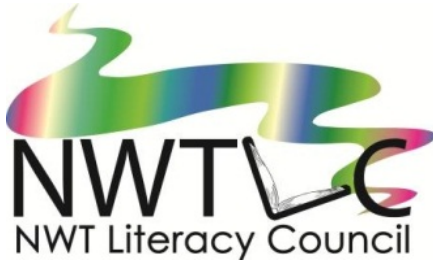


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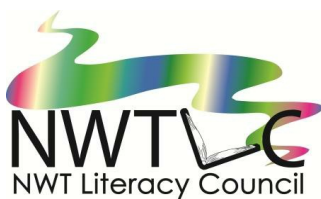
## Literacy Dates

Indigenous Languages Month - March  
World Poetry Day - March 21

## Our Blog

### When a swim is a dream come true

This is not a fairy story; it's a real one - follow me, and you will understand. It seems like yesterday, but it is more than eight or nine months ago. I remember the first time when a group of ladies shared our wish to have a swimming pool for women only. It was our dream...[Read more](#)



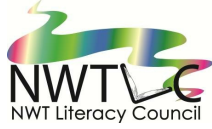
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## Announcements and Events

### Upcoming Community Connections events

We've decided to call our program for immigrants, Community Connections. Its purpose is to help immigrants make connections in Yellowknife and improve their English literacy. Here are our upcoming activities.

- Global cooking: Wednesday, March 14, 10 am-1:30 pm upstairs at the Healthy Family Centre, 4913 - 47 St.
- Gymnastics drop-in: Fridays, March 9 and 16, 1:30-2:30 pm at the Multiplex
- Forum on recreation for newcomer women and girls: Sunday, March 25, 2:30-4:30 pm, 4509 Franklin Ave. (Jestine's office)
- Stakeholder's meeting for recreation and health program providers: Monday, March 26, 12:30-5 p.m

For information about any Community Connections events, contact Karen Johnson at [karen@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:karen@nwtliteracy.ca) or at 873-9261 or 446-4787.

### Deadline tomorrow to register for Native Women's Association training

If you are an Indigenous woman who wants to upgrade your skills, and are currently unemployed or under-employed, the NWT Native Women's Association has a program that might be right for you. It is offering [office administration and safety workshops](#). Register by Friday.

### Learn Dene Zhatie in Fort Simpson

[Dene Zhatie classes](#) began this week in Fort Simpson. They run until April 26, 2018 each Tuesday and Thursday evening at Aurora College.

### Tłıchq award nominations open

Tłıchq [Government Awards](#) recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of remarkable individuals, companies and organizations who have protected, preserved, and enhanced the Tłıchq Way of Life. Nominations close March 31, 2018.

## Funding

### Funding for youth programs

The [Youth Contributions Program](#) supports initiatives that promote positive lifestyles to improve the quality of life and well-being of youth in NWT communities. Funding is given out on a first-come, first-served basis each fiscal year.

## **Funding to overcome residential school impacts**

The [United Church of Canada Healing Fund](#) offers financial support to grassroots projects that focus on healing, language learning, and cultural restoration. The annual deadlines to apply are March 15 and September 15.

## **News, Opinion, and Research**

### **GNWT rolling out youth counsellors**

When students return to school next fall they will be greeted by friends, teachers, and newly-appointed mental health professionals...[Read more](#). Meanwhile Fort Simpson teachers are training to recognize and act on mental health concerns after four suicides in that community...[Read more](#)

### **Eight ways you can help women's rights**

International Women's Day 2018 marks a pivotal moment for women's rights, according to the United Nation's Secretary General, Antonio Guterrez. In the entertainment industry, at workplaces, on social media, and in the streets women demand an end to oppression and discrimination ...[Read more](#)

### **Yukon College to expand early learning and childcare programs**

Officials at Yukon College says they plan on hiring more staff to work in communities as the college tries to boost graduation rates in the early learning and childcare program...[Read more](#)

## **Resources and Websites**

### **Inspiring Canadian women**

[Take the Language Portal of Canada quiz](#)

### **March is Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month**

[Agriculture in the classroom](#)

### **Money fit challenge**

[\\$30,000 in prizes](#)

### **Five weak words to avoid**

[Grammarcheck.net infographic](#)