

Literacy This Week

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Literacy Dates

Aboriginal Languages Month - March

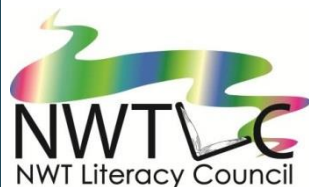
World Poetry Day - March 21

Adult Learner's Week - March 29 - April 6

Our Blog

Learning the local language: reflections from a year in New Zealand

When a Yellowknife family returned to the NWT, they made it a goal to learn more Williideh and to develop a better understanding of the local Dene...[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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Announcements and Events

Creative writing workshop this weekend

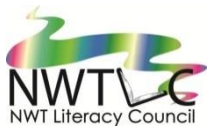
NorthWords NWT has Anita Daher delivering a creative writing workshop March 15-16 in Fort Smith. Contact Patti Kay to register at 867-872-4420 or pkayham@gmail.com

For the love of words

Yellowknife poets, including our own staff member, Marianne Bromley, will share northern-inspired poetry Saturday at 8 pm at the Yellowknife Book Cellar.

Northern Journal has two blogs awaiting peoples'

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One Northern Journal blog is for poetry and the other is on gardening. If you want to share a poem you composed, or if you have started planning your garden or are shopping for seeds, people want to know. Go to www.norj.ca. Posting is easy.

Apply to become a youth activator

The annual [ACTIVATE Youth Leadership Forum](#) brings together 50 of the most promising youth leaders from across Canada to gain the skills, connections, resources, and inspiration they will need to initiate an action project within their community. NWT youth between 16 and 22 are encouraged to apply to participate in the forum, May 14-18 in Ottawa.

Aboriginal Arts and Stories competition open

This contest is open to Canadians of Aboriginal ancestry between the ages of 14-29. New this year: the competition is open to emerging writers and artists between the ages of 11-13! The deadline for entries is March 31, 2014.

Funding

RBC Learn to Play Project grants now accepting applications for funding

RBC will provide \$750,000 in grants through the [RBC Learn to Play Project](#) to community-based organizations in Canada for kids' sport and recreation programs in 2014. The deadline for expressions of interest for Community Grants is April 4, 2014. The deadline for program grant applications is May 16, 2014.

Field Law community funding available now

The [Field Law Community Fund Program](#) will distribute \$15,000 in the Yellowknife area. Funding decisions are made through a combination of community online voting and deliberation by a local judging panel. The deadline for submissions is April 17 2014.

News and Research

Two education renewal and innovation initiatives announced

Minister of Education, Culture and Employment, Jackson Lafferty, announced this week two education renewal initiatives in the Legislative Assembly. Yellowknife Catholic Schools will see an expansion of their [Dô Edàezhe leadership and resiliency program](#) for at-risk students. There is also new funding for the Beaufort Delta Education Council's [distance e-learning program](#).



New teacher embraces culture and language

News North, March 10, 2014

Tara Zuk says one of the best parts of her day at Chief Paul Niditchie School is watching her students become her teachers...[Read more](#)

Fueling the next generation with food smarts

Is home cooking destined to be the stuff of urban legends? It's a possibility according to the Ontario Federation of Agriculture...[Read more](#)

Daycare operators warn about increasing teacher-child ratio

Global news, March 5, 2014

Some Ontario daycare operators are warning parents that proposed changes to provincial legislation governing how many toddlers can be in a group could create unsafe environments...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Millie's Dream

[Revitalizing Inuinnaqtun \(video\)](#)

Continuing education

[News and inspiration](#)

Plain language

[A guide to clear, effective communication](#)

6 technology-based poetry ideas

[For students that think they hate poetry](#)

