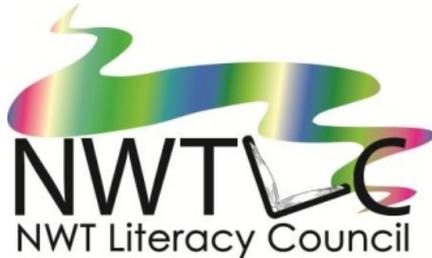


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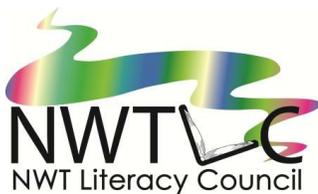
Safer Internet Day - February 6

International Book Giving Day - February 14

Our Blog

Bushkids school draws on tradition of land-based learning

Bushkids, a forest and nature school pilot program, offered through the City of Yellowknife, started last Tuesday. Children ages 6-10 will participate Tuesdays - all day - until early May...[Read more](#)



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Nominate an outstanding volunteer

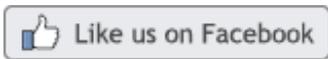


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You're encouraged to nominate an elder, youth, adult, or group for [Outstanding Volunteer Awards](#). The deadline for nominations is Friday, March 30, 2018.

Tłıchq hiring an early childhood director

The Tłıchq government is looking for people to apply by February 9, 2018 to [manage its programs related to early childhood development and education](#).

Status of Women is hiring

The [Status of Women Council of the NWT](#) is hiring a new executive director. The deadline to apply is February 16, 2018.

Funding

Apply now for anti-poverty funding

The Government of the Northwest Territories [Anti-Poverty Fund](#) is open for applications. There are some changes to the guidelines for this year. Applications are due on February 8, 2018.

Healthy Choices Funding open

The [Healthy Choices Fund](#) supports projects that encourage NWT residents and communities to make positive lifestyle choices. Applications are due on February 16, 2018.

News, Opinion, and Research

New initiative to help develop reading skills

A retired teacher in Hay River has launched an initiative to help people facing severe reading difficulties. The teacher is Chris Aitken and the initiative is called Critical Literacy Support...[Read more](#)

Speech recognition apps can improve literacy, study finds

First-grade students who used speech recognition tools averaged a 97.4 percent accuracy rate on post-study reading tests...[Read more](#)

The Yukon has to find a way to pay for day care

Child care workers are leaving their jobs because the wages are terrible. Who can blame them?...[Read more](#)

Why there needs to be more autistic characters in children's books

The children's writer, Michael Morpurgo, has written a new novel inspired by his autistic grandson, which is set to be published later this year. *Flamingo Boy* is set in the Camargue in the south of France during World War II and features a boy who "sees the world differently"...[Read](#)

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Waste sorting video game

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