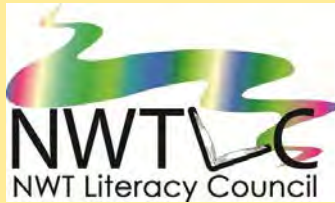


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## Literacy Dates

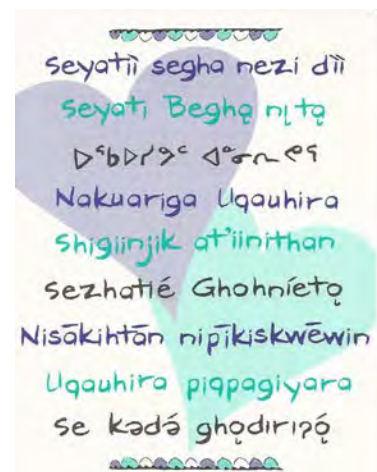
Freedom to Read Week - February 24-March 2  
NWT Aboriginal Languages Month - March  
Adult Learners' Week - April 6-14

## Announcements and Events

### Celebrate the Aboriginal Languages of the NWT

We've sent out hundreds of packages across the NWT to schools and community programs with ideas for celebrating Aboriginal Languages Month during March. Please let us know what activities you have planned. Contact

[marianne@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:marianne@nwtliteracy.ca) or call toll free 1-866-599-6758.



### UN Special Rapporteur on the right to food

The public is welcome to a [teleconference at Northern United Place in Yellowknife with Olivier De Schutter](#), the UN Special Rapporteur on the right to food. He will present the main results of his mission to Canada on March 4 at 10 am. This will be a chance to ask questions on the topics addressed in the preliminary report such as poverty, growing inequity, health, obesity, sustainable agriculture and food systems, and the rights of First Nations, northern and remote communities to healthy and affordable food.

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## Creative Writing Play Date

Bring your pen, paper and imagination to the Creative Writing Play Date each Sunday from 3-5 pm at the Yellowknife Public Library between March 3 and April 28. No registration required. For more information contact [creativewritingyk@gmail.com](mailto:creativewritingyk@gmail.com)



## Ready for the Writing and Arts Challenge?

Are you an Aboriginal Canadian between the ages of 14-29? You could win cash prizes and even have your work published or exhibited. The deadline to enter the [Canadian Aboriginal Writing and Arts Challenge](#) is March 31, 2013.

## Write for a Better World

World Literacy Canada is running a national, bilingual writing contest for Canadian students in Grades 5 to 8 aiming to inspire global citizenship in Canada's youth. The [Write for a Better World](#) deadline is April 5, 2013.

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## Funding

### Women's Initiative Grants

The [Women's Initiative Grants](#) fund short-term projects to enhance the participation of women and girls in all aspects of community life, with particular emphasis on leadership guidance with a cultural and education direction. [Applications](#) must be received by March 29, 2013. For more information call 867-920-3106 or email [gail\\_cyr@gov.nt.ca](mailto:gail_cyr@gov.nt.ca)

### RBC Children's Mental Health Project

The focus for the funding under this RBC project is early intervention and public education to reduce stigma. Applications for the Children's Mental Health Project are accepted year-round...[Read more](#)

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## News and Research

### **Eleven official languages and a vast territory: the NWT Literacy Council's linguistic challenge**

*The Language Portal, February 25, 2013*

The Canadian North is home to the Inuit, the Dene and the Metis. The people of the Northwest Territories inhabit a region characterized not only by long, cold winters but also by a wide variety of languages and dialects...[Read more](#)

### **The Arts and At-Risk Youth**

This American report examines the association between in-depth arts engagement and academic or civic outcomes for at-risk youth. Almost all of the results focus on children from households with lower socio-economic status (i.e., family income, parental education level, and parental job status)...[Read more](#)

### **Is 'social reading' the next phase of the e-book revolution?**

*CBC news, February 25, 2013*

James Bridle, a London, UK-based editor, publisher and self-proclaimed book futurist, thinks digital technology could be used to enhance one-on-one relationships between author and readers, which he thinks will be just as valuable in the future as social online reading and writing...[Read more](#)

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## Resources and Websites

### **Twitter for Teachers**

[How to Use Twitter to Grow Professionally and Personally](#)

### **Tumblebook Library**

[An online collection of animated talking books](#)

### **Second in a series of Essential Skills Bulletins**

[Essential Skills Ontario](#)



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## Cool Math

[An amusement park of math and more](#)