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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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Literacy Dates

World Read Aloud Day - February 16
World Day of Social Justice - February 20
Freedom to Read Week - February 26 - March 4
Indigenous Languages Month - March

Our Blog

Granny and Grampa Talking Bags Workshop

We held our very first *Granny and Grampa Talking Bags* workshop in Yellowknife in January. The purpose of the workshop was to help elders effectively use the *Granny and Grampa Talking Bags* in their communities and regions so that their knowledge becomes more accessible to families and programming...Read more

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- Make a donation
- Join the Council
- Take part in literacy activities in your community

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Announcements and Events

We did a proposal writing workshop last week in Norman Wells

Eight participants from the Sahtu business community honed their proposal writing skills this week during a workshop in Norman Wells. The free event, held February 7-9, included tips, tactics and best practices for writing convincing and successful funding proposals...Read more

Do you face barriers at tax time?

Prosper Canada is studying the barriers, challenges and opportunities lower income Canadians encounter as they file their taxes and apply for benefits. If you would like to learn more or be part of this research study contact Prosper Canada online or call 416.665.2828. You will be compensated for your time.

Canadians missing out on $100 million in benefits

Prosper Canada is hoping the next federal budget will include outreach

strategies to help Canadians receive the $100 million in benefits they are eligible for, but not receiving. To learn more about this proposal, including how you can support it, Read more.

Nominations sought for federal ministerial advisory committee on poverty

Nominations are being sought until March 13, 2017 for academics, service providers, business leaders, and international experts for an advisory committee to help develop a Canadian Poverty Reduction Strategy. A separate nomination process will be held for committee members with lived experience of poverty.

We were at the Lantern Festival

We helped entertain the families who celebrated the Chinese Lantern Festival at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife last weekend. Thanks to the *Yellowknifer* for these photographs.

Charlotte Upton, *family literacy co-ordinator with the NWT Literacy Council, reads a story about Chinese New Year.*

NWT Literacy Council trainee Emily Smith, left, *and Vanessa Song make paper lanterns.*

Funding

Apply for funds to help people make healthy choices

The Healthy Choices Fund provides funding for health promotion and prevention activities that support individuals, families, and communities to make positive lifestyle choices in the Northwest Territories. The deadline to apply is March 15, 2017.

Accessibility grants open for application

The Rick Hansen Foundation Access4All Program funds accessible infrastructure and disability awareness projects. Applications are due March 31, 2017.

News, Opinion, and Research

Federal Finance Minister's Advisory Council advances universal child care as a policy option for economic growth

Families with young children should have reasonable access to a sufficient supply of affordable, high-quality, and convenient child care, says Federal Finance Minister Bill Morneau's Advisory Council on Economic Growth in a report released just as the drafting of the next federal budget enters the final stage....Read more

Cutting Aurora College programs a mistake: Letter to the editor
Hermina Joldersma, of Yellowknife, calls on Aurora College to increase supports to attract and graduate students, rather than saving "just under
a few million dollars by cutting two essential programs at Aurora College - Education and Social Work."...Read more

In an age of robots, schools are teaching our children to be redundant
In the future, if you want a job, you must be as unlike a machine as possible: creative, critical and socially skilled. So why are children being taught to behave like machines?...Read more

Facing 'colonial history' key for Indigenous youth: Crime Prevention Ottawa
A renewed focus on broader cultural education that confronts rather than ignores Canada's "colonial history" could help steer Indigenous youth away from the criminal justice system, according to a new report by Crime Prevention Ottawa...Read more

Resources and Websites

Money and youth
A guide to financial literacy

Tuning into music
New ways to support early literacy through music

Best interactive websites for adults
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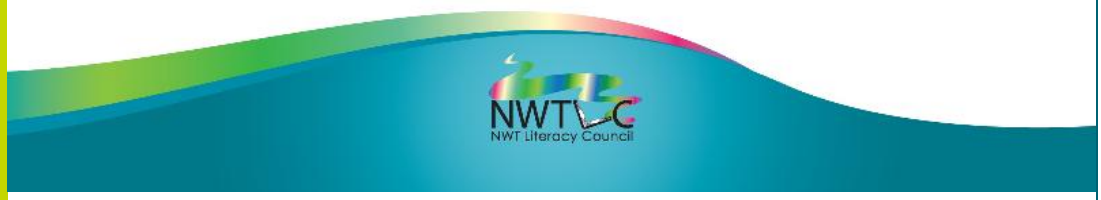
Connecting youth to their environment
NWT science focus teacher's portal