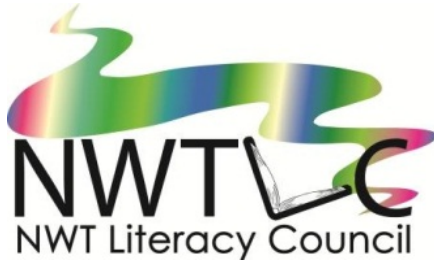


You're receiving this email because you expressed an interest in the NWT Literacy Council. Don't forget to add [nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca) to your address book so we'll be sure to land in your inbox! To confirm your continued interest for email messages please [Click here](#).

You may [unsubscribe](#) if you no longer wish to receive our emails.



# Literacy This Week

January 12, 2017

## In This Issue

[Literacy Dates](#)

[Our Blog](#)

[Funding](#)

[Resources and Websites](#)

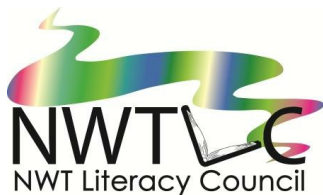
## Literacy Dates

National Family Literacy Day - January 27

## Our Blog

### Resolve to read more

Do you want to read more during 2017? Reading is relaxing, informative and usually a better use of your time than binge-watching Netflix or checking social media. Many people make it a New Year's resolution to read more books. It's such a popular goal, there's an app for that...[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](#)

## Support Literacy




You can support literacy in the NWT

- [Make a donation](#)

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

## Connect With Us!

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

 Like us on Facebook

Follow us on [twitter](#)

View our videos on [YouTube](#)

## Contact Us

NWT Literacy Council  
Box 761  
Yellowknife, NT  
X1A 2N6

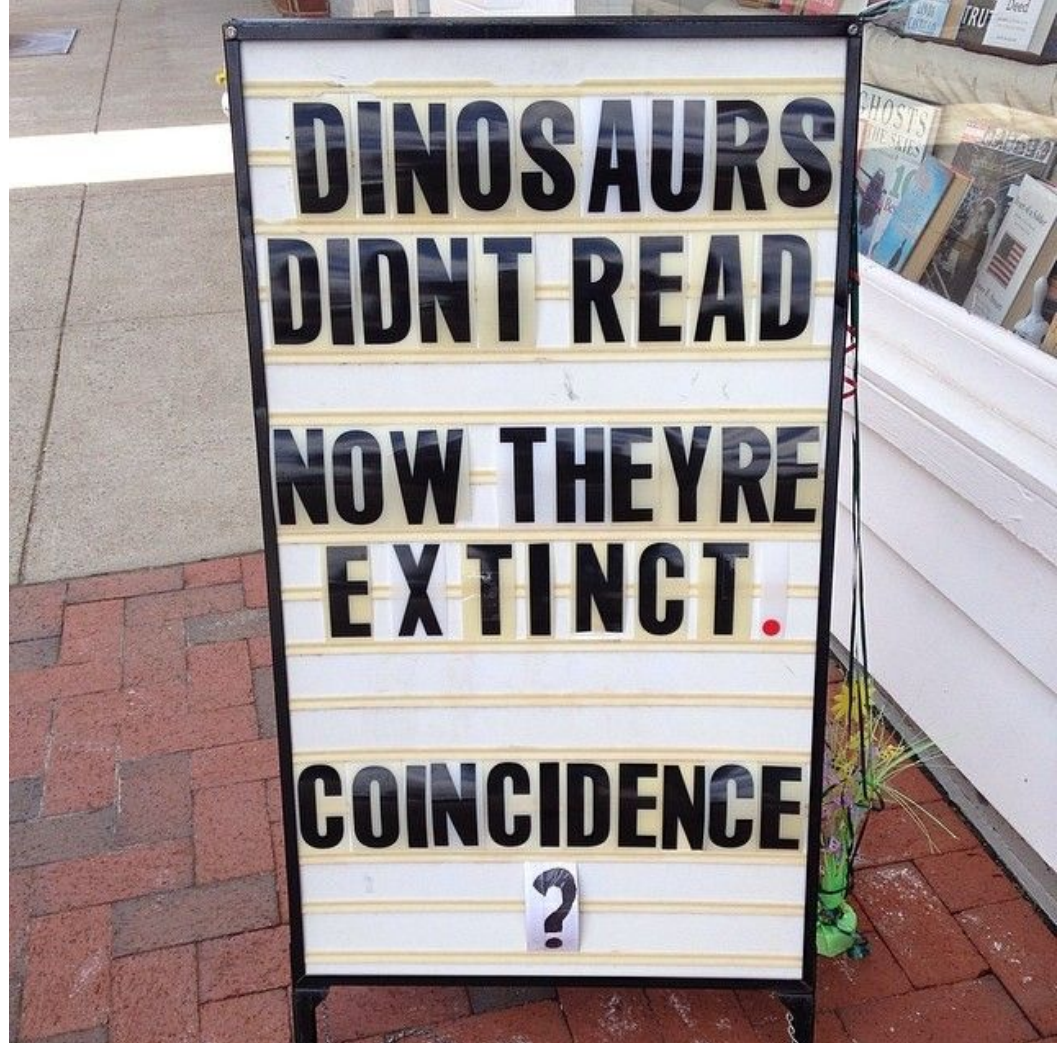
Phone: 873-9262  
Fax: 873-2176  
Toll Free:  
1-866-599-6758

[nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca)

[www.nwtliteracy.ca](http://www.nwtliteracy.ca)

If someone forwarded you this email, you can [Join Our List](#)

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)



## Announcements and Events

### Congratulations to Danita

The staff and board of the NWT Literacy Council are proud of Danita Frost- Arey's recent award of the Helen Parker Bursary in Social Work. Danita began working with us last summer and has continued on part time this school year while she continues her studies at Aurora College. This is the first year for the bursary set up through the Muttart Foundation. Helen Parker made many contributions to the north before retiring to southern Canada with her husband, former NWT Commissioner John Parker.



## **Our new family literacy resource is online**

When it comes to story time, we often reach for a book. There are other ways we can tell stories. Use the [Storymakers](#) activity booklet to explore the many ways that stories can be told, and the ways that we can all become storytellers and story makers.



## **Campaign school for women**

The [Status of Women Council of the NWT](#) is holding an election campaign school for women in Hay River January 28-29, 2017. Women who are thinking of running in future elections, as well as women who have committed to taking on a key position in a woman's campaign, are encouraged to apply.

## **Funding**

### **Green your school**

The [Toyota Evergreen Learning Grounds](#) program helps schools create outdoor classrooms that provide students with a healthy place to play, learn and develop a respect for nature. Grants offered are up to \$3,500. The next deadline to apply is February 10, 2017.

### **RCMP family violence funding open**

The [RCMP Family Violence Initiative Fund](#) is open for applications for funding that must be spent by March 31, 2017. Organizations are invited to contact their local RCMP detachment for information about grants. There is also funding available for detachments which take the lead on projects. Grant requests can be for up to \$25,000.

### **Apply now for summer employees**

The deadline to apply for federal financial help to hire a student is January 20, 2017. Your summer student must be between the ages of 15 and 30. The [Canada Summer Jobs](#) application is available online.

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

### **Voices from the past: CBC North to preserve historic Indigenous language programs**

The CBC has begun work on a massive project to preserve and catalogue countless hours of historic Indigenous language programming from the North, with the goal of making it available to the public...[Read more](#)



### **Plus ça change - The failure of PIAAC to drive evidence-based policy in Canada**

Brigid Hayes recent blog is about an essay by this name, written by Ralf St. Clair. Ralf has a long history of research and inquiry on the state of adult literacy in Canada and is currently Dean of Education at the University of Victoria...[Read more](#)

### **Formerly homeless NWT woman hired as consultant for Housing First program**

Eight years ago, Annie Thrasher was homeless and struggling to care for nine children on her own. But now she is using that experience to help those most in need as a lived experience consultant for the Housing First program in Yellowknife...[Read more](#)

### **Did media literacy backfire?**

Anxious about the widespread consumption and spread of propaganda and fake news during this year's election cycle, many progressives are calling for an increased commitment to media literacy programs. Others are clamouring for solutions that focus on expert fact-checking and labeling. Both of these approaches are likely to fail...[Read more](#)

## **Resources and Websites**

### **The skill you need now**

[Presentation literacy](#)

### **Free app to help families improve kids literacy**

[Fun activity ideas](#)

### **CanLit for little Canadians**

[Children's and young adult books by Canadian authors and illustrators](#)

### **Starting your own business**

[A plain language guide](#)



NWTLC  
NWT Literacy Council