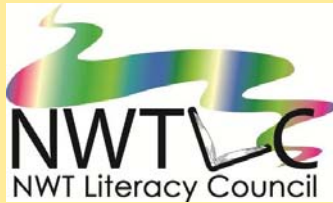


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Literacy Dates

Aboriginal Languages Month – March
Adult Learners' Week - April 6-14
National Volunteer Week - April 21-27
Earth Day - April 22

Announcements and Events

Photo contest deadline is March 31!

March 31 is the deadline for the Department of Education, Culture and Employment [Aboriginal Languages Month photo contest!](#) Submit a photo of a traditional activity and a short story or description written in English and an Aboriginal language. Grand prize is an Apple iPad.



Volunteer Awards nomination deadlines loom

The deadline to nominate someone for a [Prime Minister's Volunteer Award](#) has been extended to April 15. Award recipients will be recognized at a ceremony and can identify an eligible not-for-profit organization to receive a grant for \$5,000 (regional award) or \$10,000 (national award). The deadline to nominate someone for an [NWT Volunteer Award](#) is March 29!

Northern Journal Poetry contest winners published

The [Northern Journal](#) held a poetry contest to mark World Poetry Day on March 21. They published the contest winners in this week's paper on page 16. Click on the new issue icon at the top of their home page.

Funding

Community Garden funding sources

A community garden booklet published by the NWT Association of Communities lists several sources of funding on page 3. Check it out by clicking [here](#)

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 programs in:

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

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

News and Research

Lutsel K'e Chipewyan dictionary celebrates local dialect

Northern Journal, March 26, 2013

The traditional dialect of Lutsel K'e Chipewyan will be immortalized in a written and audio dictionary likely by the end of the summer, thanks to the combined efforts of the community and the South Slave Divisional Education Council...[Read more](#)

What is the 'child care damage' debate really about?

High-quality child care does not lead to behavioural

problems in children - this much I believe we can conclude. Yet the debate over whether child care is harmful still rages on. Why? Without question, some of this debate boils down to how a society views workforce participation of mothers...[Read more](#)

Rediscovered art by residential-school pupils paints a portrait of survival



The Globe and Mail, March 27 2013

For 50 years, a rare collection of First Nations paintings was stashed away in bags and boxes, long forgotten by the artists. The subjects are everyday scenes from the West Coast - a beach, a fishing boat, an eagle diving for prey. The media - cheap poster paint on low-grade paper - are unforgiving...[Read more](#)

GNWT wraps up second Aboriginal Languages Symposium

The second Aboriginal Languages Symposium wrapped up last week in Yellowknife. Nearly two hundred delegates from across the Northwest Territories, representing all nine Aboriginal language groups, attended the two-day gathering...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Dene K'éeé Gúdeh

[Learn Dene Zhatie with new app and website](#)

Technology in the Adult Literacy Classroom

[Practices and recommendations from three programs](#)

Passing on our Deline Dene language video

[Our Language is our Culture, by Mitchell Naedzo](#)

Free Easter crafts for kids

[Easter bunny treat holder](#)