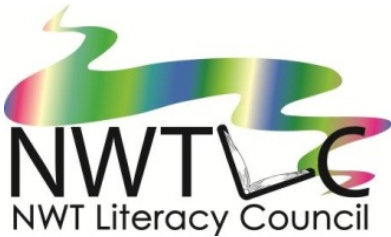


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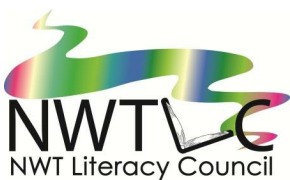
International Volunteer Day - December 5

International Human Rights Day - December 10

Our Blog

Our plans for fun, informal literacy for newcomers

My job at the NWT Literacy Council is to set up informal literacy programs for Permanent Residents (newcomers to Canada). I was inspired by my recent tour of programs for Permanent Residents in Calgary and Edmonton. There was something for people of all ages and interests...[Read more](#)



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Announcements and Events

Thanks to 100 Men Who Give a Damn

We're delighted to receive a donation this week from [100 Men Who Give a Damn Yellowknife](#) for our Bison Bus. We look forward to outfitting the bus with books and family literacy supplies.





Walk to Tuk registration opens tomorrow

[Walk to Tuk](#) is a NWT Recreation and Parks Association program to encourage outdoor exercise in the coldest months. Form a community, school, or workplace team and together conceptually walk the distance of the Mackenzie River from Fort Providence to Tuktoyaktuk. Registration starts tomorrow and lasts until January 15, 2018. It's now easier for teachers to form class teams.

You've got a story, so write it down

The [Sally Manning Award](#) for Indigenous creative non-fiction helps strong Indigenous voices tell their own stories about the North, its land, and people. First prize is \$1,000 and publication in Up Here magazine. Deadline to enter is December 31, 2017.

Funding

Elders activity funding

[Elders in Motion](#) funding is available to health organizations, elder/senior organizations, schools, community governments, or other groups that want to deliver a recreation program for Elders in their community. The program should promote physical activity as well as traditional activities.

Help families access the Canada Learning Bond

The federal [Department of Employment, Workforce Development, and Labour](#) has put out a call for concepts to help more people access the Canada Learning Bond and save for their child's post-secondary education. Preference will be given to projects that help hard-to-reach and vulnerable populations, such as Indigenous children. \$7 million will be awarded to organizations over the next three years to implement the chosen concepts, once full proposals have been developed and selected.

News, Opinion, and Research

Local languages at NWT grocery stores

The North West Company has translated 80-100 items into a local Indigenous language at each of 15 stores across the NWT, as well as in Nunavut and Alaska...[Read more](#)

Are we thinking about reading comprehension all wrong?

Educators and parents are obsessed with reading; and the emphasis has only grown in recent decades as reading became a defining indicator of academic success on standardized tests. Yet despite the obsession with teaching reading in the early grades, many educators don't fully understand how the brain reads...[Read more](#)

Tlingit bingo: How a Yukon daycare is passing on an Indigenous language

It's Friday morning, and while much of Yukon is starting work, a group of preschoolers in the village of Carcross is playing bingo. It's part of the daily "language nest" at the Haa Yatx'i Hidi early childhood education centre at Carcross/Tagish First Nation...[Read more](#)

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How B.C. children are learning financial literacy from K to 12

"Would you go to school if you didn't have to?" Deanna Brajcich, a teacher at Wishart Elementary School in Victoria, recently asked her Grade 5 class. The answers were not what Ms. Brajcich, the president of the British Columbia Association of Mathematics Teachers, expected. Most said yes - for reasons like the ability to eventually get a good job, support their future families, buy a home and have a better life...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

10 social justice activities

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