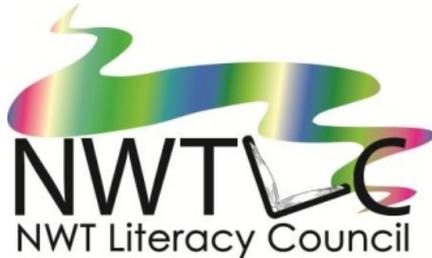


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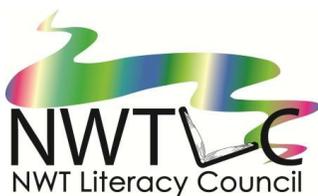
## Literacy Dates

Indigenous Languages Month - March  
World Poetry Day - March 21  
National Poetry Month - April

## Our Blog

### Our youth program gets a passing grade

Facilitators from five NWT communities - Ndilo, Fort McPherson, Fort Resolution, Hay River, and Déline - gathered in Yellowknife recently to give feedback on the NWT Literacy Council's *Skill Builders for Youth* program...[Read more](#)



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

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## Support Literacy

## Announcements and Events

**We're taking a break too**

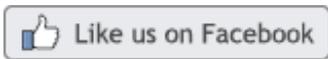


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- [Make a donation](#)
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- Take part in literacy activities in your community

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We won't be posting a new blog or sending *Literacy This Week* until April. We're taking a spring break in March along with most schools and learning centres. See you in April!

### Indigenous Languages Month contest

We're holding a [photo/video contest for Indigenous Languages Month](#). Please send photos or videos of your Indigenous language role model. Tell us how their language has opened doors for them - at work, on the land, to their culture, etc. The deadline is April 23, 2018.

### Community Connections spring break camps

We have spring break camps next week in Yellowknife for immigrant children and youth. The morning session is for children, [10-13 years of age](#). The afternoon session is for [youth 13-18 years of age](#). The camps include digital literacy, photography instruction, skiing and snowshoeing. You must [register](#) and sign a [photo consent form](#) for your child. The camps are free.

For information about any Community Connections events, contact Karen Johnson at [karen@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:karen@nwtliteracy.ca) or phone 873-9261 or 446-4787.

### Great chance to digitize local archives

[Library and Archives Canada](#) is looking for seven Indigenous archivists who will be able to work from within their communities! Costs of the salary, training, digitization and cataloguing of local collections will be paid by Library and Archives. Individuals or organizations can apply for an archivist to work on their local collection of recordings. The deadline to apply is extended until March 25, 2018. Equivalencies will be considered.

### Book launch tomorrow in Yellowknife

Alison McCreesh is launching her new book, [Norths: Two Suitcases and a Stroller around the Circumpolar World](#), tomorrow from 5-7 pm at the Centre Square Mall. The book celebrates a six-month northern art residency with baby in tow.

## Funding

### Apply now for RBC funding programs

The [Royal Bank of Canada](#) has a few funding programs open now. Future Launch helps Canadian youth prepare for the jobs of tomorrow. The Youth Mental Health Project supports programs that help youth and families access the right care at the right time.

### Inspirit Foundation grants open to applications

[ChangeUp](#) provides one-time \$10,000 grants to projects that create opportunities for people aged 18-34 to take

action against discrimination and prejudice in their communities. The deadline to apply is April 13, 2018.

## News, Opinion, and Research

### **Tuktoyaktuk moves spring break to March, complicating traditional hunt in May**

Spring break is set to come earlier in the year for students in Tuktoyaktuk, NWT, marking the end - at least officially - of spring break in May, the traditional time when families go on the land to hunt...[Read more](#)

### **NWT French school board cuts teachers because of low enrolment**

The French school board in the Northwest Territories is cutting teaching positions in two of its schools to stay on budget after the territorial government reduced the board's funding due to low enrolment...[Read more](#)

### **Quebec-style child care could boost economy: Bank of Canada head**

The head of the Bank of Canada is pointing to Quebec's child-care policies as possible tools to boost the entire Canadian economy, thanks to their potential to unlock the greatest untapped resource in the labour force: women...[Read more](#)

### **Yellowknifers map "little free libraries" across city**

Yellowknife is adding its 10 or so "little free libraries" to the map of 50,000 such structures in a phenomenon that has been spreading to front lawns around the planet...[Read more](#)

## Resources and Websites

### **Inuvialuit music collection**

[Uummarmiut Atuqtingit CD online](#)

### **Oral health for preschoolers**

[Cavityfreekids.org](http://Cavityfreekids.org)

### **Next #150 challenge**

[150 days of reconciliation](#)