

Literacy This Week

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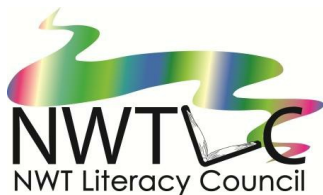
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National Aboriginal Day - June 21

Canada History Week - July 1-7

Our Blog

This week's guest blogger, Lynne Zentner, tells us about her work teaching English to newcomers to Canada.



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

We're also plain language specialists.

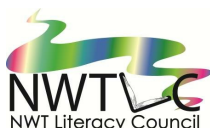
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Increasing need for English language learning

Take a walk down Franklin Avenue and you will quickly see that the small capital city of Yellowknife is hugely multicultural! We wonder, "How did they end up here?" Or more importantly, "How are they surviving in Yellowknife?" The first question is their story to tell, but the second one is our concern...[Read more](#)



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You can support literacy in the NWT

Announcements and Events

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Katie is back from maternity leave

Katie Randall went on maternity leave about a year ago. As of last week, she's back in our office, but as Katie Johnson. She had a busy year off work, having a baby and getting married. You can still reach Katie at katie@nwtliteracy.ca or 1-866-599-6758 to talk about youth and adult services and NWT Literacy Week, coming up in September.



Submissions from Indigenous writers wanted

[The Malahat Review](#) invites writers who identify as Indigenous to submit their unpublished work for an issue on contemporary Indigenous writing in Canada, to be published in January 2017. The Malahat Review is a literary quarterly published by the University of Victoria. The deadline for submissions is August 15, 2016.

Nominate a role model for an Indspire award

Nominations are open until June 30 for [Indspire awards](#). These are the highest honour the Indigenous community bestows upon its own achievers. Indspire Awards recognize Indigenous professionals and youth who demonstrate outstanding career achievement. They promote self-esteem and pride for Indigenous communities and provide outstanding role models for Indigenous youth.

Enter Aboriginal Children's Book writing contest

The South Slave Divisional Education Council is offering a \$500 prize and publication of the winning entry in its Aboriginal Children's Book Writing Contest. The deadline to enter is June 17, 2016. The contest is open to anyone in the NWT.

**Dream of being a published author?
Now is your chance!**

What we're looking for:

- Stories that would be appealing to younger children
- Northern themes with a cultural perspective
- Stories that are already translated into an aboriginal language or lend themselves to translation.
- Stories that are already illustrated or lend themselves to compelling illustrations or photographs.

My Story: An Aboriginal Children's Book Writing Contest

Grand Prize: \$500 and a hard copy of your book will be published for schools in the NWT.
Honourable Mentions: Books that meet the above criteria will be published as e-books on our Storybook app

Deadline: June 17, 2016
Submit to: bkanlback@ssdec.nf.ca

Creating Futures
South Slave Divisional Education Council

Funding

Apply now for anti-poverty funding

June 17, 2016 is the deadline to apply to the [GNWT Anti-Poverty Fund](#).

Up to \$500,000 will be allocated to initiatives aligned with the five pillars of the territorial Anti-Poverty Action Plan: Children and Family Support; Healthy Living and Reaching Our Potential; Safe and Affordable Housing; Sustainable Communities; and Integrated Continuum of Services.

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

48% of non-Aboriginal Canadians blame residential schools for current problems Aboriginal people face

A new national survey found 48 per cent of non-Aboriginal Canadians see the residential school system as at least partly responsible for the current challenges Aboriginal people face. That's up from 31 per cent in 2008... [Read more](#)

Restoring Indigenous languages key to preventing suicides: Trudeau

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau says restoring Indigenous languages is key to preventing youth suicides in First Nation communities. But he stopped short of promising to recognize them as official languages...[Read more](#)

Financial literacy alone won't fix your money problems

Unless you were born into riches, you've probably dealt with money troubles. Financial problems can be a struggle, and "financial literacy" is the go-to solution to building good money habits. Create a budget, learn some basic rules, and poof! Our money woes are cured. That's not all it takes to improve your finances, though. Not by a long shot...[Read more](#)

Cree language gets 21st-century reboot from First Nation Canadians

With entries ranging from pwâkamo-pahkwêsikan, the Cree word for pizza - "the throw-up bread" in literal English - to môniyâw-matotisân, a sauna or a "white-man sweat", a crowdsourcing project documenting the vitality and evolution of the most widely spoken Indigenous language in Canada is about to be published...[Read more](#)

Labour market agreements: What did they really do?

A recent report concludes there is still a need for the labour market agreements cancelled in 2014. For six years, the labour market agreements provided support for those who were not Employment Insurance eligible, were from designated target groups, and had low levels of education and literacy...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

33 ways to have a more bookish summer
Bookriot.com

3 books about a hard of hearing teenager
[Jennifer Gibson](#)

21 places to learn new skills
[That will change your life](#)

15 books to read for
[Indigenous Book Club Month](#)

