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# Literacy This Week

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## Literacy Dates

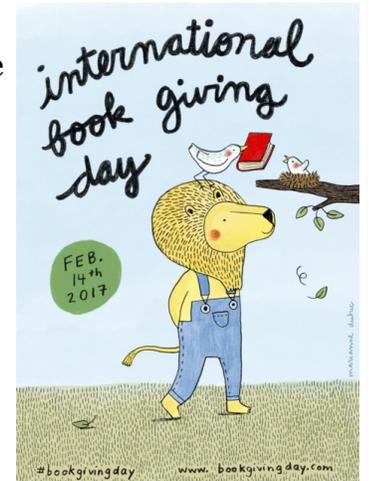
International Book Giving Day - February 14  
World Day of Social Justice - February 20  
World Read Aloud Day - February 24  
Freedom to Read Week - February 26 - March 4  
Indigenous Languages Month - March

## Our Blog

### Say it with a good book

When you think of February 14, do you imagine cards, chocolates, hearts and roses? Many people think of it as the day of love, while others consider Valentine's Day a commercial holiday, pushed on us by greeting card companies.

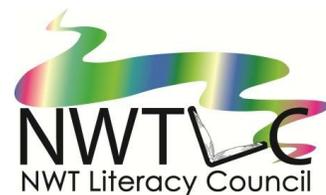
At the NWT Literacy Council, we celebrate February 14 by marking International Book Giving Day...[Read more](#)



## Announcements and Events

### Send us your best recipes please

We're producing another [Great Food for Northern Cooks](#) cookbook. Please send us your best recipes for us to use in the book. We'll send you a free copy.



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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You can support literacy in the NWT

- [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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# Submit Your Recipe

Do you have a recipe that everyone asks you for? Do you love using local, traditional ingredients in your cooking?

You could have your recipe published in the second version of Great Food for Northern Cooks cookbook, produced by the NWT Literacy Council and Yellowknife Health and Social Services Authority.

**Submit your recipe by February 10th, 2017**

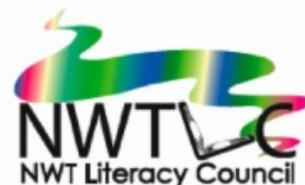
Each recipe chosen will feature the author's name and community, and the author will receive a copy of the cookbook.

Contact [katie@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:katie@nwtliteracy.ca) for more information.



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## National child care survey wants to hear from parents and parents-to-be

The [Childcare Resource and Research Unit](#) is surveying Canadian parents and parents-to-be (now expecting a baby or are on paid or unpaid maternity/parental leave) about child care arrangements. It expects this research will lead to better understanding about how parents arrange child care.

## Take the #loveNWTwater pledge

Ecology North's [#loveNWTwater campaign](#) encourages individuals, communities and businesses to kick the bottled water habit. Enjoy the clean, pure water the NWT has to offer.

## Funding

### Victims of Crime Week funding available

You can apply for money to mark [Victims of Crime Week](#) until February 24, 2017. This year's theme is Empowering Resilience.

Victims of Crime Week is May 28 until June 3.

### **Accessibility grants open for application**

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

### **Apply for a teen physical activity grant**

ParticipACTION works with [Sport North](#) to support NWT teens to find an activity that motivates them to get moving. Submit a proposal to receive up to \$500 for an approved program or event. For more information contact [spider@sportnorth.com](mailto:spider@sportnorth.com) or call 867-669-8329.

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

### **How the 2017 NWT budget rolled out**

The Government of the Northwest Territories rolled out its proposed budget for 2017 last week. See the stories about Junior Kindergarten funding and cuts to the Aurora College social work and teacher education programs...[Read more](#)

Listen to an in-depth CKLB interview with Aboriginal Head Start spokesperson, [Reanna Erasmus](#) on Junior Kindergarten.

### **'Problem for an entire gender': Boys, men not adapting to changing job market**

Male-dominated industries are disappearing, leaving a pool of men with largely non-transferable skills unemployed. And the next generation of boys are not getting the education they need to prepare for a changing job market...[Read more](#)

### **The web isn't all bad! 80% of children are inspired by online media to do something positive**

Safer Internet Day 2017 focuses on the good, the bad and the ugly side of the internet, specifically the impact of sharing images and videos online ...[Read more](#)

### **8 ways to read (a lot) more books this year**

How much do you read? For most of my adult life I read maybe five books a year - if I was lucky. I'd read a couple on vacation and I'd always have a few slow burners hanging around the bedside table for months. And then last year I surprised myself by reading 50 books. This year I'm on pace for 100. I've never felt more creatively alive...[Read more](#)

### **Six things to keep in mind when talking about federal accessibility legislation**

The federal Government plans to pass an accessibility act to make Canada more inclusive. It is consulting Canadians about the legislation through a [survey](#) until the end of February. You can also send feedback to:

[accessible-canada@hrsdc.gc.ca](mailto:accessible-canada@hrsdc.gc.ca). The Council of Canadians with

Disabilities suggests emphasizing these key points...[Read more](#)

## Resources and Websites

### **Global Read Aloud**

[One book to connect the world](#)

### **Wise practices in**

[Indigenous community economic development](#)

### **World Day of Social Justice**

[Extended learning resources](#)

