



Literacy This Week

September 6, 2018

Literacy Dates

International Literacy Day - September 8

Essential Skills Day - September 20

NWT Literacy Week - September 23-29

Our Annual General Meeting - October 13

Plain Language Day - October 13

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Welcome to our new look for *Literacy This Week*. We hope you find it more mobile-friendly.

Your comments and feedback are always welcome.

Thank you,
Kathryn Barry Paddock
Executive Director

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Our Blog

Cat's summer dream job

I was so grateful for the opportunity to work at the NWT Literacy Council. It was my summer dream job! I mean, any job where you get to make play dough has to be good. Just joking!



Making play dough was fun, but I got to do tasks at the Literacy Council that I wouldn't have done at any other job. I had the opportunity to write the [Everyone in the Kitchen](#) resource...

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Announcements & Events

Register now for Family Literacy Training

You can register online now for our [Family Literacy Training Institute](#). The training is October 15-18 in Yellowknife. Expenses to participate are paid for a limited number of NWT residents. Apply soon.



Plan to attend our Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting is Saturday, October 13 at noon in the Commissioner's Room at the Days Inn in Yellowknife. We will have elections for new officers, including our President.

Literacy Matters is online

Our latest newsletter, *Literacy Matters*, is online.

[Literacy Matters](#)

Get your NWT Literacy Week materials We mailed out about 500 NWT Literacy Week packages. You'll love our new Cooking and Counting fridge magnets. The handy cooking conversion chart will look great on your fridge. Contact us to get yours.

[Check out our fridge magnets](#)

Funding

Credit Education Week 2018

[Credit Education Week 2018](#) provides up to \$700 to community-based events that foster financial wellness. The goal is to interact with as many communities as possible across Canada. Applications are due September 14, 2018.

Action on Climate Change

The [Climate Action Fund](#) supports climate actions in communities across Canada. It seeks to increase awareness and participation in climate action among Canadians, especially youth, students, Indigenous peoples and organizations, and small and medium businesses. The deadline to apply for funding is September 21, 2018.

News, Research, Opinion

Poverty Reduction Strategy analysis

The federal government announced in August its poverty reduction strategy—Opportunity for All: Canada’s First Poverty Reduction Strategy. We know there are direct links between low literacy and poverty.

You can read analysis by literacy blogger Brigid Hayes [here](#). Another analysis looks at the pros and cons of the strategy [here](#).

Better childcare access could solve gender wage gap

A new report notes that the gender wage gap in Canada is significantly larger than the the average among countries that belong to the Organization for Economic and Co-operation Development. The study states that better access to high-quality, affordable early childhood education and care is the best way to boost female labour participation and narrow the gap...[Read more](#)

Google at 20: how a search engine became a literal extension of our mind

We are losing our minds to Google. After 20 years, Google’s products have become integrated into our everyday lives, altering the very structure of our cognitive architecture, and our minds have expanded out into cyberspace as a consequence. This is not science fiction, but an implication of what’s known as the “[extended mind thesis](#)”, a widely accepted view in philosophy, psychology and neuroscience...[Read more](#)

Resources & Websites

Essential Skills Day

[ABC Life Literacy](#)

Healthy Aboriginal Network

[Comics, posters, videos on social issues affecting youth](#)

National Centre for Collaboration and Indigenous Education

[Share and search for best practices](#)

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