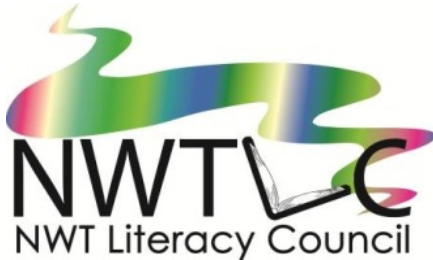


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September 8, 2017

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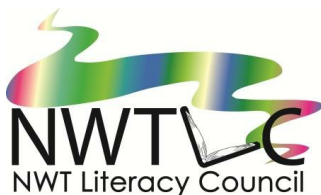
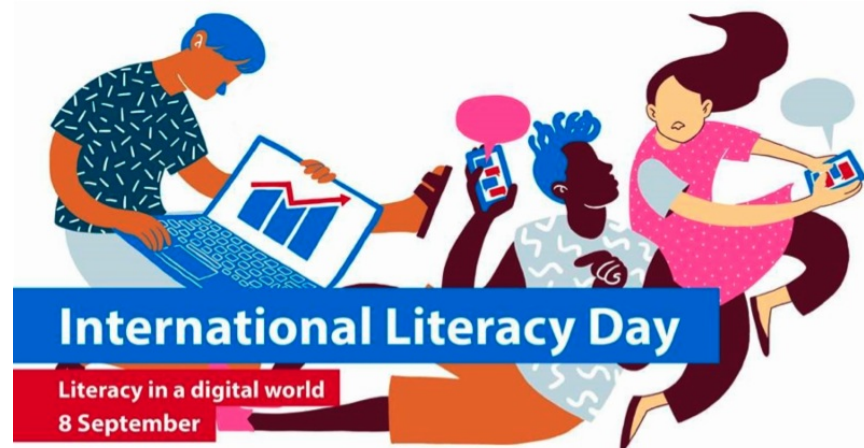
## Literacy Dates

International Literacy Day - September 8  
Raise a Reader Week - September 14-21  
Essential Skills Day - September 22  
NWT Literacy Week - September 24-30

## Our Blog

### Literacy in a digital world

Literacy in a digital world is this year's theme for International Literacy Day, celebrated each year on September 8. The digital world is opening up opportunities for people at home, at work, and in their community...[Read more](#)



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## Support Literacy

## Announcements and Events

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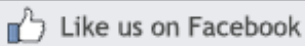
Physical literacy is the theme for NWT Literacy Week September 24-30. We encourage everyone to celebrate during this week and take part in the physical literacy events in your community. You can read more about

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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physical literacy in a [blog by Charlyne Upton](#) after a physical literacy conference last spring.

## Newest issue of Literacy Matters is online

Our fall issue of Literacy Matters is out. You can view it [online](#) or sign up on our [website](#).

## Become a youth ambassador

The NWT government is accepting applications for the [Northern Youth Ambassador](#) program. The program helps build leadership skills for youth ages 16-24. The program will take place during the Arctic Winter Games next winter in the South Slave where ambassadors will have volunteer roles. The deadline to apply is September 22.

## Funding

### NWT Literacy Week funding for events

For the first time the [NWT Literacy Council](#) offers up to \$300 to help pay for an event during NWT Literacy Week. The money is to help pay for a physical literacy event. Grants are on a first-come, first-served basis and limited to one for each NWT community. Second projects will be considered after September 14, 2017.

### Funding for youth-led projects

ChangeUp grants create opportunities for people aged 18-34 to initiate projects that address issues of discrimination and prejudice in their local communities. The [Inspirit Foundation](#) hopes the \$10,000 one-time grants will help open minds and shift attitudes that perpetuate prejudice and exclusion based on ethnicity, race or religion. The next deadline to apply is September 25, 2017.

## News, Opinion, and Research

### Queer book club launches

Chelsea Thacker is hoping to paint a reading rainbow over Yellowknife. Starting this month, the Rainbow Coalition of Yellowknife executive director is launching a queer book club...[Read more](#)

### Children gain learning boost from two-year, full-day kindergarten

## Literacy Matters

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### Achieving the High School Diploma Milestone

Why bother getting a high school diploma as an adult if it's not necessary for post-secondary school programs?

A diploma holds meaning and is made possible through the Adult Recognition Model developed by Aurora College in response to student requests.

For some students the high school diploma is a milestone. It's part of role modeling to their children the importance of education, hard work and achieving goals. For Robert Voudrach it was a matter of "challenging myself and becoming eligible for scholarships," that helped with his post-secondary education.

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Ontario made a bold public policy move in September 2010 when full-day learning was made available to all four and five-year-old children in the province. Preliminary findings from research at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education reveals that this unique full-day kindergarten program has lasting benefits for children's behaviour...[Read more](#)

### **How to get kids to look away from their screens and take pleasure in books**

In the summer, there were lots of excuses: camp, the pool, the beach, lazy days when it didn't seem so bad if your kids were still in their pajamas and maybe watching a little TV or noodling around on an iPad. It was vacation, right? They'd read when school started...[Read more](#)

### **Early childhood centres: Making physical literacy the norm**

At Mount Royal University's Child Development Lab, students in the Early Childhood program are learning to play like children again. And play is serious business. After all, it's an essential learning tool in early childhood education...[Read more](#)

## **Resources and Websites**

### **Raise a reader**

[10 things you can do to raise a reader](#)

### **Health literacy**

[Health-related word list](#)

### **A guide to Canadian literary magazines and journals open to submissions**

[CBC Books](#)

### **Voices of youth**

[NWT youth experiences with disability](#)