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Literacy Dates

Freedom to Read Week - February 26-March 4

Indigenous Languages Month - March

Our Blog

Stuart McLean: Thanks for sharing our northern stories

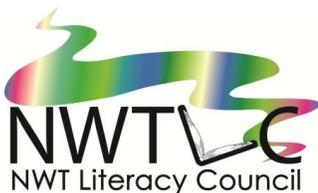
Dear Stuart,

I don't think for a minute you will remember me. But I remember you.

Like many other Canadians, I followed your documentaries on *Sunday Morning*. I laughed at the ailing cricket adventure on *Morningside*.

("That cricket is not well, Stuart.") And, of course, I loved *The Vinyl Café*. Letters were an important part of that program, so I decided to

write this one to you...[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](#)

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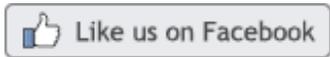


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- [Make a donation](#)
- [Join the Council](#)
- Take part in literacy activities in your community

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



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Vinyl Cafe

with Stuart McLean LIVE!

Fri.
JUNE
16

Sat.
JUNE
17

at NACC
7:00 pm



Tickets go on sale May 15
\$35 each

Available at Birchwood Gallery
and YKTix.com

Proceeds from the shows will be donated to the NWT Literacy Council

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Sundays at Noon

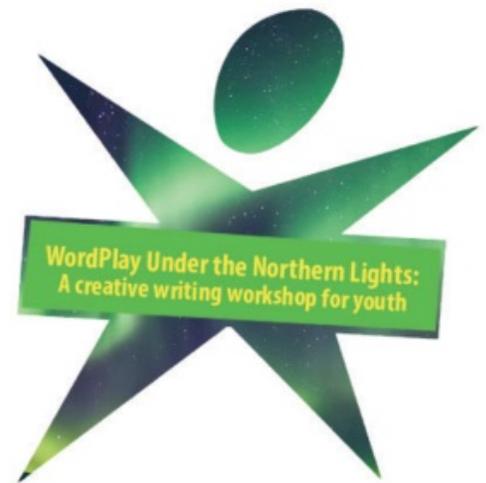
CBC radioTwo
Saturdays at 10:00 am

cbc.ca/vinylcafe

Announcements and Events

Youth creative writing workshop this weekend

Are you a young writer between the ages 11 and 16? Whether your passion is fiction, adventure, fantasy, graphic novels, spoken word, poetry, or even drama, this [NorthWords NWT](#) workshop is for you. The workshop is 10 am - 4:30 pm on Saturday and on Sunday morning in Yellowknife at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.



Seniors want people affected by cancer for survey

The [NWT Seniors' Society](#) is looking for volunteers who have been affected by cancer to complete a quick over-the-phone survey. This will help the society better understand how current and future community-based supports and services can help people affected by cancer in your community. All volunteers will have their name entered in a draw to win a prize. If you're interested in this survey, call 1-800-661-0878, or email programs@seniorsnwt.ca by March 25, 2017.

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

Education a hot topic in the NWT

Early childhood education and care, shorter hours in elementary and secondary schools, and Aurora College cuts continue to dominate the NWT Legislative Assembly and the news.

- [Child development in a slump](#)
- [Minister's early childhood development update](#)
- [Dismal student scores show need for fix](#)
- ['I don't feel reassured': NWT MLAs take a ruler to class time reduction plan](#)
- [MLA blames NWT government for paying millions to Aurora College without getting what they've paid for](#)

Educators target tradition with ingenuity

A new program in the Sahtu is uniting traditional skills and contemporary learning to put a fresh spin on education...[Read more](#)

Decolonizing school names in Fort Simpson

After 30 years of discussion, the two schools in Fort Simpson may finally have Dene names. Liidlii Kue First Nation Chief Gerry Antoine welcomes this decolonized approach from the Deh Cho Divisional Education Council...[Read more](#)

Calling all grandparents: RESPs are for you too

Jim Main is set to put a lot of people through school. But it's not his children who are the recipients. Mr. Main, a 94-year-old retired chartered accountant from Toronto, has set up 11 registered education savings funds for all of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren...[Read more](#)

How saying yes to free Wi-Fi could mean 'you are the product' for businesses

Twenty minutes after Zoe Elder stopped at a Gateway Newstands location in downtown Toronto to buy a pack of cigarettes, an email showed up in her personal Hotmail inbox. "Buy one Nestlé single bar + get one free," it began. The sender? Gateway Newstands...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Scholarships Canada

[Scholarship and bursary info and matching Guide to funding higher education](#)

Encyclopedia of early childhood development

[Technology in early childhood education](#)

Ledge Talks: The Knowledge Series

[NWT speaker series online videos](#)

Teaching Islam

[Deconstructing myths and clarifying truths](#)

