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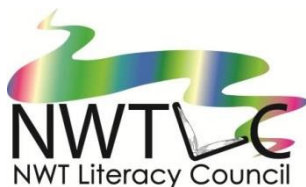
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

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Literacy Dates

Senior Citizens' Month - June

National Aboriginal Day - June 21

Canada Day - July 1

Our Blog



NorthWords Writers Festival covers a lot of ground

"I had no idea this festival was so big," a friend said, as we stood in front of the book table at the NorthWords gala.

My friend is right. The NorthWords Writers Festival covers a lot of ground in four short days...[Read more](#)

Announcements and Events

We're at the farmers market

We'll be at the Yellowknife farmers market all summer again this year. Join us for family literacy activities and our bookmobile on Tuesday evenings.

Copian ends services

As of Monday Copian's extensive database of literacy and essential skills tools and resources and other information is no longer available on its website.

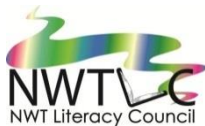
Copian (formerly NALD) also stopped production and distribution of its weekly electronic newsletter. The service stoppage is due to the withdrawal of federal funding.

The NWT Literacy Council depended on Copian's database to find resources produced by others, and to list our resources so they could be accessed by a greater number of people, than those visiting our website. For more information contact Bill Stirling toll free at 1-800-720-6253.

Award nominations open to remember persons case

Nominations are open for the 35th Annual [Governor General's Awards in Commemoration of the Persons Case](#). These awards recognize five individuals, including two youth, who have made outstanding contributions to the goal of

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equality for girls and women in Canada. The deadline for nominating someone for the 2014 awards is June 20, 2014.

Funding

Call for Aboriginal justice proposals

The Aboriginal Justice Directorate has project funding under the [Aboriginal Justice Strategy Capacity-Building Fund](#). This call for proposals has two priorities: build internal capacity and provide training for Aboriginal community justice programs; and build bridges, foster partnerships and seek opportunities for collaboration. The deadline for applications is June 30, 2014.

Scholarship deadlines extended

The [Yellowknife Community Foundation](#) has extended its application deadline for a number of scholarships to June 16, 2014. The foundation also provides community grants.

News and Research

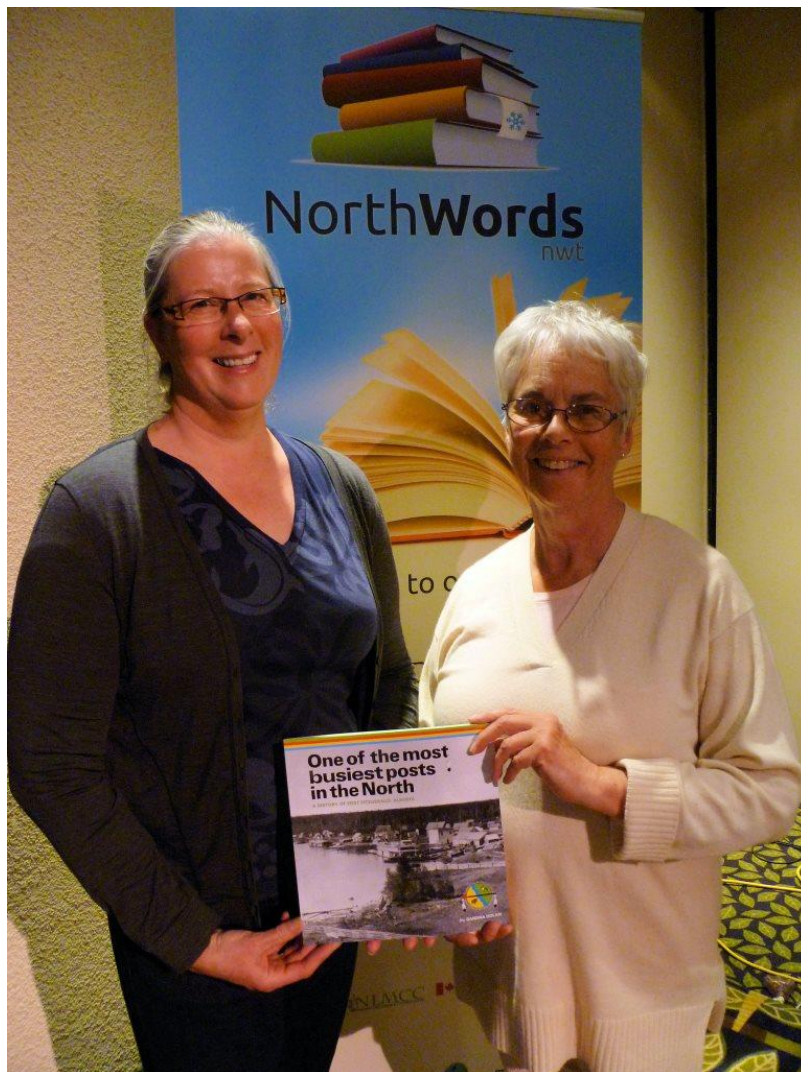


Photo courtesy of NorthWords

NorthWords awards prize

Jeri Miltenberger and Sandra Dolan of Fort Smith pose with a book they worked on together, *One of the most busiest posts in the North*. Sandra was presented with the NorthWords Prize for the book, which is about the heyday of Fort Fitzgerald...[Read more](#)

GNWT defends territory-wide junior kindergarten

Northern Journal, June 9, 2014

The department of Education, Culture and Employment is defending its controversial rollout of junior kindergarten this fall after being hit with criticism over lack of funding and overlap with the federal Aboriginal Head Start program...[Read more](#)

Canadian Nature Survey results made public

The purpose of the 2012 Canadian Nature Survey was to understand the extent to which residents of the Northwest Territories are connected to nature. For Northwest Territories residents, the report found that awareness of the terms biodiversity and ecosystem services was very high...[Read more](#)

Banks should offer no-fee accounts to all poor Canadians

Huffington Post, June 5, 2014

The common good, by definition, requires each of us to fulfill our public responsibilities. Not just some of us. And not just government...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Tips for sharing books with babies and toddlers

[Early experiences matter](#)

5 things teachers wish parents knew

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