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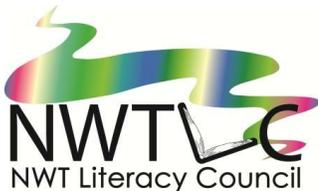
Literacy Dates

Canada History Week - July 1-7

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Our Blog

This week's guest blogger is Alexander Lambrecht, president of the Northern Territories Federation of Labour.



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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A bank for everyone

Where would you cash your paycheque if you didn't have a bank in your community or a bank account to electronically deposit your earnings? In many remote, northern communities access to bank services are few, far, in

between, and non-existent. How could this be? Keep reading and you'll find out...[Read more](#)



Announcements and Events

Have a wonderful, safe summer!

This is our last Literacy This Week for the summer. The NWT Literacy Council board and staff members wish you a wonderful summer.

In between holidays, we'll be busy preparing for NWT Literacy Week which begins on September 25, 2016. This year our theme is: *Tied to Tech*. We'll be looking at our relationship with technology. Also, watch for our next issue of *Literacy Matters* in late August.

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

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Thanks to the Fort Providence Aboriginal Headstart Program for inviting us to their graduation event last week. Here's a scene from one of the quieter moments!

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Financial literacy champions sought for national committee

Financial Literacy Leader Jane Rooney is seeking influential people from the Canadian public, private and non-profit sectors to join the National Steering Committee on Financial Literacy. Committee members advise the Leader on financial literacy issues and champion the National Strategy for Financial Literacy-Count Me In, Canada...[Read more](#)

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.

Learning supports for persons with a disability

The [NWT Disabilities Council](#) is accepting applications for the 2016-2017 year for funding that assists persons living with disabilities to achieve their learning goals.

News, Opinion, and Research

Mayor announces one million books giveaway to ensure more children read this summer

The Chicago Public Library will give away over one million books to children across the city. The largest book giveaway ever by Chicago Public Library is intended to encourage children to read more and develop their own personal library at home this summer...[Read more](#)

National Aboriginal Day: 6 Indigenous writers to watch

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of National Aboriginal Day, CBC Books asked established Canadian authors to tell us about one or two up-and-coming Indigenous writers they think have a bright future.

And one of those new voices is from the NWT...[Read more](#)

Literacy playgrounds provide fun space for children at Winnipeg libraries

Kids don't have to keep quiet at the library anymore - at least, not when they're playing at family literacy playgrounds popping up in Winnipeg's library branches...[Read more](#)

How the history and legacy of residential schools are embedded in the NWT curriculum

Speaking as a teacher of the Northern Studies 10 module on the History and Legacy of Residential Schools pilot and of the final approved curriculum, I truly believe this is one of the most powerful courses to teach. If you work, live, eat, breathe in the NWT, the legacy of Residential Schools is part of your experience...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Last day of school

[Photo ideas](#)

25 things awesome board members do

[To be helpful to staff members](#)

Literacy apps guide for parents

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Must read Indigenous children's books list

[Muskrat Magazine.com](#)

