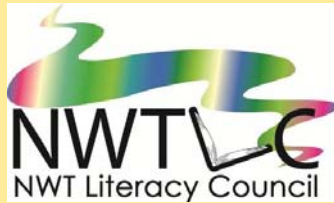


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We strive to be the centre of excellence for family, youth and adult literacy and essential skill development. We support skill development in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories. We're also plain language specialists.

## Literacy Dates

National Aboriginal Day - June 21

Canada Day - July 1

NWT Literacy Week - September 22-28

## Announcements and Events

### This is the last e-news for the summer

This Week in Literacy is taking a summer break. Until the fall, please follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to keep track of what we are up to, funding sources and other literacy news.

### Garden Party family literacy activities



We'll be back next Tuesday for more family literacy activities at the City of Yellowknife Garden Party, the last one of the season. Please join us!

### Enter the Great Northern Writing Contest

The [Great Northern Canada Writing Contest](#) is now open. NorthWords NWT is seeking fiction and non-fiction prose submissions of 1,000 words or less. Cash prizes and publication in the magazine.

above&beyond, Canada's Arctic Journal, for winning entries. The deadline is August 31, 2013.

### **Plan now for NWT Literacy Week**

The theme for NWT Literacy Week 2013 is *Finding Your Way - Financially*. We are preparing materials to send out in August. If you have any suggestions for resources, please contact [Katie@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:Katie@nwtliteracy.ca) or call 1-866-599-6758. Katie can also provide you with ideas if you are planning early for NWT Literacy Week which is September 22-28.

### **We still have financial literacy workshop openings**

Thank you to everyone who contacted us after last week's e-news. We still have fall and winter openings to do financial literacy workshops in NWT communities. Please contact us at [Katie@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:Katie@nwtliteracy.ca) or 1-866-599-6758 to learn more about these free workshops.

### **Apply for the Youth Ambassador Program**

The Government of the NWT encourages youth to apply for the [Youth Ambassador Program](#). Youth Ambassadors develop leadership, life and job skills and participate in special events across Canada. The deadline to apply is September 23, 2013.

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## **Funding**

### **Family Literacy funding available**

We have money available for 2013-14 community-based Family Literacy activities. Eligible programs have someone involved who has taken our Family Literacy training. Our [Family Literacy funding](#) application form and criteria are on our website, as well as information about projects we have funded in the past. If you want more information please contact [Pat@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:Pat@nwtliteracy.ca) or call 1-866-599-2176.

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## News and Research

### **New NWT government cultural awareness training**

To coincide with Aboriginal Day 2013, the Government of the Northwest Territories is launching Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training for employees of the GNWT public service...[Read more](#)

### **Federal government is promoting Canadian history**

The Honourable James Moore, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, has introduced a series of new measures to help promote Canadian history, including the first ever Government of Canada History Awards...[Read more](#)

### **The problem with 'I'm so proud of you' and what to say instead**

*Huffington Post, April 30, 2011*

If you peruse the literature on female development, you may notice that there is a common thread regarding how many young girls often lose their voice by the age of 10...[Read more](#)

### **Schools collaborate on life-changing adventure on Nahanni River**

*Northern Journal, June 17, 2013*

What happens when students from four communities come together on a week-long epic river adventure? According to the principal of the Chief Sunrise Educational Centre on the Hay River Reserve, lives are changed....[Read more](#)

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## Resources and Websites

### **Facebook for Educators**

[New handout on Facebook hashtags](#)

**The State of Homelessness in Canada  
2013**

**[Aboriginal People are over-represented among the  
30,000 homeless](#)**

**Homelessness and traumatic stress**

**[A trainer's manual](#)**

**Forest School Canada**

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