 4.

### **Learn more about managing money**

Our financial literacy workshop series continues at the [Yellowknife Public Library](#) the next three Tuesdays at 7 pm. The remaining sessions cover credit reports, debt and being a wise consumer. We look forward to delivering this program next week in Ndilo. If you would like financial literacy training in your community, please contact [Katie@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:Katie@nwtliteracy.ca)

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## **Funding**

### **RBC After School Grants**

[RBC](#) is accepting applications now for after school grants for the school year beginning next fall.

### **Walmart-Evergreen Green Grants**

Applications are being accepted for the 2013 [Walmart-Evergreen Green Grants Program](#). The program provides up to \$10,000 to community development, environmental

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restoration and other community-based projects. The deadline to apply is March 1, 2013.

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## News and Research

### **Two principals honoured**

*Northern Journal, February 19, 2013*

Two NWT principals have been named "outstanding" by a Toronto-based education advocacy group. Dan Summers of the Deninu School in Fort Resolution and Lois Philipp of Fort Providence's Deh Gah Elementary and Secondary School were among 51 other principals chosen from across the country...[Read more](#)

### **Barriers to education stop young people from achieving**

The latest research on the attitudes of young people who are not in education, employment or training shows that rather than a lack of enthusiasm for learning and work, almost half of those interviewed have aspirations to progress in life through learning...[Read more](#)

### **Should Canada take lessons from Finland's approach to education?**

*CBC news, February 18, 2013*

Can Finland share a few bright ideas about educational reform with Canada? Finland has quietly built the world's most successful public education system...[Read more](#)

### **How Free Play Can Define Kids Success**

*Mindshift, February 15, 2013*

Free, unstructured playtime gives kids a chance to discover their interests and tap into their creativity. It's a crucial element for building resilience in children...[Read more](#)

### **To This Day: Poet Shane Koyczan Narrates Beautiful Anti-Bullying Animation**

*HuffPost British Columbia, February 20, 2013*

BC poet Shane Koyczan is no stranger to being bullied as a kid. The former Yellowknifer also knows that bullying can leave psychic scars that last years...[See more](#)

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## Resources and Websites

### **Eco Classrooms**

[Teaching environmental literacy in schools \(infographic\)](#)

### **National Geographic Education**

[Student resources](#)

### **Freedom to Read Week**

[Take the Freedom to Read Quiz](#)

### **Kid World Citizen**

[Activities to increase global and cultural awareness](#)

### **The Canadian Arctic Expedition of 1913-1918**

[An online museum exhibit](#)