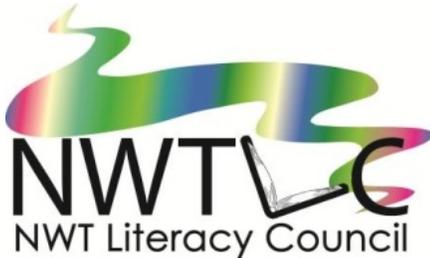


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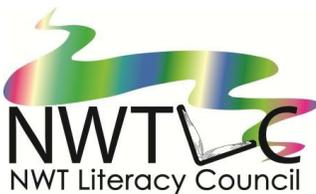
International Volunteer Day - December 5

International Human Rights Day - December 10

Our Blog

Help us define essential skills for the NWT

"What are essential skills?" That's how a recent training session for NWT Literacy Council staff members began. The answer turns out to be much more complex than any of us thought. Pat Salt is a Calgary consultant. She challenged us to consider definitions that go beyond the Government of Canada's definition of essential skills...[Read more](#)



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Photo credit missing last week

We should have given Lawrence Norbert, of Tsiigehtchic, credit for the photo we ran with last week's blog in *Literacy This Week*. Our apologies, Lawrence.

Announcements and Events

Make healthy school lunches

We've invited dietician, Jill Christiansen, to provide tips on how to prepare and pack healthy lunches for school. This School Lunch and Snack Talk is for newcomers to Canada from 7-8:30 pm on Monday, November 27, 2017 at the Sport North office, 4908 - 49 Street, in Yellowknife. For information, contact karen@nwtliteracy.ca or 873-9262.

Living wage lunch and learn event

A re-calculation of the living wage for Yellowknife will be unveiled at a [lunch and learn event](#) at noon, Monday, November 27, 2017 at the Union of Northern Workers Building on 53rd. Street in Yellowknife. Alternatives North calculates a living wage to show how much people in the city need to earn to cover their basic expenses.

Money matters now available to learners

ABC Life Literacy's [Money Matters](#) program is now available to learners for self-directed study. Previously, the program was available only to instructors using the program. Money Matters aims to reduce financial stress and enhance your confidence in managing money.

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.

Funding for on the land programs

The [NWT On The Land Collaborative](#) wants communities, organizations, and individuals in the NWT to submit their ideas for on the land programs. The collaborative brings together government, charities, corporations, and other partners to make it easier for communities to access money and resources for on the land projects. The deadline to apply for funding is December 8, 2017.

News, Opinion, and Research

New guidelines released on physical activity, sleeping habits for children

How much screen time is too much for kids ages four and under? How much physical activity should they be getting? How much sleep should they get? Trying to figure out the answers is enough to make parents' heads spin...[Read more](#)

When literacy gets critical

Graphic novels, which tell real and fictional stories using a combination of words and images, are often sophisticated and involve intriguing topics. In the past two decades, the graphic novel medium has been coming into its own...[Read more](#)

Trudeau says housing is a human right - what does that mean exactly?

The Liberal government released an ambitious housing strategy yesterday. It's vowing to enshrine the right to adequate housing as a fundamental human right in Canadian law, a symbolic move that has practical considerations...[Read more](#)

Customizing financial education for youth and Indigenous people

When it comes to financial education, there is no 'one-size-fits-all' solution. Financial education content and delivery work best when adapted to participant needs...[Read more](#)

Adult literacy's role in the skills gap

There is a gap between what employers want or need their employees to be able to do, and the skills employees possess. Good, high-paying jobs are unfilled

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