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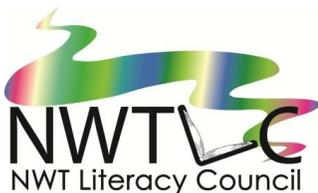
National Poetry Month - April

Talk with our Kids about Money Day - April 19

Our Blog

The powerful impact of lived experience

I was reminded again of the power of personal stories last week. I listened to four women from Kenya, the Philippines, Iran and India tell their stories of coming to Canada at a conference in Calgary. Some were fleeing from persecution in their country. Others wanted to make a better life for their children....[Read more](#)



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

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Announcements and Events

Our last Indigenous Languages Month prize



The last weekly prize in our [#MyLanguageMatters](#) challenge was won by Jolene Ross. Thank you to everyone who entered our challenge and who promotes and uses their Indigenous language.

Literacy Matters is online

Our spring 2017 issue of [Literacy Matters](#) is online. Have a look for stories about programs in Hay River, the Beaufort-Delta and elsewhere!

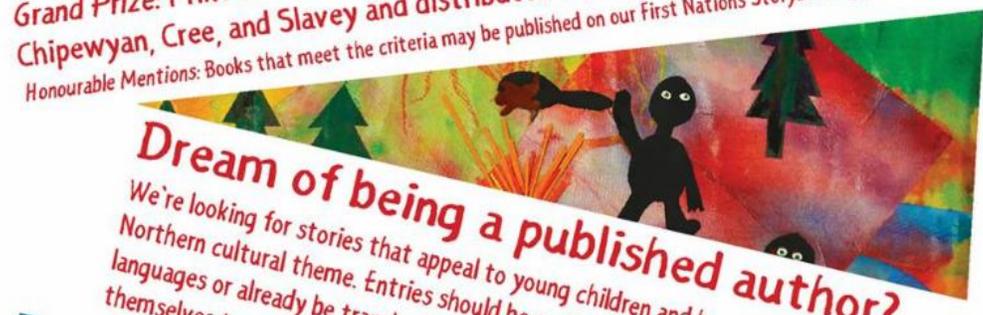
NWT children's storybook contest

The South Slave Divisional School Board launched its second annual Children's Storybook Contest during Indigenous Languages Month. They are looking for children's books which can be published in Chipewyan, Cree and Slavey. The deadline to enter is June 16, 2107.



Children's Storybook Contest

Grand Prize: Print and ebook versions of your story will be published in Chipewyan, Cree, and Slavey and distributed throughout the NWT & \$500.
Honourable Mentions: Books that meet the criteria may be published on our First Nations Storybook Apps.



Dream of being a published author?

We're looking for stories that appeal to young children and have a strong Northern cultural theme. Entries should be easily translatable into our Aboriginal languages or already be translated. Stories that are already illustrated or lend themselves to compelling illustrations/photography preferred.

Deadline: June 16, 2017 Submit to: Sarah Pruys at spruys@ssdec.nt.ca

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YKDFN spring carnival is this weekend

Everyone is welcome to the [Yellowknives Dene First Nation spring carnival](#) this weekend. There's a talent show, a drum dance and lots of adult and children's events.

Funding

Field Law program open for applications

The [Field Law Community Fund Program](#) priority areas for funding are education, healthcare, at-risk youth, homelessness, women's organizations, community sports or arts and culture. The deadline to apply is May 8, 2017. You must register on their website to apply with voting on projects taking place from May 15-June 15, 2017.

Community Foundation Canada 150 money

The [Yellowknife Community Foundation](#) is accepting applications for projects that build community, inspire a deeper understanding of Canada, and encourage people to mark Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation. The deadline for applications is May 30, 2017. Grants are from \$100 to \$15,000. You must match the grant in cash or through in-kind services.

News, Opinion, and Research

No hope for students

NWT education system needs to be completely reworked, unless failure is acceptable, contends newspaper editorial...[Read more](#)

Canada needs to lower poverty and income inequality to boost social performance

Canada is a "B" performer on The Conference Board of Canada's report card, but poor rankings relative to peer countries on income inequality and poverty highlight the scope for improvement. Canada places 10th overall in the first How Canada Performs: Society report card...[Read more](#)

I taught my 5th-graders how to spot fake news

It was a fall day in 2014, and my classroom was full of excitement. My students had transformed themselves into historical figures for a living history project. I was going to broadcast it online so other schools could watch...[Read more](#)

Could urban farms be the preschools of the future?

A group of architects proposed a new design to help raise environmentally responsible kids...[Read more](#)

Reading with children builds connections

When I was young, my mom read to my sister and me every evening. And every evening, my sister wanted a dramatic version of The Frog Prince reread...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

150 easy ways to sit less every day

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April calendar for early literacy

[San José Public Library](#)

What is news literacy?

[The News Literacy Project](#)

