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Literacy Dates

Freedom to Read Week - February 26-March 4

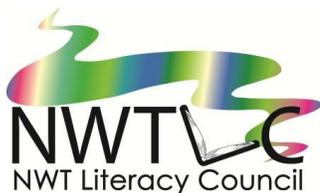
Indigenous Languages Month - March

Our Blog

Increasing women's representation in elected office

Happy International Women's Day on March 8! For me, International Women's Day is a day to celebrate the opportunities I have available to me - I can attend university, I can vote, I can buy a house, and I can do all these things wearing pants (if I want to) - and to celebrate the women that helped make these things possible.

But it's also a day to ask questions. Questions such as: Why do women, who make up nearly half of the population of the NWT, make up only 18% of our territorial Legislative Assembly?...[Read more](#)



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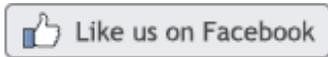


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- Take part in literacy activities in your community

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



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Announcements and Events

Campaign school for women

The Status of Women Council of the NWT [Campaign School for Women](#) is travelling to Inuvik March 17-18, 2017. The deadline to register is March 10, 2017.

Nominations sought for federal ministerial advisory committee on poverty

Nominations are being sought until March 13, 2017 for academics, service providers, business leaders, and international experts for an advisory committee to help develop a [Canadian Poverty Reduction Strategy](#). A separate nomination process will be held for committee members with lived experience of poverty.

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. You will be compensated for your time.

On the Land Summit registration open

The Pan-Territorial On the Land Summit will bring together on-the-land wellness programming partners to exchange knowledge, share best practices, and discuss opportunities and challenges...[Read more](#)

Funding

Literacy grants for libraries

[Better World Books](#) is looking for libraries with "Game Changing" ideas which help advance a compelling literacy project. The deadline to apply for their grant for libraries is March 31, 2017.

Youth contribution program

The [NWT Youth Contribution Program](#) is geared to people under 25 years of age. It supports initiatives that promote positive lifestyles to improve the quality of life and well-being of youth in their communities. Applications are accepted on a first come-first served basis.

News, Opinion, and Research

Pass the dedha: Grocery stores bring Indigenous languages to the aisles

Toddler Daxton Beck is at the end of the baking aisle of Super A Foods in Hay River, struggling with the name for salt. Not "salt," but "dedha," the Slavey word. It's written on a pink tag next to the price... [Read more](#)

Wise Women Awards announced

The Status of Women of the NWT has named the NWT women who

will receive Wise Women Awards for 2017. This year's winners are:

- North Slave, Lydia Bardak of Yellowknife
- Beaufort Delta, Jenny Jacobson of Tuktoyaktuk
- Sahtu, Ernestine Lennie of Tulita
- South Slave, Linda Ann Mabbitt of Fort Smith
- Deh Cho, Jane Grossetete of Fort Simpson
- Tlicho, Lucy Lafferty of Behchoko

For information about the awards ceremony, [Read more](#)

No app will make you fluent in a language

Don't get us wrong, we truly believe that great tech can transform the economics of language learning. But the language-learning industry still seems mired in too many false promises and gimmicks. So, let's do a little myth busting...[Read more](#)

Second chance at high school

Those who never finished high school or didn't complete all the courses needed to follow a particular career path still have a second chance in Tulita...[Read more](#)

Youth learn traditional craft

A four-day workshop in Fort Simpson aims to reconnect young men with cultural, traditional values...[Read more](#)

Busting myths about what matters for high school and college success

The path to and through high school and college is riddled with misguided notions and outdated assumptions about what students should know, do, and focus on in order to maximize their chances for success...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

3 things for Canada

[Community Foundations of Canada campaign](#)

30 of the best books

[To teach empathy](#)

Make tough conversations easy

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