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Literacy Dates

NWT Indigenous Languages Month - March

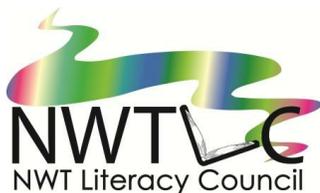
Fraud Prevention Month - March

National Poetry Month - April

Our Blog

Why were we invited to healthy living fairs?

What do health and wellness and literacy have to do with each other? A lot! Research shows that people with higher levels of literacy and essential skills are generally healthier and live longer. They are better able to communicate with health care providers, navigate the health care system, and have fewer medication errors...[Read more](#)



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](#)



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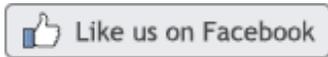
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You can support literacy in the NWT

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

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



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Weekly prizes during Indigenous Languages Month

Congratulations to Andy Norwegian and Mary Allison, our weekly winners so far in our

[#MyLanguageMatters](#) Indigenous Languages video challenge. We still have two great prizes left, drawn from the weekly challenge entries. You could win by posting a video of yourself speaking an NWT

Indigenous language on social media or by sending it by email to danita@nwtliteracy.ca. Use the hashtag [#MyLanguageMatters](#). Enter today. This week you could win a beaded cardholder made by Jacinta Grandjambe. Prize includes a gift certificate for the Yellowknife Book Cellar.



NorthWords NWT seeks festival authors and storytellers

Are you a seasoned or new writer, a storyteller, or literary performer? Are you interested in participating in the NorthWords Writers Festival? We'd love to hear from you. Fill out the expression of interest form on the [NorthWords NWT website](#). NorthWords will select northern authors in early April.



Do you face barriers at tax time?

[Prosper Canada](#) is studying the barriers, challenges and opportunities lower income Canadians encounter as they file their taxes and apply for benefits. If you would like to learn more or be part of this research study contact Prosper Canada online or call 416.665.2828. Prosper Canada will pay you for your time.

Nominate a volunteer

The [NWT Department of Municipal Affairs](#) encourages nominations for its annual Outstanding Volunteer Awards. The awards are given out for an elder, youth, individual and group. The deadline for nominations is March 31, 2017.

Snowcastle hosts book launch

The Snowking in Yellowknife is hosting a [book launch at the](#)

[Snowcastle](#) on Yellowknife Bay March 25 at 12:30 pm. Libby Catling's book, *The Mundane and the Holy*, is about her life living in the bush in Reliance, NWT.

Funding

Women for nature grant

[Nature Canada](#) has \$1,000 grants to support projects that celebrate the role of nature in Canadian culture and identity. This grant aims to encourage, foster and nurture youth (under 30) to demonstrate their leadership for nature. Interested applicants should submit either a two page essay or a short video. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2017.

Funding for arts groups

The [NWT Arts Organizations Operating Funding](#) funds ongoing operations for established arts organizations and large annual NWT events and festivals. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2017.

Help for victims of crime

The federal [Victims Fund](#) provides grants and contributions to promote access to justice, improve the capacity of service providers, foster referral networks, and increase awareness of services available to victims of crime and their families. There is no deadline to apply.

News, Opinion, and Research

Federal budget 2017 highlights

Finance Minister Bill Morneau tabled his second federal budget yesterday. It fleshes out details on the government's infrastructure spending and plans for innovation while avoiding major tax changes. Here are some highlights for northerners.

- \$14.7 million over three years starting in 2017-18 to extend and enhance the [Northern Adult Basic Education Program](#) (NABE) in the three northern territories. NABE is designed to provide targeted training so adults can participate more fully in the labour market.
- To help more low-income families benefit from the [Canada Learning Bond](#), \$12.5 million over six years, starting in 2017-18, for a pilot project. The project will explore new ways to reduce barriers to accessing this grant for children's post-secondary education.
- \$300-million over the next 11 years to build [housing in the northern territories](#).
- \$30 million a year to promote, preserve, and expand the use of [Indigenous languages](#). The budget also provides funding to develop "information technology to preserve oral histories by converting speech to text, and creating other interactive educational materials."
- \$25 million over five years, starting in 2017-18, to support a pilot [Indigenous Guardians Program](#).



Yellowknife children's book

promotes Aboriginal languages

It's Aboriginal Languages Month in the territory, and to celebrate the South Slave Divisional Education Council is publishing two children's books in four different languages. One book, titled *Fish for You and Fish for Me*, is by Yellowknife's Emily Jarvis...[Read more](#)

Grocery shopping in South Slavey

Some grocery stores in the South Slave have joined an effort to promote Indigenous languages. Shopping in Two Worlds is an initiative of the South Slave Divisional Education Council...[Read](#)

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Resources and Websites

A guide to writing prizes for Canadians

[CBC Books](#)

9 TED Talks recommended

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Reading for reconciliation

[Saskatoon Public Library reading list](#)

