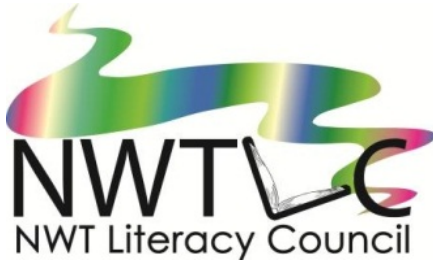


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## Literacy Dates

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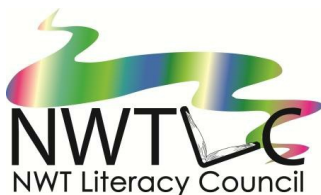
NWT Disability Awareness Week - June 10-16

National Aboriginal Day - June 21

## Our Blog

### Play your part in reconciliation

The 12th Annual NorthWords Writers Festival was this past weekend in Yellowknife, Hay River and Ndilq. This year's festival began in Ndilq with a family barbeque, prayers, songs, stories, and speeches. We sponsored the opening ceremonies. Thanks to NorthWords NWT's Lynn O'Rourke, who supplied a guest blog about the festival's highlights...[Read more](#)



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## Announcements and Events

You can support literacy in the NWT

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

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## Congratulations to our photo contest winners

Thank you to everyone who entered their photos of young readers for the [1000 Books Before Kindergarten](#) Photo Contest. We received about 30 entries which you can view on our [Facebook](#) page. Heather Cane's name was drawn to win the book basket. She sent this great photo of her three children absorbed in the basket's contents.



## Nominate someone for a literacy award

The [NWT Ministerial Literacy Awards](#) honour the literacy achievements of NWT youth learners, exceptional educators and organizations. The [Council of the Federation Literacy Award](#) honours the achievements of an adult learner. Nominations for the literacy awards close June 16, 2017.

## Funding

### Money for urban Indigenous programs

The [Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples](#) funding supports activities that serve members of Indigenous communities. It also supports research and pilot projects to better understand the urban Indigenous context.

### City of Yellowknife heritage project funding

The [City of Yellowknife Heritage Committee](#) has funding for projects that celebrate Yellowknife's history and culture. This funding has been used in the past to create heritage photo and art displays, but new ideas are welcome. The deadline to apply is June 30, 2017.

## News, Opinion, and Research

### Reconciliation in the written word

Author Tracey Lindberg has a clear idea of what reconciliation should look like in Canada...[Read more](#)

## **Dismissal of Aurora College board surprises former board member**

A former member of Aurora College's board of governors is questioning why the board was replaced with a single administrator as the college prepares to go through a "foundational review." Education Minister Alfred Moses made the announcement Monday, a day before the administrator took over...[Read more](#)

## **Why the music of reading aloud matters for kids**

I love listening to my husband read to my son. He puts the emPHASis on the wrong sylLABle, just to make him laugh. He does all the voices. He pitches his voice sky high and down low. Rhyming words are exaggerated, to make a point. It's not always melodic, per se, but it is musical, rhythmic - and I wondered if and how this makes a difference for budding readers...[Read more](#)

## **Digital literacy: a crucial skill in today's world**

The progress in technology changed the way we perceive, behave, and interact with each other. With the rapidly changing nature of gathering information and communication, it becomes important that people at a young age already know how to use technology, understand how it works, create content and share it...[Read more](#)

## **How media literacy can help students discern fake news**

Recognizing bias in news stories is one form of media literacy. Spotting when the news is totally fabricated is something else entirely. How can teachers help students tell fact from media fiction?...[Read more](#)

## **Resources and Websites**

### **The charter for children**

[Book series explaining the Charter of Rights and Freedoms](#)

### **How to use a Naloxone kit**

[The first in a video series about NWT opioid abuse](#)

### **Natural homemade rainbow sprinkles**

[Recipes](#)