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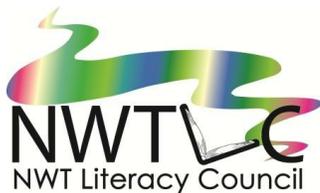
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Literacy Dates

NWT Literacy Council office closed for the holidays - December 22-
January 3

National Family Literacy Day - January 27



We're the family, youth and adult literacy and essential skills centre for excellence.

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

We're also plain language specialists.

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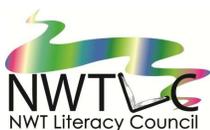
Our Blog

Our gift book picks for Christmas 2016

It's become a tradition for the NWT Literacy Council folks to share their Christmas book giving ideas. Here's what we're giving for gifts this year.

First up: Charlotte is giving her brother *Home is Burning - A Memoir*, by Dan Marshall...[Read more](#)

Support Literacy



You can support literacy in the NWT

- [Make a donation](#)

- [Join the Council](#)
- Take part in literacy activities in your community

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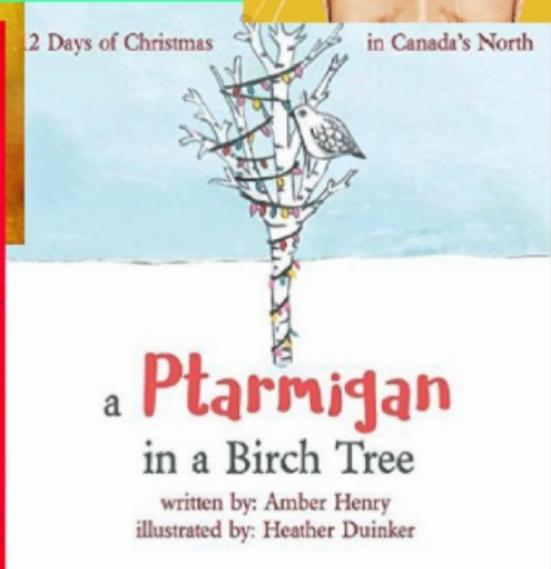
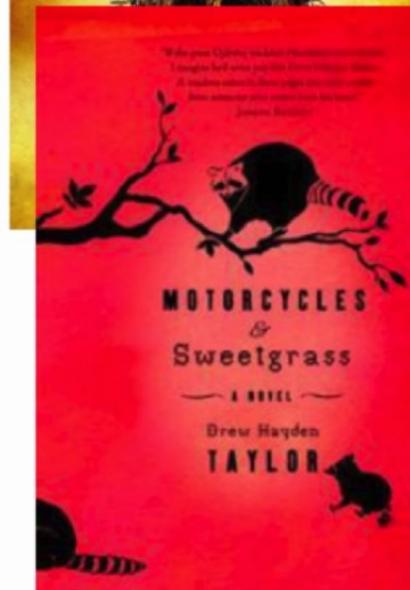
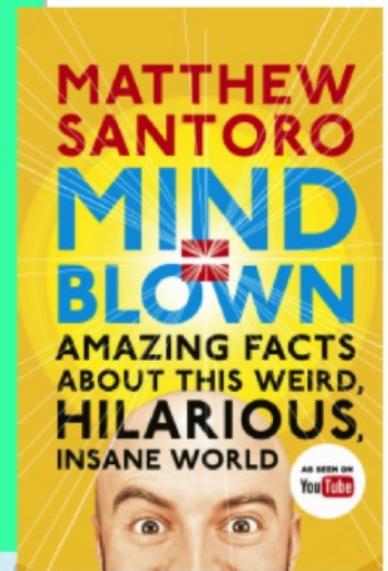
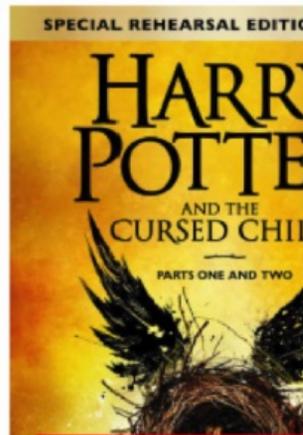
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Announcements and Events

Give the gift of literacy this Christmas

The gift of literacy is the perfect stocking stuffer this Christmas. Help us put a Bison Bus mobile Family Literacy Centre on the road. We're anxious to take family literacy activities and training to more NWT communities. [Make a donation today!](#) and read more about how [your donation can reduce your tax bill.](#)



NWT residents' survey on housing

You can help the [NWT Housing Corporation](#) achieve the vision of affordable, adequate and suitable housing for all NWT residents. You can do the housing survey online or download a hard copy. The survey deadline is January 27, 2017.

Evaluating land-based programs workshop

The [NWT Recreation and Parks Association](#) and the NWT On The Land Collaborative Fund are co-hosting a two-day workshop on evaluating land-based programs at the Yellowknife Ski Club on February 7-8, 2017. The deadline to apply is January 5, 2017.

Funding

Healing education funds available

The [National Indian Brotherhood Trust Fund](#) is accepting applications for education programs aimed at healing, reconciliation and knowledge building. The deadline to apply is January 13, 2017.

Aurora Research Institute funding open

The [Aurora Research Institute](#) has funding for research projects and for research assistant wages. The deadline for applications is January 13, 2017.

News, Opinion, and Research

Canadian students are excelling: Don't get complacent

Canadians can be proud of our showing in the 2015 Programme for International Student Assessment report. We are one of only a handful of countries that places in the top tier in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development in each of the three subjects tested: science, reading and math...[Read more](#)

Which toys work best for supporting interactions with your child?

At the Hanen Centre, we encourage parents to involve their children in meaningful, positive interactions throughout their day. Have you ever noticed, though, that some toys make it harder to get an interaction going with your child than others?...[Read more](#)

Which qualities of early childcare programs help parents and kids succeed?

If you got 13 percent back on your investments every year, you'd be pretty happy, right? Remember, the S&P 500, historically, has averaged about 7 percent when adjusted for inflation. What if the investment is in children, and the return on investment not only makes economic sense but results in richer, fuller, healthier lives for the entire family?...[Read more](#)

Dinner...at the library?

An estimated 500,000 Philadelphians, including 25 percent of black residents, lack some sort of basic literacy. This affects them in any number of ways - some can't fill out work applications, others can't balance a checkbook, still more can't properly use a computer or type

at a reasonable rate. Now the library has taken on another, less expected, form of literacy: nutritional...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Best Children's Books of 2016

Brainpickings.org

Hungry for Knowledge

[Food insecurity among Canadian post-secondary students](#)

Groundwork for Change

[Resources for solidarity with Indigenous people](#)

Be Food Safe

[For children and educators](#)

