

Literacy This Week

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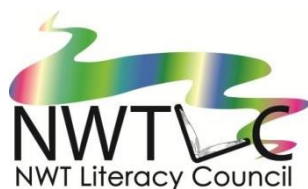
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

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Literacy Dates

TD Canadian Children's Book Week - May 3-10

Mental Health Week - May 5-11

Disability Awareness Week - June 2-8

Senior Citizens Month - June

Our Blog

Join us May 12 to learn about the Canada Learning Bond!

Over the last two years we travelled around the NWT to talk to communities about financial literacy and I have learned so much!

One thing I have been most excited to hear about is the Canada Learning Bond. As a recent university graduate who left school very much in debt, I know how much this free money could help our northern students...[Read more](#)



Announcements and Events

Canada Learning Bond Open House on May 12

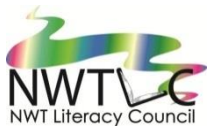
Come to our [open house](#) to find out if your child qualifies for the [Canada Learning Bond](#) - up to \$2,000 in free money for post-secondary education.

Two banks, CIBC and Bank of Montreal, and Service Canada will also be there to help parents navigate setting up a Registered Education Savings Plan. We will have a child play area and food. Join us Monday, May 12 from 3 to 7 pm at Northern United Place in Yellowknife. For information contact katie@nwtliteracy.ca or 1-866-599-6758.

Nominate someone for a 2014 NWT Literacy Award

Do you know a youth, educator, adult learner or organization in your community that excels in promoting literacy and helping others improve their literacy levels in any of the NWT's official languages? Nominate someone today for an [NWT Literacy Award](#)! The deadline for nominations is May 31, 2014.

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May is Speech and Hearing Awareness Month

The [Canadian Hard of Hearing Association Yellowknife Branch](#) is holding an Open House May 15 at 6:30 pm at the Baker Community Center. Hearing loss affects one in every 10 Canadians. Reduced hearing sensitivity happens slowly so about 80 per cent of people with hearing loss don't even realize it.

Education department discusses early childhood development

The NWT Department of Education, Culture and Employment invites the public to discuss its new Early Childhood Development Framework and Action Plan Thursday, May 15 at 7 pm at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife.

Funding

New deadline for anti-poverty project funding

The NWT government has extended the deadline to apply to the [GNWT Anti-Poverty Fund](#) until June 5.

Grants encourage diversity

The Inspirit Foundation is accepting applications for its [Pluralism Grants - Community Impact program](#). It supports opportunities for young people (aged 18 to 30) of different spiritual, religious and secular backgrounds to take action together to achieve a positive outcome for their community. The deadline to submit an application is June 26, 2014.

Grants to improve food security

The Epicure Foundation™ [Community Initiative National Grant Program](#) is accepting applications for up to \$5,000 in funding and Epicure Selections products. Charitable organizations that want to improve food security are invited to apply by the deadline of June 13, 2014.

Grants for school technology

Future Shop's [Future Generation Tech Lab grants program](#) has \$150,000 in funding for secondary schools to improve their technology offerings. The closing date to apply is Friday, May 23, 2014.

News and Research

Why the smart reading device of the future may be ...paper

Wired, May 1, 2014

Paper books were supposed to be dead by now. For years, information theorists, marketers, and early adopters have told us their demise was imminent. Ikea even redesigned a bookshelf to hold something other than books. Yet...[Read more](#)

Ken Coates: Failing the 'average' Canadian

[Statistics Canada](#) recently released new data on the narrowing earnings gap between high school graduates and those with a university bachelor's degree...[Read more](#)

New Aboriginal Scholarship fund created

Indspire, the largest funder of Indigenous education outside the federal government, and Cameco, one of the world's largest uranium producers, have created the Cameco Corporation Scholarship for First Nation and Métis Students, a new \$200,000 scholarship fund to be offered over four years...[Read more](#)

As cancer treatment evolves, so must Aboriginal languages

CBC North, April 26, 2014

The NWT's Chief Public Health Officer says many aboriginal languages rely on terms that lead to misunderstandings about cancer. "Terms like 'a worm that's eating you' or 'bugs,'" says Dr. Andre Corriveau. "Or they would use the same term that they would use for HIV so there was a perception in some communities that cancer was contagious."...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

50 of the best kids' books
[of the past 25 years](#)

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Charity Village
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Living arrangements of Canadian children
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