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# Literacy This Week

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## Literacy Dates

National Family Literacy Day - January 27

## Our Blog

### A conference that inspires

Before Christmas we got a shot of inspiration for our work supporting NWT communities to embed literacy and essential skills in community youth projects...[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.

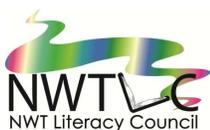
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## Announcements and Events

### Thank you for giving the gift of literacy

Wow! We are more than \$6,000 closer to putting the Bison Bus mobile family literacy centre on the road. Thank you very much to everyone who donated to this worthwhile project during Christmas and as they made their year-end donations.

## Support Literacy



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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## Walk to Tuk

You can register a team to [Walk To Tuk](#) until January 16. Community members, schools, and workplaces are encouraged to form teams and collectively walk the distance of the Mackenzie River from Fort Providence to Tuktoyaktuk (1,658 km). It's free and a great way to stay active during the cold and dark months of winter. Teams have from January 3 until February 28, 2017 to collectively walk to Tuk.



## 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

### Healthy Horizons Foundation funding for youth

The [Healthy Horizons Foundation](#) funds programs that focus on making a positive and healthy impact on youth in communities served by the North West Company. The deadline to apply is January 31, 2017.

### City of Yellowknife has community grants

The [City of Yellowknife](#) has community service grants, multi-year grants and sponsorship grants to meet community needs. The deadline to apply is January 11, 2017.

## News, Opinion, and Research

### Premier defends work heading into new year

The Junior Kindergarten battle was just one of many issues facing Bob McLeod and MLAs in 2017. "Think of the children who would benefit from it and then all these other things can work themselves out," he told News/North during a year-end interview...[Read more](#)

### CRTC establishes fund to attain new high-speed internet targets

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission has declared that broadband access internet service is now a basic telecommunications service for all Canadians. The CRTC is also setting ambitious new speed targets and creating a new fund that will invest up to \$750 million over and above existing government programs...[Read more](#)

### Bundle up and get outside: Why kids should play outdoors in winter

In winter children's play is often limited to the indoors. Adult fears

about safety and negative attitudes toward exposure to cold weather are the barriers that prevent children from accessing play in winter months...[Read more](#)

### **Healthy Horizons Foundation grant supports nutrition, literacy for Rankin Inlet students**

Thanks to The North West Company's new Healthy Horizons Foundation, mini-chefs, age 8 to 12 in Rankin Inlet, are learning healthy eating habits and building and strengthening their literacy and numeracy skills...[Read more](#)

### **Heart attack risk in Australians with less education**

Australians who leave school without a school certificate are more than twice as likely to have a heart attack as those with a university degree, according to groundbreaking new research from the largest ongoing study of healthy ageing in Australia...[Read more](#)

## **Resources and Websites**

### **Indoor and Outdoor Winter Games and Activities**

[How to Kit](#)

### **#ReadersUnite**

[Tweet what you are reading](#)

### **Fastest way to alphabetize your bookshelf**

[Math in Real life TED Talk series](#)

### **The Balanced Literacy Diet**

[Literacy concepts for instructors](#) (videos)

