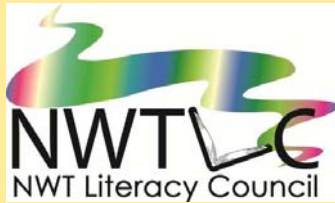


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## Literacy Dates

NWT Aboriginal Languages Month - March  
Adult Learners' Week - April 6-14  
Water Day - March 22

## Announcements and Events

### March 8 is International Women's Day

Canada's theme for International Women's Day - **[Working Together: Engaging Men to End Violence against Women](#)** - provides an opportunity for us to reflect on the impacts of violence against women and girls, and how we can all be part of the solution. A new web site dedicated to this topic includes information on what we can all do to help end violence against women and girls.



### Museum of Civilization Aboriginal Training Program

The **[Aboriginal Training Program in Museum Practices](#)** at the Canadian Museum of Civilization Corporation offers First Nations, Métis, and Inuit participants professional and technical training. The full-time internship is from September to April, with a two-week break for the holiday season. The deadline to apply is March 15, 2013.

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### **OLES Free Webinar**

The Office of Literacy and Essential Skills (OLES) invites you to a free webinar on finding innovative solutions to improve apprentices' success in training and on the job. The webinar is Tuesday March 19. You can register by sending an email to [NC-OLES WEBINARS-WEBINAIRES DU BACE-GD@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca](mailto:NC-OLES_WEBINARS-WEBINAIRES_DU_BACE-GD@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca)

### **Earth Day's 2013 Hometown Heroes Awards accepting nominations**

Earth Day Canada's 2013 [Hometown Heroes Award Program](#) recognizes local environmental heroes for their extraordinary efforts in creating greener communities across Canada. Nominate (yourself or) an individual, group or small business by April 1, 2013 to win a cash prize.

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### **Funding**

#### **One million dollars available for campus and community radio**

The [Community Radio Fund of Canada](#) is accepting applications from campus and community radio stations. Radiometres aims to achieve three long-term outcomes for the sector: strong local programming, participation and training of volunteers, and community engagement. The deadline to apply is April 4, 2013.

#### **GNWT Community Literacy Fund**

The [Community Literacy Development Fund](#) provides money to community organizations to develop and deliver local programs that will increase literacy skills and raise awareness of the importance of literacy.

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### **News and Research**

#### **GNWT plans for Aboriginal Languages Month**

The Department of Education, Culture and Employment is planning an Aboriginal Languages

Symposium March 20-21 in Yellowknife as well as a contest and online Jeopardy competition during [Aboriginal Languages Month](#).

### **E-books available through NWT libraries**

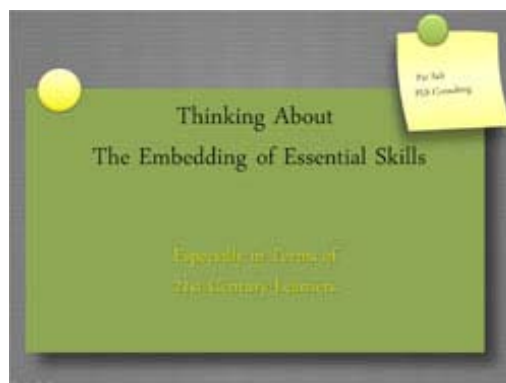
*CBC radio, February 27, 2013*

Library cardholders in the NWT can now download books on their computers or e-readers. The new e-books program has over 16,000 titles to choose from...[Read more](#)

### **A new approach to learning, a major shift in thinking - about essential skills**

Pat Salt has a new approach to learning that constitutes a major

shift in thinking when it comes to essential skills. She presented her views at last fall's [Made in the North](#), a unique pan-territorial forum for exploring effective approaches to adult literacy and skills development...[Read more](#)



### **Performing Decolonization: Lessons Learned from Indigenous Youth, Teachers and Leaders' Engagement with Critical Indigenous Pedagogy**

Many indigenous children and youth enter a schooling experience where they are forced to negotiate the ways in which their Indigenous values, knowledge and narratives can exist. They do this while trying to meet academic expectations defined by Western values and knowledge systems...[Read more](#)

### **Do high levels of extracurricular activities help or hinder child development?**

The authors of this report found that 86 percent of children and youth participated in at least one extracurricular activity. Overall, participation seemed to

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benefit child and youth development, particularly in the area of pro-social behaviour...[Read more](#)

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## **Resources and Websites**

### **March is Optimism Month**

[List of intermediate/senior resources promoting optimism](#)

**What are the most popular literacy resources?**

[Check out NALD's Top 20 downloads \(six are ours!\)](#)

**Dendiwò ke - Moosehide tanning process**

[Video by ArtLess Media - 21:05 \(2011\)](#)

**Made in the North: Policy and Practices Exchange on Skills Development**

[Evaluation Report](#)