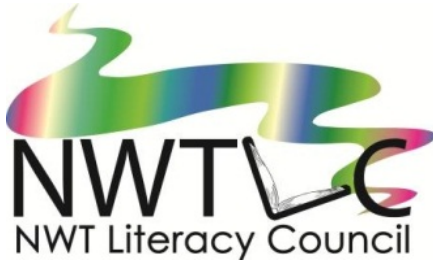


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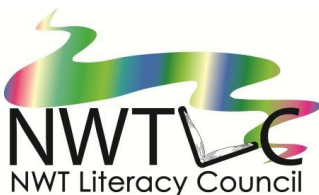
Universal Children's Day - November 20

Our Blog

Thanks to Kerry Egan, of the Department of Education, Culture and Employment, for this guest blog marking Universal Children's Day on November 20.

Brain development depends on "serve and return" interactions

There has been a great deal of research in recent years into how the brain develops. We know that healthy development in the early years provides the building blocks for kids to succeed in school and at work, and leads to better community health and wellness...[Read more](#)



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Announcements and Events

You could win Giller short-listed novels

[NorthWords NWT and the Yellowknife Book Cellar](#) have teamed up to create more interest in the Giller Prize announcement coming on Monday, November 20, 2017. Read up on the [short-listed Giller novels](#) and vote for who you expect to win. The winner, drawn from all those who submit guesses, will receive a copy of each of the five short-listed books.

Save for your child's education

[Education Savings Week](#) is November 19-25, 2017. It's a good time to consider opening or contributing to a Registered Education Savings Plan for important children in your life. You can also help spread the word about the [Canada Learning Bond](#), which provides up to \$2,000 free money to savings plans for lower-income children. Some [poverty-reduction initiatives](#) focus on helping people get these bonds. [Maclean's](#) magazine has a short video to show the costs of a university education in Canada.

NorthWords writing contest deadline end of month

NorthWords NWT's 2017 [Great Northern Canada Writing Contest](#) is looking for submissions of up to 1,000 words, fiction or non-fiction. The deadline to enter is November 30, 2017.

Funding

United Way asks for funding applications

NWT charities are invited to apply for funding from the [United Way NWT](#). The maximum amount given in 2016 was \$7,500. The United Way also piloted a multi-year funding project for up to \$15,000 each year for three years. Applications close on December 8, 2017.

Heritage funding in Yellowknife deadline extended

The City of Yellowknife [Heritage Committee](#) has extended the deadline to apply for heritage projects until November 24, 2017.

News, Opinion, and Research

Talkin' 'bout my generation: more educated, but less skilled Canadians

Canada's workforce has experienced a troubling slide in literacy and numeracy skills, despite higher levels of education and improvements in learning technology, according to a new report from the C.D. Howe Institute ...[Read more](#)

Why Indigenous languages should be taught alongside French and English: Opinion

Métis author Chelsea Vowel argues for the official protection of Canada's Indigenous languages, which are currently on the brink of extinction...[Read more](#)

How Indigenous and black artists are using science fiction to imagine a better future

Alien invasions are a common trope in science-fiction writing, and according to author Drew Hayden Taylor, they're also an apt metaphor for Indigenous life in Canada ...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Three literacy practices that work

[Edutopia](#)

How to create a financial crisis

[National Film Board interactive production](#)

Creative alternatives to book reports

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