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# Literacy This Week

September 8, 2016

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## Literacy Dates

International Literacy Day - September 8

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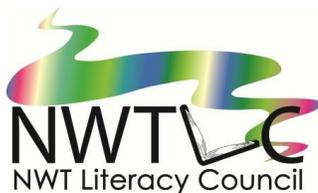
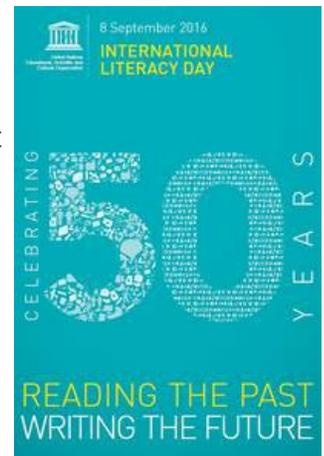
NWT Literacy Council Annual General Meeting - October 1

## Our Blog

### Reading the past, writing the future

International Literacy Day 2016 celebrates 50 years of local, national, and international work and progress to increase literacy rates and boost literacy in the future.

The goal of promoting literacy as an instrument to empower individuals, communities and societies hasn't really changed in the past five decades. Of course our ideas about literacy have evolved...[Read more](#)



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

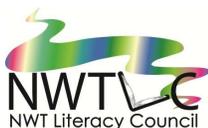
We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

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

## Announcements and Events

## Support Literacy



You can support literacy in the NWT

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

## Connect With Us!

We share lots of news, fun photos and opinion in between issues of Literacy This Week

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**Our Youth and Adult Services Coordinator, Katie Johnson, and the NWT Minister of Education, Culture and Employment at this morning's International Literacy Day Breakfast**

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## Congratulations Archie Larocque!

Adult education student, Archie Larocque, of Fort Smith, is the NWT recipient of the [2016 Council of the Federation Literacy Award](#). Canada's premiers announced the award today.

## Start preparing for NWT Literacy Week

The theme for this year's NWT Literacy Week, September 25 to October 1 is: *Tied to Tech*. We thought this would be a good time for all of us to explore our relationship with technology. Are you making it work for you or is it taking over your life? Watch our website for ideas to help you examine your use of technology at your home, school, workplace and community.



**Katie Johnson and our executive director, Kathryn Barry Paddock, gave out free books at the Labour Day Barbecue in Yellowknife on Monday.**

### FASD Awareness Day tomorrow

Tomorrow is a day to promote awareness of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. There are a number of resources, including videos, available from the [Edmonton and area Fetal Alcohol Network Society](#) website. Doreen Reid, with the NWT government Department of Justice, has these [FASD Awareness Day ideas](#).

### Fall issue of Literacy Matters is online now

Our fall issue of [Literacy Matters](#) is online now. We're mailing hard copies of our twice- yearly newsletter any day, along with NWT Literacy Week materials.



### Family Violence Awareness Week is next week

The [Status of Women Council of the NWT](#) has its Family Violence Awareness Week resources on its website. The resource includes the very comprehensive *Healthy Relationships and Consent* booklet.

## Funding

### Healthy Choices funding deadline next week

The [Healthy Choices Fund](#) supports health promotion and prevention activities that help people, families, and communities to make positive lifestyle choices in the NWT. The application deadline is September 15, 2016.

## **Skills Link helps youth find employment**

The [Skills Link](#) program is part of the Government of Canada's Youth Employment Strategy. It helps youth overcome barriers to employment, develop a broad range of skills and knowledge in order to participate in the current and future labour market. The deadline to apply is September 16, 2016.

## **Arctic Inspiration Prize open for nominations**

Between one and five prizes totalling \$1 million are awarded annually to recognize the extraordinary contribution made by teams gathering Arctic knowledge and their plans to implement this knowledge to real world applications. Nominations for an [Arctic Inspiration Prize](#) close on September 30, 2016.

## **New community fund for Canada's 150th anniversary**

The [Yellowknife Community Foundation](#) is accepting applications for local projects that build community, inspire a deeper understanding of Canada, and encourage participation in a wide range of activities that mark Canada's 150th anniversary. The application deadline is September 30, 2016.

## **News, Opinion, and Research**

### **Junior kindergarten "colonizing" Aboriginal children**

With the start of the school year underway, many families are preparing their children for the first day of school. The biggest change about this school year is that the territory is expecting a younger crowd to fill the halls with the introduction of a full-day junior kindergarten...[Read more](#)

### **Text you later: Nunavut high school bans phones in class**

OK kids: put the phone away. Inuksuk High School is implementing a new policy that prohibits students from using cell phones and electronic devices during class unless it's an emergency or is part of a teacher-directed activity...[Read more](#)



### **Federal documents point to shortfall in aboriginal student fund**

Federal officials believe the largest federal program aimed at helping aboriginal students pay for post-secondary education faces numerous issues, including a financing cap which limits the fund's ability to keep up with rising tuition costs...[Read more](#)

### **What the modern world has forgotten about children and learning**

Collecting data on human learning based on children's behaviour in school is like collecting data on killer whales based on their behaviour at Sea World...[Read more](#)

## Resources and Websites

### **GreenLearning Canada**

[Free online lessons about energy and sustainability](#)

### **National Collaborating Centre for Aboriginal Health**

[Resources Booklet: Summer 2016](#)

### **Inhabit Media**

[Book publishing catalogue 2016](#)

[Online educator resources](#)

### **FrogskinU**

[Teaching students how money works and how to be a savvy consumer](#)

