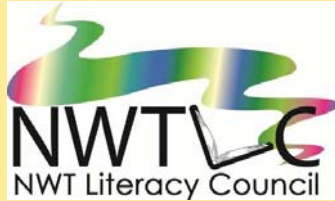


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We strive to be the centre of excellence for family, youth and adult literacy and essential skill development. We support skill development in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories. We're also plain language specialists.

## Literacy Dates

National Aboriginal Day - June 21

Canada Day - July 1

NWT Literacy Week - September 22-28

## Announcements and Events

### Thank you to the Tree of Peace

Thanks to the Tree of Peace Friendship Centre in Yellowknife for the donation of calculators that we can distribute



during our Financial Literacy Workshops. Katie was there this week for a short session with staff and the Living in Balance program participants. She also did a budget workshop with the Yellowknife Association for Community Living Peer Support Group.

### We're booking Financial Literacy workshops

We're looking for people to host our Financial Literacy workshop in your community. There's no cost to you or your organization. We have lots of practical information to offer about how to make your money work for you. Contact [Katie@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:Katie@nwtliteracy.ca) or toll free at 1-866-599-6758 to discuss hosting a workshop this fall!

### Date set for the Plain Language Association InterNational (PLAIN) conference

The [2013 PLAIN conference](#), in Vancouver, B.C., Oct 10-13, 2013, offers an excellent opportunity to learn

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more about plain language and how its advantages can benefit you, your organization and your clients. Early registration is by June 30.

### **Grass Roots Press celebrates Aboriginal History Month**

To celebrate Aboriginal History Month, [Grass Roots Press](#) is discounting its biographies of Tom Longboat, Louis Riel and Poundmaker. This special promotion was announced in its latest newsletter.

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## **Funding**

### **Inspirit Foundation Pluralism Grants**

The [Pluralism Grants - Community Impact program](#) supports projects that bring together young adults (aged 18-30) of different spiritual, religious and secular beliefs to work toward common goals that make our communities better places to live. Proposed projects should address three areas: learning, collaboration and youth leadership. Grants of up to \$25,000 will be provided to registered charitable organizations and First Nations bands across Canada. The deadline for applications is July 16, 2013.

### **TD Environmental Foundation**

The [TD Friends of the Environment Foundation](#) funds projects that protect the environment and green communities. The next application deadline is July 15, 2013.

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## **News and Research**

### **Who's in charge here?**

*Working in Adult Literacy blog, June 12, 2013*

We were off by bus and ferry to Saltspring Island for the day. My job was to blend in, to let myself be represented by students. They were in charge, and I was along for the ride. I didn't know it would be so hard...[Read more](#)

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### **Why Canadian babies should sleep in cardboard boxes like Finnish babies do**

*The Globe and Mail, June 5, 2013*

Earlier this week the BBC News Magazine ran an astonishing story entitled: "Why Finnish babies sleep in cardboard boxes." It was the tale of the "maternity package," a simple cardboard box loaded with goodies that every expectant mother receives in Finland...[Read more](#)

### **How poverty might change the brain**

*CNN, June 13, 2013*

Parents of low socioeconomic status have uncertainty about having basic needs met, dangerous neighborhoods, crowding and other factors, causing stress for children and their parents. Stressed parents are less patient and affectionate, further stressing their children...[Read more](#)

### **Parenting in the age of technology**

*Mindshift, June 7, 2013*

The world of parenting has changed. In 1980, parents had home phones without answering machines, televisions without remote controls, cars without screens, and maybe if they had older children they owned an Atari video game console. Today, toddlers tell parents to "Google it"...[Read more](#)

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## **Resources and Websites**

### **Attending conferences**

[Tips for Success](#)

### **180 tech tips for teachers**

[Sign up now for September](#)

### **Planning for retirement on a low income**

[Information to maximize the Guaranteed Income Supplement](#)

### **Studio, a new NALD website**

[Devoted to workplace education](#)