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# Literacy This Week

December 1, 2016

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## Literacy Dates

International Day of Persons with Disabilities - December 3

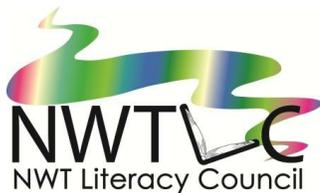
International Volunteer Day - December 5

Human Rights Day - December 10

## Our Blog

### My first Family Literacy Training Institute

I spent last week crafting felt stories, making ice cream, getting to know new people, and singing songs. No, I wasn't on vacation; I was at the NWT Literacy Council's Family Literacy Training Institute. Family literacy workers from all over the NWT gathered in Somba K'e (Yellowknife) to attend this annual training...[Read more](#)



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

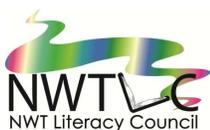
We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

[Check out our website to learn more](#)



## Support Literacy



You can support literacy in the NWT

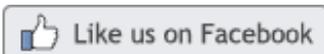
- [Make a donation](#)

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

## Announcements and Events

### Connect With Us!

We share lots of news, fun photos and opinion in between issues of Literacy This Week



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### We're recruiting regional board members

Are you passionate about literacy and learning? The Deh Cho and South Slave regional representative positions on our board of directors are vacant. You can nominate someone for these positions if you are a NWT Literacy Council member. [Membership forms](#) are on our website. Contact Uma for a board nomination form at [nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca) or call toll free 1-866-599-6758. Nominations close on December 9, 2016.

### Sovereign's medal for volunteers

The [Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers](#) recognizes the exceptional volunteer achievements of Canadians from across the country in a wide range of fields. This recognition replaces the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award. Nominations are accepted on an ongoing basis throughout the year.

### Youth Ambassador application deadline next week

The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs is accepting applications for the 2016-2017 NWT Youth Ambassador Program until December 9, 2016. To qualify for the program, youth must be between 16 and 24 years of age on June 30, 2017. You can apply online at [www.maca.gov.nt.ca](http://www.maca.gov.nt.ca). To submit a verbal application over the phone, please contact Dawn Moses, Youth/Volunteer Officer, at 867-767-9166 ext. 21109 or by email at [dawn\\_moses@gov.nt.ca](mailto:dawn_moses@gov.nt.ca).

## Funding

### On the land project funding available

The [NWT On the Land Collaborative Fund](#) brings together governments, charities and businesses to access money and resources for on the land activities. The application deadline is December 9, 2016.

### Sport funding for Indigenous people

The [N7 Fund](#) supports participation in sport for Aboriginal people. The fund believes that involvement in sports and physical activity leads to greater self-confidence, enabling youth to be a force for positive change in their communities. The deadline to apply is December 15, 2016.

## News, Opinion, and Research

### Canada's untapped Indigenous workforce worth \$27.7B, new report says

Canada is missing out on a whopping \$27.7 billion annually because of its "under-utilized" Indigenous workforce, according to a new national report by the National Aboriginal Economic Development Board. The report says a huge economic gap exists between Canada's Indigenous and non-Indigenous population in terms of income, education and training ...[Read more](#)

**Inuvik hosts NWT's 4th annual anti-poverty roundtable**  
NWT's new [anti-poverty website](#) was unveiled at this year's anti-poverty roundtable in Inuvik, the first to be held outside Yellowknife. Minister of Health and Social Services Glen Abernethy says the website was something participants of the Anti-Poverty Initiative and Fund had asked for...[Read more](#)

**Parents can improve their child's literacy and numeracy skills by influencing the games they play**

New Macquarie University research shows parents can help improve their children's literacy and numeracy skills by having a greater influence on the type of games they play in their free time...[Read more](#)

**Insights to impact: harnessing behavioural science to build financial well-being**

This new report offers a practical introduction to behavioural thinking and the ways it can be used to strengthen financial empowerment supports for Canadians with low incomes...[Read more](#)

**UVic proposes joint Indigenous-Canadian common law degree**

This past March, Ryan Nicolson hosted a potlatch in Alert Bay. At one time, that would have put him at risk of arrest. Under Canadian law, potlatches - gift-giving feasts to mark special occasions such as marriages, births or funerals - were illegal between 1885 and 1951...[Read more](#)

## Resources and Websites

**NWT Human Rights Commission**  
[Teacher's toolkit and other resources](#)

**NWT Healthy Communities Toolkit**  
[A resource for northern communities](#)

**Tips to keep on budget**  
[During the holidays](#)

**Content, conversation, and confidence**  
[The 3 C's of teaching financial literacy](#)

**The 37 best websites for learning a new skill**  
[Websites and apps](#)