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Literacy This Week

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Literacy Dates

Canadian Library Month - October
Cyber Security Awareness Month - October
Media Literacy Week - October 31-November 4
Financial Literacy Month - November

Our Blog

Four helpful hints for sharing health information

Did you know that October is Health Literacy Month?

The term "health literacy" refers to the skills people need to access, understand and use information in ways that help them maintain or improve their health...[Read more](#) from guest blogger Alana Kronstal.

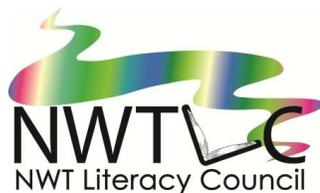


"When I see it, then I understand"

Announcements and Events

Richard Van Camp celebrates 20 books in 20 years

Help Richard celebrate his [20 books in 20 years](#) by coming out to the launch of his new baby book, his writer's workshop or another event the weekend of November 5-7 in Yellowknife.



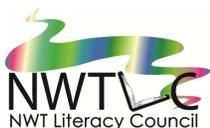
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

[Check out our website to learn more](#)

Support Literacy



You can support literacy in the NWT

- [Make a donation](#)
- [Join the Council](#)
- Take part in literacy activities in your community

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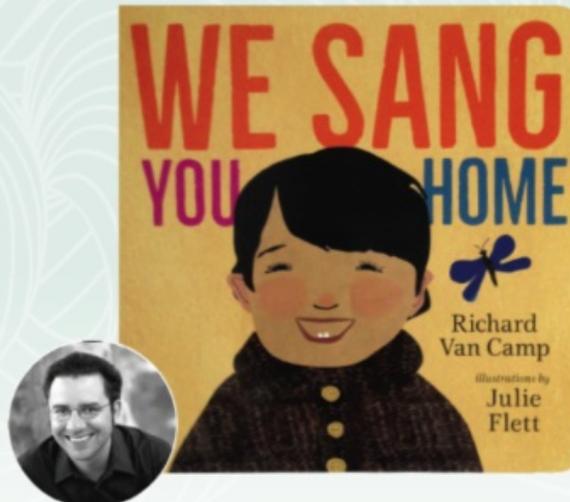
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Please join us for the launch of

We Sang You Home



Saturday, November 5th
10 am - 12 pm

Yellowknife Public Library Meeting Room

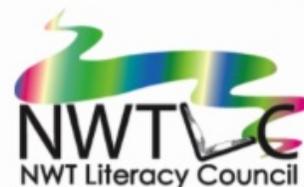
Coffee, tea and refreshments provided.

Reading by Richard Van Camp, and each child will go home with a free copy of *We Sang You Home*.

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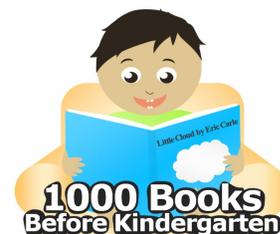
Yellowknife
Public
Library



Aboriginal Children's Book Writing Contest winners named Emily Hall, of Behchokq, and the students of Chief Sunrise Education Centre in K'atlodeeche are the winners in the contest hosted by the [South Slave Divisional Education Council](#). The contest winners will have their stories published as full colour children's books in English, Cree, Slavey and Chipewyan.

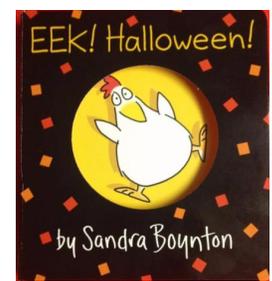
1000 Books Before Kindergarten photo contest

Just a few days left to take a photo and enter our contest promoting the new [1000 Books Before Kindergarten](#) program. The contest deadline is October 31, 2016. You can find some entries on our [Facebook](#) page.



Calling all ghosts and goblins

On Halloween we're giving books to all the trick or treaters who come to the NWT Literacy Council office before 6 pm. Hope to see you!



Funding

School funding for sustainability projects

[Learning for a Sustainable Future](#) provides funding for students and teachers to engage their school and community in an action project. Funding is available for schools, individual classes, and school groups/clubs. The deadline to apply is December 8, 2016.

Heritage project funding in Yellowknife

The [City of Yellowknife](#) is accepting applications for heritage-related events, digital productions or artistic projects, especially those related to Indigenous heritage and tradition. The deadline for submissions is November 10, 2016.

STEAM Horizon Awards open for application

Are you often described as a leader, an achiever, or an innovator? Do you have limitless drive, ambition, and determination? If so, there's an opportunity to receive a \$25,000 prize towards your post-secondary education. The deadline to apply for a [STEAM Horizon Award](#) is January 9, 2017. You can listen to a radio interview about the awards on the [CKLB website](#).

News, Opinion, and Research

Baby box program in Nunavut, a first in Canada

In its continued effort to reduce infant mortality in Nunavut, the Department of Health is giving baby boxes to parents of every newborn in the territory over the next year. "Nunavut has the highest rate of infant mortality in Canada, and reducing the risk of sudden infant death syndrome and infant mortality is a priority," ...[Read more](#)

A million Canadian kids missing out on free education money

Since the 2015 election, the Liberal government has made two major adjustments to federal programs targeted at children and youth. First, the uniform payment to every family with children was replaced by the new Canada Child Benefit...[Read more](#)

The colour of your skin impacts your success in school: report

CityNews reporter Avery Haines talks with a group of young males who say they want to be treated like everyone else and discusses the recent report by the Peel District School Board where 87 black male high school students were interviewed...[Watch a video report](#)

Grade 8 B.C. student tells minister he teaches Indigenous language course

A Grade 8 student stunned a gathering of national aboriginal leaders and the federal Indigenous Affairs minister Monday by saying he volunteered to become his school's Indigenous language teacher after one too many berry-picking field trips...[Read more](#)

Unregulated 'internet of things' industry puts us all at risk, security experts say

Last Friday's massive cyberattacks should serve as a "wake-up call" and a warning to consumers that smart devices designed to make our lives more convenient are also making us unsafe, security analysts warn...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Naturewatch

[Engaging citizens in science](#)

10 things nonprofits want funders to know

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Enrollment in French first language programs

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Create literacy fun-filled traditions

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