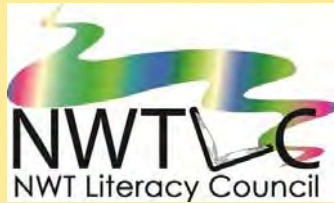


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We strive to be the centre of excellence for family, youth and adult literacy and essential skill development. We support skill development in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories. We're also plain language specialists.

## Literacy Dates

Book Giving Day - February 14

Heritage Day - February 18

Freedom to Read Week - February 24-March 2

## Announcements and Events

### Thanks for the website suggestions!

Thank you very much to everyone who took part in our website survey. We really appreciate your feedback as we plan a new site. Congratulations to Jennifer Rafferty, of Inuvik, the winner of our draw for a Kobo Reader.

### Canada Day Challenge 2013

If you're between 8 and 18 years old and live in Canada, you're invited to express what Canada means to you by submitting an original poster design, a digital photograph, or a piece of creative writing inspired by the theme **Canada: Strong and Free**. You could win some really great prizes. [Canada Day Challenge](#) entries will be accepted until March 22, 2013.

### Search on for National Literacy Leader

[ABC Life Literacy Canada](#) (located in Toronto) is recruiting a new Executive Director. ABC Life Literacy Canada is a non-profit organization that inspires Canadians to increase their literacy skills. Anyone interested can contact [judy.mandelman@prometheus.ca](mailto:judy.mandelman@prometheus.ca)

## Two-day Fiction Writing Workshop

[NorthWords](#) is hosting a fiction writing workshop with Anita Daher. It is being held February 16-17 in Room 308 at Aurora College in Yellowknife. The cost is \$75 (10% discount for NorthWords members). Register at the Yellowknife Book Cellar.



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## Funding

### NWT Arts Council Arts Funding

Funding is available for artists or territorial organizations who are producing a specific artistic work, project or event in a recognized discipline. To request an application, e-mail [boris\\_atamanenko@gov.nt.ca](mailto:boris_atamanenko@gov.nt.ca) or call 920-6370. The closing date is February 28, 2013.

### Green Shield Canada Community Giving

This [Community Giving Program](#) is accepting applications for funding until March 15. Projects will address a community need and provide direct impact to an under-served or under-funded community or group.

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## News and Research

### Canada falling behind on poverty, inequality, says report

*CBC news, February 4, 2013*

Canada isn't living up to its potential or its reputation when it comes to societal issues like poverty, government and inequality, according to the Conference Board of Canada...[Read more](#)

### Too much screen time is harming children's literacy skills

Television should not be used as a parenting aid, according to a study by The American Academy of

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Pediatrics, which found clear evidence of negative behaviour in children as a result of too much exposure to screen time at a young age...[Read more](#)

### **Aboriginal Canada Portal shutting down**

On February 12, 2013 the Aboriginal Canada Portal will shut down. The Portal is a Government of Canada site developed in partnership National Aboriginal Organizations in 2001...[Read more](#)

### **Play, Creativity, and Lifelong Learning**

Play is simultaneously a source of relaxation and stimulation for the brain and body. A sure (and fun) way to develop your imagination, creativity, problem-solving abilities, and mental health is to play...[Read more](#)

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## **Resources and Websites**

### **Valentine's Day activities**

[15 ideas for babies and toddlers](#)

### **The Centre for Literacy research scans**

[December 2012 - January 2013](#)

### **International Book Giving Day**

[Three ways to celebrate](#)

**Six books exploring the concept of peace for classrooms and youth groups**

[Short video by former Yellowknifer Carolyn Pogue](#)