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Literacy This Week

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Literacy Dates

NWT Literacy Week - September 25-October 1

Essential Skills Day - September 30

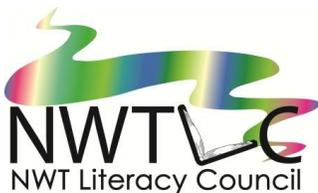
NWT Literacy Council Annual General Meeting - October 1

Plain Language Day - October 13

Our Blog

Six steps to raise a reader

While we're celebrating NWT Literacy Week, others around Canada are celebrating Postmedia's Raise-a-Reader Week. Although we don't have this program in the NWT, the NWT Literacy Council can help you raise your own little reader!...[Read more](#)



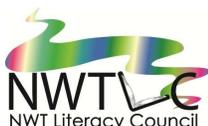
We're the family, youth and adult literacy and essential skills centre for excellence.

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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Announcements and Events

Share your NWT Literacy Week events

We'll enter your name in our draw for a Family Literacy Prize Pack with books, board games, puzzles and more if you share information about your Literacy Week events. You can post information and photos on our Facebook or Twitter feeds or send to katie@nwtliteracy.ca.



NWT Literacy awards announced

Cathy James-Cutler, a teacher at École St. Joseph School in Yellowknife received the NWT Literacy Award for educators from Assistant Deputy Minister of Education, Culture and Employment, Andy Bevan. The awards were announced this week. The Youth Literacy Award went to Laney Beaulieu, of Fort Resolution. Archie Larocque, of Fort Smith received the Council of the Federation Literacy Award for the NWT.

Come to our Annual General Meeting

If you're in Yellowknife, please come to our Annual General Meeting this Saturday at the Days Inn, Commissioner's Room from noon until 1 pm. We'll feed you lunch. Come meet our out-of-town board members. We'll have elections for a new President and Treasurer.

We're having a photo contest!

Any NWT residents participating in the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program can enter our [new photo contest](#). Photo must feature your child (0-6 years) reading a book. The deadline is October 31, 2016.



Tomorrow is Essential Skills Day

Take a look at our [Workplace Essential Skills](#) brochure. Then check out the [ABC Life Literacy Canada](#) training assessment tools, resources and studies about workplace essential skills.

Funding

Funding for art projects deadline is October 31, 2016

[NWT Arts Council](#) funding is available for artists or territorial organizations which produce specific artistic works, projects or events in the NWT between April 2017 and March 2018. For more information, email boris_atamanenko@gov.nt.ca or karen_wright-fraser@gov.nt.ca or call the GNWT Arts Industry Toll Free Line 1-877-445-2787, ext. 3.

Apply now for family literacy funding

The NWT Literacy Council has [funding for community family literacy projects](#). The criteria for projects and application form are on our website. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis for projects to be completed by March 31, 2017.

Get Active fund application deadline is October 6, 2016.

[Get Active](#) funds community events that get people more physically active in the NWT. Community organizations are encouraged to apply for \$750 or \$1000 to organize and deliver three community-oriented physical activity events.

News, Opinion, and Research

I used to be a human being

An endless bombardment of news and gossip and images has

rendered us manic information addicts. It broke me. It might break you, too...[Read more](#)

Physical health tied to native language use

An academic review of research suggests a link between an indigenous community's language vitality and its members' health...[Read more](#)

Financial literacy: Is there a gender gap?

A 2016 study, "Gender differences in the financial knowledge of Canadians", by Marie Drolet, showed that financial literacy varies between men and women, with women trailing behind men in financial literacy scores....[Read more](#)

Seattle changed school bell times to let teens sleep in. Here's what happened

Most teens in Seattle Public Schools get to sleep in this year - at least, relative to years past. After years of pressure from parents, teachers and sleep experts, the district flipped its bell times so that nearly all middle and high schools start at 8:45 am, and most elementary schools begin at 7:55 am...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Francophone resources and publications

[Education, Culture and Employment](#)

Learning for life

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[Two Vancouver librarians share storytime ideas](#)

Improving your PowerPoints

[180 technology tips for educators](#)

