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Literacy Dates

NWT Indigenous Languages Month - March

Fraud Prevention Month - March

World Poetry Day - March 21

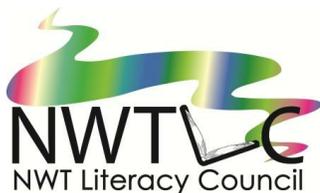
Our Blog

Lifelong learning starts at home

Parents, educators, politicians and community members are looking for ideas to get NWT children on the right track for their education.

One of the most-often asked questions I get from parents and early childhood educators is how to give children a solid foundation for lifelong learning

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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.

[Check out our website to learn more](#)



Support Literacy

Announcements and Events

You can support literacy in the NWT

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

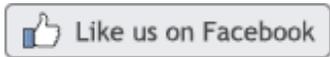
Weekly prizes during Indigenous Languages Month

You could win one of our great weekly prizes by posting a video of yourself speaking your NWT Indigenous language on social media or by sending it by email to danita@nwtliteracy.ca. We are giving away great weekly prizes by drawing names from the people who post videos with the hashtag [#MyLanguageMatters](#). Enter today. This week you could win James Wedzin artwork.



Connect With Us!

We share lots of news, fun photos and opinion in between issues of Literacy This Week



Healthy children symposium in May

Save the date for the [Working Together to Keep Children Healthy](#) symposium in Yellowknife May 3-5, 2017. This event is for anyone interested in supporting healthy children, including elders, early childhood educators, teachers, doctors, community health and wellness workers, recreation coordinators, nurses, dieticians, and people working with families. [You can register now.](#)

New backyard farming guides available

Ecology North's [Northern Backyard Farming Guides](#) are online and hard copies are available at its Yellowknife office. They cover these topics: raising chickens, preserving food, composting and soil health. Look under resources, publications and then local food production on the website.



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Funding

Canada Post grants open for application

Registered charities, school programs and community organizations are invited to apply for [Canada Post Community Foundation](#) funding for projects that support children. Applications should increase front-line capacity or focus on youth and family programs. The deadline to apply is April 5, 2017.

Apply now to reduce waste and recycle

The [Waste Reduction and Recycling Initiative](#) provides up to \$50,000 in money to NWT municipalities, Aboriginal governments, schools, organizations, businesses and individuals for projects that reduce

waste, reuse materials, and recycle. The application deadline is April 11, 2017.

News, Opinion, and Research

For persons with disabilities, education is not always an open door

People with disabilities in Canada are facing overwhelming barriers and challenges within our schools, says Canada's human rights watchdog in a new study. In a report, entitled "Left Out: The treatment of persons with disabilities in Canada's education system," the Canadian Human Rights Commission finds that persons with disabilities in Canada are not receiving the quality education they need...[Read more](#)

A neuroscientist on how to really read to kids

Most parents read to their children. We're steeped in studies about the benefits of reading to kids, so it's become rather like a box we have to check as responsible guardians - the bare minimum a parent must do to ensure success...[Read more](#)

Everybody's a little bit biased

The first step to identifying media spin is to challenge our own preconceptions...[Read more](#)

Celebrate NWT Indigenous languages

In a region of Canada so deeply steeped in Indigenous culture, it comes as no surprise the Northwest Territories recognizes nine official Aboriginal languages...[Read more](#)



A Cree language sign in Kaiser's store in Fort Smith. A project of the NWT Cree Language Program

Smartphones are gaining on humans in literacy

Does it matter if more smartphones than people will be able to read and write within the next 10 years? A new push to promote human literacy believes it does...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Benefits for families

[Government of Canada](#)

Early math resources

[Talking is teaching](#)

20 problems only book lovers understand

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Alternative budget 2017

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