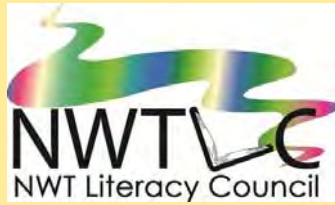


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We strive to be the centre of excellence for family, youth and adult literacy and essential skill development. We support skill development in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories. We're also plain language specialists.

Literacy Dates

Book Giving Day - February 14

Heritage Day - February 18

Freedom to Read Week - February 24-March 2

Announcements and Events

Send us your Family Literacy Day photos and stories

We're always looking for photos and stories for our newsletters. Send us photos or stories about your Family



Literacy Day activities and events for our spring issue of *Literacy Matters*. Or send any other story ideas! Contact communications@nwtliteracy.ca or call 873-9262. This photo was taken at last Saturday's Family Fun Fair in Yellowknife.

Financial Literacy workshop series continues

Our Financial Literacy workshop series at the Yellowknife Public Library continues throughout February. Next week we will talk about Banking and Financial Services. If you want to register, contact the library at 920-5642. Thanks to Christine Abela for hosting a Financial Literacy workshop in Fort Liard last week.

Canadian Aboriginal Writing and Arts Challenge

Aboriginal youth (ages 14 to 29) are invited to create a short piece of writing or two-dimensional piece of art exploring a moment or theme in Aboriginal history and culture. Participants can win up to \$2,000 for their work and a trip to a major Canadian city to be honoured at the Awards Reception & Exhibition. Group submissions can win a special bonus prize! The [Challenge](#) deadline is March 31, 2013.

Short Prose Competition for Developing Writers

The Writers' Union of Canada is accepting submissions until March 1, 2013 for the [20th Annual Short Prose Competition for Developing Writers](#). The winning entry will be the best Canadian work of up to 2,500 words in the English language, fiction or non-fiction, written by an unpublished author. The prize for the winning entry is \$2,500.

Funding

RBC After School Grant

Eligible groups are invited to apply for funding for after-school programs that provide a safe environment where kids can develop social skills and self-esteem. We are unsure of the application deadline for [RBC After School Grant](#) applications.

RBC Children's Mental Health Project

The focus for the funding under this RBC project is early intervention and public education to reduce stigma. Applications for the [Children's Mental Health Project](#) are accepted year-round.

News and Research

How to raise girls' math scores

Globe and Mail. January 18. 2013

An interesting discussion paper suggests that for female students in primary school, the gender of a teacher may matter when it comes to learning math...[Read more](#)

Library Services in the Digital Age

Pew Research Centre, January 22, 2013

A new survey of Americans' attitudes and expectations for public libraries finds that many library patrons are eager to see libraries' digital services expand, yet also feel that print books remain important in the digital age...[Read more](#)

Inuvik child care centre wins \$50,000

CBC news, January 29, 2013

Inuvik's Children First Centre has won \$50,000 in the small idea category of the Aviva Community Fund competition and an architectural award...[Read more](#)

How poverty influences a child's brain development

Globe and Mail, January 25, 2013

At first impression, the two groups of children were hard to tell apart: just regular kindergarten kids from different neighbourhoods in Kamloops, B.C....[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Some thoughts on rhythm in picture books

[Picture Book Den blog](#)

First in a Series of PIAAC Essential Skills Bulletins

[Essential Skills Ontario](#)

Six teaching tools for Black History Month
[American sources from Edutopia](#)

NWT Early Childhood Development Engagement

- [Presentations at last week's roundtable are online](#)
- [NWT Literacy Council presentation at the roundtable](#)

New Activity cards for parents and families

[Great ideas for Babies, Toddlers and Young children](#)