

# Literacy This Week

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## Literacy Dates

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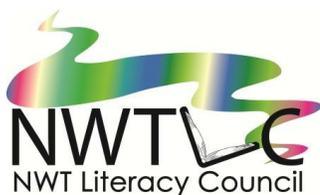
## Our Blog

*This week's guest blogger, Norma Gauthier, is also treasurer of our board of directors and an educator in Behchoko.*

### Three ways to celebrate National Aboriginal Day

Here in the NWT we may look forward more than anywhere else in Canada to National Aboriginal Day on June 21. That's because this is the only place in Canada where it's a statutory holiday.

Aboriginal Day is more than just a chance to enjoy the summer solstice ...[Read more](#)



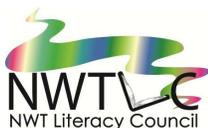
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

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## Support Literacy



You can support literacy in the NWT

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

# 15 books to read during Indigenous Book Club Month

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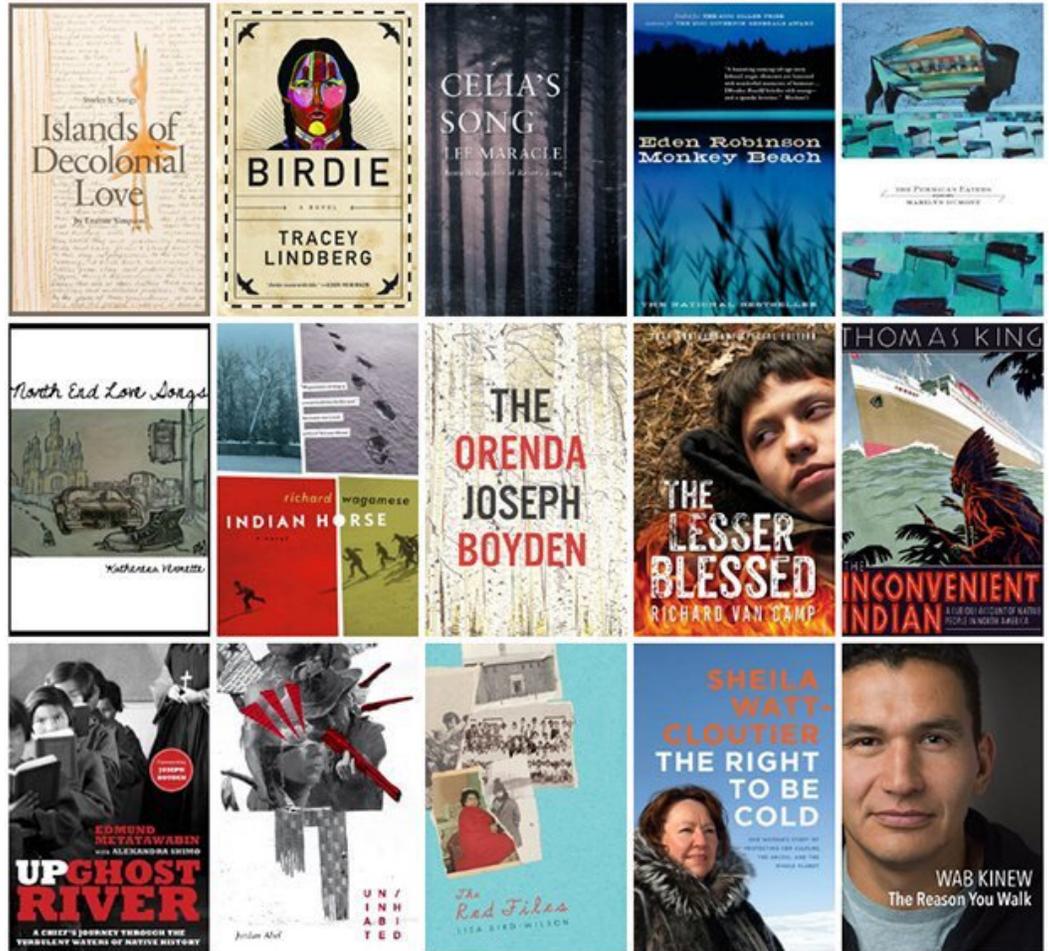
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## Announcements and Events

### Gender-based analysis training challenge

The Status of Women Council of the NWT, Native Women's Association of the NWT, Yellowknife Women's Society and YWCA of Yellowknife challenge NWT politicians, policy makers and individuals to take the short [Introduction to Gender-Based Analysis Plus](#) online training. They want you to take the 2.5 hour training by July 1 and then post a photo on social media of yourself with your certificate.



### **Know more about money**

As part of SmartSAVER's commitment to assist families to become more informed financial consumers, it's introducing a new online speaker series this summer, called [Know More Money!](#) The series offers expert tips on saving, spending and investing that are relevant to consumers with no money to spare. The first session is tonight.

### **Food for fines**

You have until Monday, June 20 to bring your non-expired canned or dry goods as payment for overdue fines to the [Yellowknife Public Library](#). Food contributions will go to the Yellowknife Food Bank. Please note this does not cover charges for loss or damage. For each overdue charge bring one food item.

## **Funding**

### **Arctic Inspiration Prize open for nominations**

Between one and five prizes totalling \$1 million are awarded annually to recognize the extraordinary contribution made by teams gathering Arctic knowledge and their plans to implement this knowledge to real world applications. Nominations for an [Arctic Inspiration Prize](#) close on September 30, 2016.

### **2016 Skills and Partnership Fund call for proposals**

[Employment and Social Development Canada](#) invites funding applications from Indigenous organizations interested in the development of training-to-employment or innovation activities that

improve employment outcomes of Indigenous people.

## News, Opinion, and Research

### **Lawyers protest plan to close NWT's only law library**

The Northwest Territories government is pulling \$223,000 in funding for the territory's only law library and lawyers are concerned this will limit public access to legal resources...[Read more](#)

### **Toronto public libraries, Google to offer free take-home WiFi**

Toronto libraries have something new you can check out and take home: wireless internet. Google is partnering with the city to offer portable WiFi hotspots, which will be loaned out for up to six months at a time. Six library branches, all located in low-income neighbourhoods, will offer the service...[Read more](#)

### **Mentorship program helps motivate students**

Cynthia Harry, Jeremy Blake, Mario Marrelli, Charlotte Nelson-King and her brother Hollister have a few things in common: they're all bright, motivated and a select group of high school students participating in the Accounting Mentorship Program for Aboriginal Students...[Read more](#)

### **Basques reinvent themselves as education power**

The Basque education system may be the next rising star in education. It has the hallmarks of many high achievers - with a strong sense of identity and ambition, emerging from conflict and with a need to compete with much bigger neighbours...There is a big push for schools to teach in the Basque language and to instil a sense of cultural identity...[Read more](#)

### **42% of Canadian jobs at high risk of being affected by automation, new study suggests**

More than 40 per cent of the Canadian workforce is at high risk of being replaced by technology and computers in the next two decades, according to a new report out Wednesday...[Read more](#)

## Resources and Websites

### **The consultation tracker**

[Guide to federal consultations](#)

### **14 totally free things on the Internet**

[Everyone should take advantage of](#)

### **Healthy workplace**

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### **8 things to remember about child development**

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