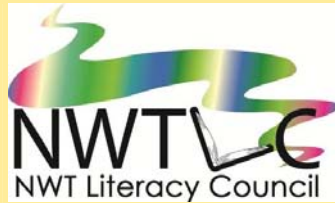


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We strive to be the centre of excellence for family, youth and adult literacy and essential skill development. We support skill development in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories. We're also plain language specialists.

Literacy Dates

Aboriginal Languages Month - March

World Water Day - March 22

Adult Learners' Week - April 6 - 14

Announcements and Events

NWT Aboriginal Languages Symposium



Delegates at the NWT Aboriginal Languages Symposium this week in Yellowknife

World Poetry Day

Today is World Poetry Day, a United Nations designated celebration of linguistic diversity through poetic expression. Take a look at the [Poetry for Northern Learners](#) resources we produced to support English 110, 120 and 130.

Innovative Technology Award nominations open

The National Adult Literacy Database is looking for nominations for its fourth annual [Innovative Technology Award](#). The award brings visibility to an innovative technology product, project or service that benefits the field of adult literacy and essential skills. The deadline for nominations is April 1st, 2013.

Burt Award for First Nations, Metis and Inuit Literature

The [Burt Award for First Nations, Metis and Inuit Literature](#) recognizes excellence in First Nations, Métis and Inuit literature for youth. The Award is given annually to three English-language literary works for young adults (aged 12 through 18). The deadline for submissions is May 1, 2013.

Funding

Apply now for State Farm Youth Advisory Board education grants

The [State Farm Youth Advisory Board](#) is accepting applications from organizations and schools that offer K - 12 programming in:

- Financial literacy
- Access to higher education
- Community safety
- Health and wellness
- Environmental responsibility

Programs must also include student involvement in helping their community. The deadline for applications is May 3, 2013.

Grants for breakfast/lunch programs for children

[Newman's Own Foundation](#) encourages charities to submit their contact information and a brief summary, 200 words or less, on why their organization would benefit from a grant of \$25,000 to \$75,000 and how the grant will be used. Entries can be emailed to NOF@paradigmpr.ca by April 10, 2013.

The TD Michaëlle Jean Bursaries

The [TD Michaëlle Jean Bursaries](#) provide funding for training and access to mentorship for young people aged 18-30, from under-served communities, who are using the arts as a tool to improve the quality of life in their communities. Applications will be accepted by mail until May 15, 2013.

News and Research

Canada Job Grant and Aboriginal skills training money in federal budget

CBC news, March 21, 2013

Today's federal budget includes a new program, the Canada Job Grant, which must be matched by provincial and territorial governments. As well, \$241 million over five years was announced for skills training for Aboriginal people...[Read more](#)

Workplace advice

Globe and Mail, March 20, 2013

Six tips for the socially challenged

While you may think of yourself as an introvert, your co-workers may be interpreting your communication cues quite differently...[Read more](#)

Should you correct colleagues' grammar?

Human resources directors at leading U.S. companies told a 2004 survey that up to a third of their employees could not write properly...[Read more](#)

Julie Pelletier: From Social Assistance to PhD

Julie Pelletier, Chair and Associate Professor in the Department of Indigenous Studies at the University of Winnipeg went from living on social assistance to earning her PhD. In an insightful interview, she describes the path she took to achieve success, her determination, challenges, lessons learned and her road to work-life balance...[Learn more](#)

Will Facebook's Changes Drive Away the Teen Crowd?

Facebook's changes mean more emphasis on the needs of adults and businesses...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

How strong is your vocabulary?

[Take this quiz](#)

Rethink Child Care

[Watch the video and then tell your own story](#)

Adult Learners' Week website

[Survey, downloads and more](#)

Easter Crafts

[Paper plate Easter Bunny](#)

[Soda bottle Easter Basket](#)

[How to make Bunny Headbands](#)