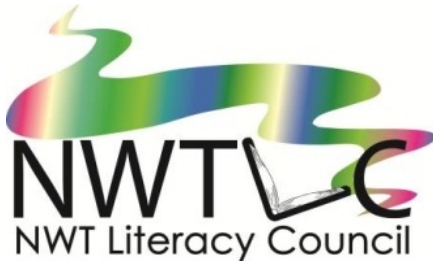


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Literacy Dates

National Poetry Month - April
TD Canadian Children's Book Week - May 6-13
Intergenerational Day - June 1

Our Blog

Reconciliation and physical literacy: there is a connection

I am passionate about physical literacy. Physical literacy is for all ages, skills, and abilities. It allows people to actively participate in their communities and with their families, as well as keep healthy physically, mentally, and emotionally.

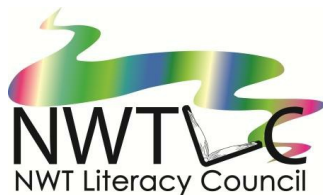
Physical literacy can be defined as "the motivation, confidence, physical competence, knowledge and understanding to value and take responsibility for engagement in physical activities." ...[Read more](#)



Announcements and Events

Glassco fellows to present research

Jane Glassco Northern Fellows will present two streams of research on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 1:30 pm at the Explorer Hotel in Yellowknife. The [Jane Glassco Northern Fellowship](#) is a policy and leadership development program recognizing leadership potential among young northern Canadians eager to address policy



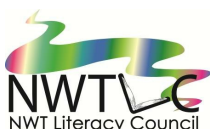
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challenges facing the North. The [research presentations](#) will look at: implementing Truth and Reconciliation Commission calls to action to increase teacher-retention and student success; and, ways to enhance the ability of Indigenous communities to administer justice for their citizens and lands. June 1 is the deadline for this year's applications for fellowships.

Montessori used book sale on Saturday

The NWT Montessori Society is holding a used book sale on Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 10 am until 1 pm at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Yellowknife.

Funding

Apply now for NGO stabilization money

The [NWT Stabilization Fund](#) is short-term support to non-government organizations which deliver GNWT-funded programs and services critical to NWT residents. The deadline to apply is May 19, 2017.

Northern REACHE program open for applications

The [Northern Responsible Energy Approach for Community Heat and Electricity Program](#) funds renewable energy and energy efficiency projects, and related capacity building and planning in northern Canada. The program aims to reduce Northern communities' reliance on diesel for heating and electricity. To apply contact the program by email at NorthernREACHE@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca or by phone at 1-800-567-9604.

News, Opinion, and Research

From language shaming to lateral love: what Inuktitut needs to grow

Alethea Arnaquq-Baril said she can recall "language shaming" as far back as her childhood; some of it even directed to her South Baffin dialect. "Even when I was very fluent as a child, I remember children coming from other communities up island and making fun of our Iqaluit dialect and saying that we don't speak proper Inuktitut," she said. "I found that extremely insulting and I didn't know how to defend myself." ...[Read more](#)

New report shows record-level student debt as significant part of Canada's debt crisis

The high tuition, high-debt status quo discriminates against students unable to pay the cost of education upfront. Today, a student who takes out a \$30,000 loan from the Canada Student Loans Program will pay an additional \$10,318 over 10 years in interest. Students from low-

income families continue to be disproportionately affected by the high cost of college and university and end up paying more for their education...[Read more](#)

Mother Earth Day: Environmental and climate literacy vital for a cleaner, greener planet, says UN

Environmental and climate literacy is the engine not only for creating green voters and advancing environmental and climate laws and policies but also for accelerating green technologies and jobs, the United Nations emphasized on Mother Earth Day April 22...[Read more](#)

Leanne Betasamosake Simpson wants us to reconsider what we know about Indigenous literature

Leanne Betasamosake Simpson's new book, *The Accident of Being Lost*, is a disorienting read and that's exactly what the writer, poet and musician was aiming for. The Nishnaabe artist wanted to show a range of emotions and experiences that her people have, not just the one-dimensional portrayals of Indigenous life that most Canadians have been used to hearing...[Read more](#)

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