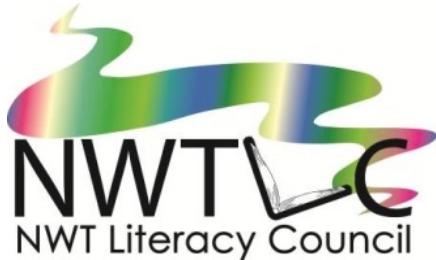


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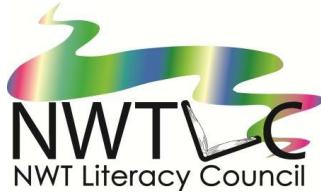
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## Literacy Dates

World Day of Social Justice - February 20

Freedom to Read Week - February 25-March 3

Indigenous Languages Month - March

## Our Blog

### **Lots of reasons to go back to school**

Adult literacy and basic education (now known as Developmental Studies) at the NWT's Community Learning Centres can be an important stepping stone for adults who left school early. Despite many challenges - financial issues, family responsibilities and fear of failure - adult learners have many reasons to continue their education...[Read more](#)

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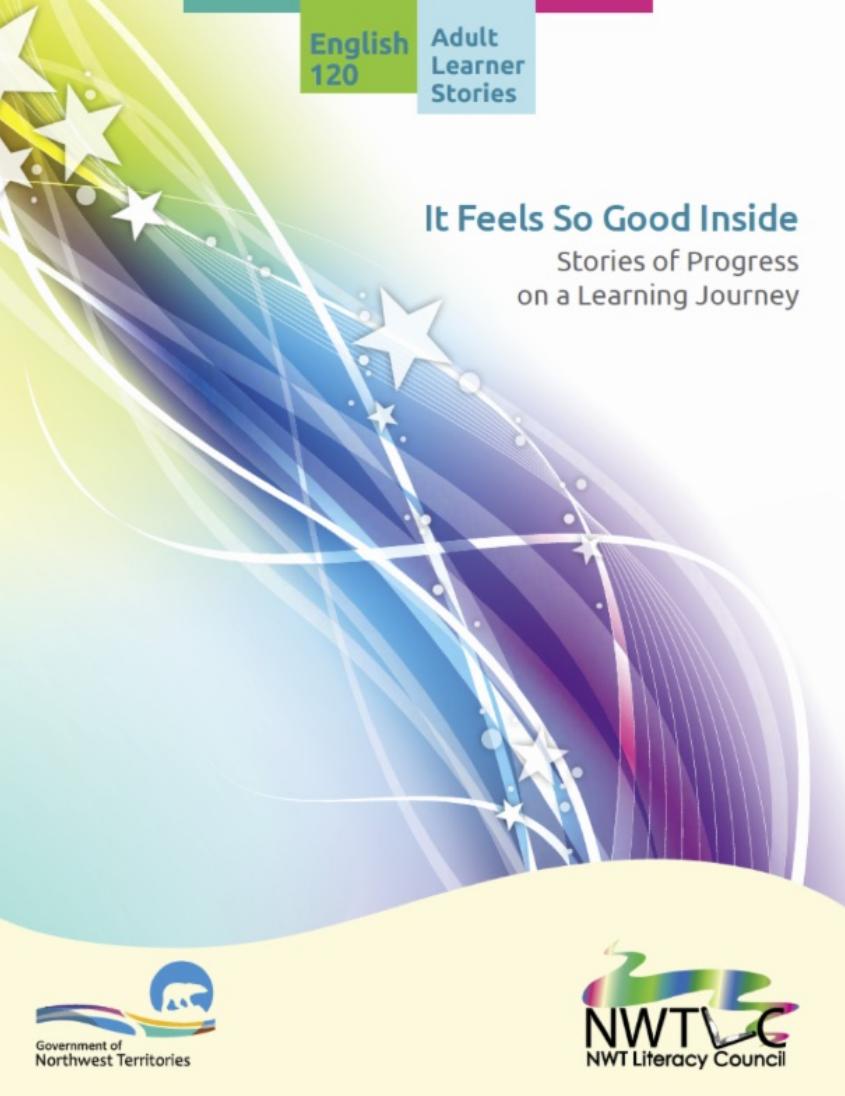
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## It Feels So Good Inside

Stories of Progress  
on a Learning Journey



## Announcements and Events

### Free Friday gymnastics

We've organized [free gymnastics](#) sessions at the Yellowknife Multiplex each Friday afternoon from 1:30 to 2:30. This is an opportunity for parents to connect while their children play. For more information, call 873-9262 or email [Karen@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:Karen@nwtliteracy.ca).

### Digital storytelling workshop next week

Tell your story with technology. Our integration program for new Canadians is holding a [digital storytelling workshop](#) next week for teens, 13 to 18 years old. It's Monday to Wednesday afternoons, February 19-21 at Aurora College, 4509 Franklin Ave in Yellowknife.

### More adult education resources

Adult educators in the Dehcho, and South Slave and Akaitcho regions met recently in Fort Smith. We compiled this list of their [favourite adult education resources](#).

## Funding

## **Involve youth in service**

The [Canada Service Corps](#) is looking for projects that benefit young people - allowing them to grow on a personal level by building relationships, learning new skills and creating a lasting impact on their lives and on the communities they serve. The deadline to apply is March 13, 2018.

## **Funding for NWT artists**

Funding is available for artists or territorial organizations who are producing specific artistic works, projects or events in the NWT during 2018-19. The current [NWT Arts Council](#) application deadline is February 28, 2018.

## **News, Opinion, and Research**

### **Hay River to get marine training centre**

Run by a Nunavut consortium, the program aims to train northerners...[Read more](#)

### **Federal funding helps IRC deliver new nursing program in Inuvik**

Inuvialuit Regional Corporation will receive \$826,984 from the Government of Canada for an upcoming project under the Skills Partnership Fund. IRC will test an innovative approach by delivering a Licensed Practical Nurse Program to 18 Indigenous women...[Read more](#)

### **Do you know your letter sounds?**

Letter sounds are one of the bedrock pieces of early literacy. But you might be surprised to find that you may not actually know the correct letter sounds yourself. (I know I was!)...

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### **Smartphone detox: How teens can power down in a wired world**

If the Russian psychologist Ivan Pavlov were alive today, what would he say about smartphones? He might not think of them as phones at all, but instead as remarkable tools for understanding how technology can manipulate our brains...[Read more](#)

## **Resources and Websites**

### **How to eradicate the flu virus**

[From your home](#)

### **Outstanding international books list**

[38 books for youth](#)

### **Decolonizing pedagogies**

[Teacher reference booklet](#)

**Why is there so much poverty in a country like Canada?**

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