

Literacy This Week

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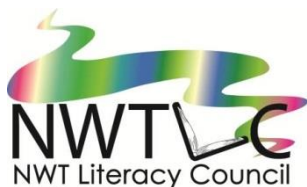
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Aboriginal Languages Month - March

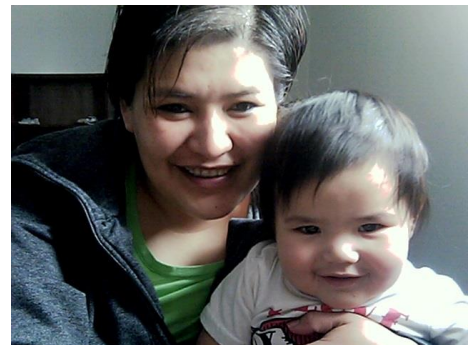
World Poetry Day - March 21

Adult Learners' Week - March 29 - April 6

Our Blog

Technology and elders help mother teach Gwich'in to her son

Andrea Tetlichi, of Fort McPherson (Tetl'it Zheh), is mixing new technology with traditional teachings from elders to teach Gwich'in to her seven-month-old son, Ryan...[Read more](#)



Announcements and Events

What are you doing for Aboriginal Languages Month?

In Fort Liard, the Acho Dene First Nation is translating the community newsletter into South Slavey. It is also sponsoring a poster contest for children aged 5 - 18 years. The posters have to reflect the importance of speaking South Slavey and keeping the language alive.

Here at the NWT Literacy Council we had a distance learning session with Jim Stauffer, of Aurora College in Whati. We learned how to install the unicode keyboards so we can write in the NWT's Aboriginal languages.

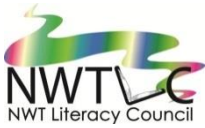
Let us know what you are doing!

Nominate someone for a national literacy award

[The 2014 Life Literacy Awards](#) are now open for nomination. The awards recognize outstanding achievement in adult literacy. There are three awards.

- Great-West Life, London Life and Canada Life Literacy Innovation Award
- Dr. Alan Middleton Workplace Literacy and Learning Award
- Peter Gzowski Life Literacy Fellowship

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The deadline for submissions is May 30.

Indigenous writing program at Banff open for applications

The deadline to apply to the Banff Centre [Indigenous Writing Program](#) is May 1, 2014. Financial assistance is available.

Save the date for the NorthWords Writers Festival

The 9th Annual [NorthWords Writers Festival](#) is in Yellowknife June 5 - 8, 2014 and in Fort Smith on June 5, 2014.

Funding

Waste reduction and recycling funding

Do you have an idea for a way to reduce waste or increase recycling of materials in your community? The Department of Environment and Natural Resources has a new funding program, the [Waste Reduction and Recycling Initiative](#). The deadline for applications is April 14, 2014.

Canada Post community grants

The [Canada Post Community Foundation](#) funds community projects with a focus on children and youth. The deadline for applications is April 17, 2014.

News and Research

Strengthening our languages

NNSL, March 17, 2014

The territory's new languages commissioner says it was her father that made sure she didn't lose her language...[Read more](#)



The Internet, where languages go to die?

Aljazeera, March 18, 2014

Forget the triumphant universalism of the Web; 95 percent of languages have almost no presence

online...[Read more](#)

What is the best starting age for schooling?

Is there a best starting age? If there is, few education systems seem to agree on what it is. In reality we need to make individual assessments for each child...[Read more](#)

Do education and training amount to skills gain?

The results from the Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies reveal that those with the lowest levels of educational are less likely to pursue some form of further education and training. The question that remains, is why...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Our poetry resources

- [Mother Raven Nursery Rhymes](#)
- [Poetry for Northern Learners English 110](#)
- [Poetry for Northern Learners English 120](#)
- [Poetry for Northern Learners English 130](#)

Using Twitter

[Workshop](#) and [lesson plan](#)

The men who make letters

[A passion for fonts \(video\)](#)

Cold Amazon

[Canada's Mackenzie River Basin \(video\)](#)

Social Impact Bonds

[Overview and considerations](#)

