

Literacy This Week

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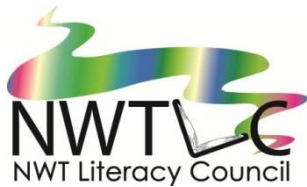
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

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Literacy Dates

NWT Heritage Week - February 10-14

Safer Internet Day - February 11

Freedom to Read Week - February 23 - March 1

Our Blog

Do NWT communities need better access to financial services?

After a year of delivering financial literacy workshops, some in small communities, I've really become aware of the lack of access to financial services in much of the NWT.

[Read our blog](#) and have your say.



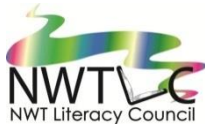
Announcements and Events

The NWT celebrates Family Literacy Day

People celebrated Family Literacy Day across the NWT during the past week or so. At the Hay River Public Library children made pancakes as part of a Little Chef's program.



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And then they got to enjoy the results!

Mental Health First Aid Training in March

Register now to improve your mental health literacy. With the right skills and knowledge you can better manage potential or developing mental health problems in yourself, a family member, a friend or a colleague. The training is March 28-29 at the Centre for Northern Families in Yellowknife. You can register online at <http://www.onlineregistrations.ca/MHFA-NT/>



Nominate a Hometown Hero

The [Hometown Heroes Award Program](#) is your chance to help Canada recognize and celebrate environmental leaders - whether an individual, group or small business - who foster meaningful, long-term community awareness and action. The nomination deadline is March 31, 2014.

Funding

Bell Let's Talk Community Fund

Through the [Community Fund](#), Bell provides grants of \$5,000 to \$50,000 to organizations, hospitals and agencies focused on improving access to mental health care and making a positive impact in their communities. The application deadline is March 31, 2014.

RBC After School Project

The [RBC After School Project](#) funds community-based organizations that offer structured, supervised after-school programs for at-risk or under-served communities. The deadline for applications is Friday, March 14, 2014.

News and Research

Family Literacy Day inspires family fun in the NWT

Northern Journal, January 28, 2014

"Children learn through play," Kathryn Barry Paddock, coordinator with the NWT Literacy Council, told The Journal. "Even taking 15 minutes a day with your child can improve their (literacy) skills and you can do it in a fun way..." [Read more](#)

Kindergarten is too late

Huffington Post, December 6, 2014

Kindergarten is too late for a lot of children. That is a sad but biologically accurate fact of life. The basic and most important mental development processes that are needed to help each child read, stay in school, and stay out of prison actually happen before the age of five... [Read more](#)

30 jobs with weird, futuristic sounding titles

Workopolis, January 28, 2014

Will your job still exist 15 or 20 years from now? And, if it does exist, what will it look like? Will it be the same or will it have changed dramatically thanks to technological and social shifts?...[Read more](#)

How to learn a trade the hard way

Globe and Mail, January 27, 2014

"You should have a trade to fall back on." My parents always said that, but it made no sense to me....[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Age-appropriate chores for children

[Montessori chart](#)

TVO Parents

[Family Literacy infographic](#)

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