

# Literacy This Week

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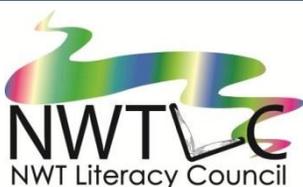
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

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## Literacy Dates

National Family Literacy Day - January 27

NWT Heritage Week - February 10-14

Freedom to Read Week - February 23 - March 1

## Announcements and Events

### Yellowknife celebrates Family Literacy Day on Saturday

Join us for free family activities at the Northern Arts and Cultural Centre Saturday from 2 to 4 pm. We're celebrating Family Literacy Day this year as part of the [Children's Festival of Silliness](#).

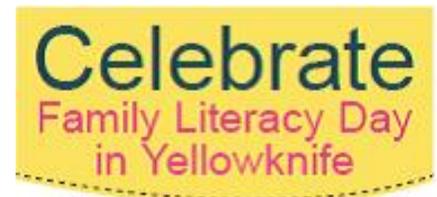
We're looking forward to hear how Family Literacy Day is celebrated in other communities and see some of your photos. Please contact [Pat](#) or [Kathryn](#).

### Play is for everyone every day!

The suggestion in *Children Need Play Every Day* to let children take the lead during play struck a chord with me when I read the new Literacy Council booklet. [Read our blog about the latest on play.](#)

### You can nominate a wise woman

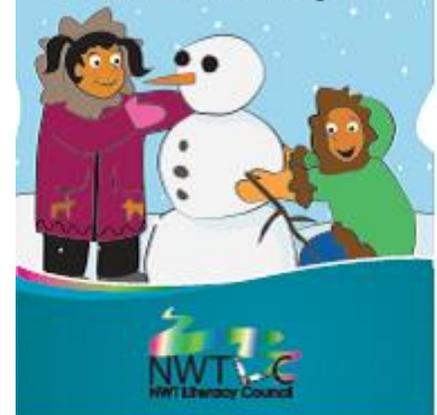
The NWT Status of Women Council is seeking nominations for the [annual Wise Women Awards](#). These awards recognize women for their time, commitment and work in improving the lives of women and families in their communities. The deadline for nominations is noon February 3, 2014.



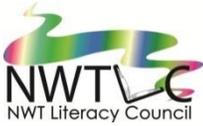
When: Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:15-3:45 pm  
Where: NAOC Lobby

Games and activities in the lobby are FREE!  
Join the NWT Literacy Council at the Children's Festival of Silliness!

Visit [www.nacent.ca](http://www.nacent.ca) for information on other activities all weekend long!



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## Funding

### Violence Prevention Grant applications due February 3

The Canadian Women's Foundation is accepting applications for its annual [Violence Prevention Grants](#) until February 3, 2014.

### Aboriginal Languages Initiative open for applications

The [Aboriginal Languages Initiative](#) supports the preservation and revitalization of Aboriginal languages for the benefit of Aboriginal peoples and other Canadians. The deadline for applications is February 6, 2014.

### Aboriginal Women's Programming Elements has three streams

There are three initiatives under the [Aboriginal Women's Programming Elements](#).

- Women's Community Initiative
- Family Violence Initiative
- Self-Government Initiative

The deadline for applications is February 13, 2014.

## News and Research

### For the love of reading

*News/North, January 20, 2014*

Reading has become a regular after-school activity at Jean Wettrade Gameti School thanks to a new book club that began this year...[Read more](#)

### Poverty and obesity: neighbours in our own communities

*Huffington Post, January 19, 2014*

Tremonica is an obviously obese seven-year-old girl in Mississippi. She tells a nurse that she ate nothing for breakfast and only potato chips after school. Her mother, Kimberley, explains: "I look around and see what's the cheapest...[Read more](#)

### Why baby talk is good for your baby

*The Washington Post, January 13, 2014*

One-on-one baby talk with an infant gives a toddler a bigger vocabulary...[Read more](#)

### Give childhood back to children

*The Independent, January 12, 2014*

If we want our offspring to have happy, productive and moral lives, we must allow more time for play, not less...[Read more](#)

# Resources and Websites

## **What are our youth doing online?**

[Young Canadians in a wired world](#)

## **Language basics**

[How many words should a toddler have?](#)

## **Cite me a citation online**

[Technology tip for your bibliography](#)

## **Documentary: The Motherload**

[In-depth and new look at working mothers](#)

