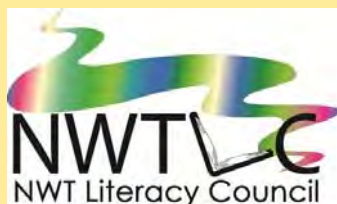


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Show your support for literacy



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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

Family Literacy Day - January 27

Heritage Day - February 18

Freedom to Read Week - February 24 - March 2

Announcements and Events

Early Childhood Development input deadline today!

The [Early Childhood Development survey](#) gives you a chance to have a say about the new Early Childhood Development Framework for Action. We hope that all those with an interest in early childhood will take the time to fill out the survey. The link above will take you to a discussion document and summary as well as the surveys for three distinct audiences.

Want to know more about managing your money?

We start a Financial Literacy Workshop series on Tuesday at 7 pm at the Yellowknife Public Library. The workshops run each Tuesday evening for nine weeks. Topics include budgeting, saving, debt, credit reports and being a wise consumer. You can come to some or all of the workshops. Contact the library if you want to pre-register.

Draft Anti-Poverty Strategy feedback deadline Monday

We encourage you to complete the [survey](#) about the [draft Anti-Poverty Strategy](#). You can also provide comments to povertyfreenwt@gov.nt.ca.

Help us create a better website please!

We're rebuilding our website in the new year and we want your ideas. Please complete our quick [website survey](#) for a chance to win a Kobo Reader.



Indigenous Educator Award nominations open

Indspire has a new initiative. The [Guiding the Journey: Indigenous Educator Awards](#) will recognize those who have made valuable contributions in the education field while honouring the principles of Indigenous knowledge. Deadline for nominations is February 1, 2013.

Funding

Celebrate Canada funding deadline next week

Canadian Heritage [Celebrate Canada](#) funding is for activities planned between June 21 and July 1, such as National Aboriginal Day and Canada Day.

Funding promotes financial literacy

The [TD Financial Literacy Grant Fund](#) provides grants to promote financial literacy. Projects must serve low income and otherwise economically disadvantaged persons and groups in Canada. The next funding deadline is January 31, 2013.

News and Research

Literacy Decade Ends

Prensa Latina, December 27, 2012

The United Nations Decade of Literacy (2003-2012) ends with relative progress in efforts to increase the global literacy rate, but with 775 million illiterate adults remaining in the world...[Read more](#)

Education: Best of the series

Globe and Mail, January 3, 2012

More students are attending university than ever before...But what students are finding are overcrowded classrooms and outmoded teaching methods. And when they leave university, they are likely saddled with debt. It's time to rethink higher education...[Read more](#)

Literacy woe for prisoners

scotsman.com, December 28, 2012

At least four out of five prisoners are functionally illiterate, according to figures from the Scottish Prison Service...[Read more](#). And for a story about how NWT youth in custody are learning practical skills check out our latest issue of [Literacy Matters](#).

Resources and Websites

Is learning a language your New Year's resolution?

[5 fun ways to learn a language](#)

Writing effective funding proposals for government agencies

[Advice from Charity Village](#)

Using Skype Lesson Plan

[A plan for a three-hour session](#)

Easy to read signs for medical offices

[Available for download](#)