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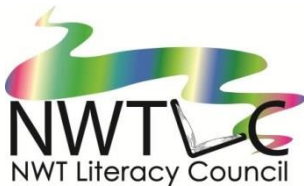
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

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Literacy Dates

Disability Awareness Week - June 2-8

Senior Citizens Month – June

Our Blog



Celebrating innovation in adult learning

There was a buzz of excitement at Yukon College in late April that I'm not sure we've heard before in the adult education world up north.

Innovative, transformational, successful - these were all words I heard repeatedly when I was lucky enough to attend the tri-territorial symposium on adult education in Whitehorse, Yukon. And I'm proud to say that the NWT Literacy Council was a part of some of those innovative initiatives...[Read more](#)

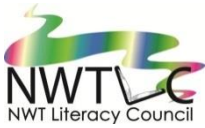
Announcements and Events

Aboriginal languages in the home workshop

We're meeting this week with representatives of the Aboriginal language communities in the NWT to strengthen the use of Aboriginal languages in NWT homes.



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Canada Learning Bond Open House

Thanks to everyone who came out to our Canada Learning Bond Open House on Monday in Yellowknife. Some parents made appointments with banks to set up Registered Retirement Savings Plans so their children could get the learning bond money for their post-secondary education. Others got information about getting a social insurance number (SIN) or birth certificate for their children, and how to keep SIN numbers safe from identify theft.

Everyone enjoyed stew and bannock!



CBC is looking for your input

The CBC is considering significant changes to its services. That includes the North. CBC is asking Northerners to fill out a short survey at cbc.radio-canada.ca/future.

Funding

Tree planting program funding

Canon and Evergreen offer the [Take Root Grant Program](#), which provides funding of \$5,000 and a Canon PowerShot camera for stewardship and restoration activities across Canada. To be eligible, projects must include at least one tree planting event during fall 2014. The deadline for Applications is June 6, 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

Dehcho First Nations takes on language

Dehcho Drum, May 8, 2014

Dehcho First Nations met recently to examine how it will approach an opportunity and a challenge it has been presented...[Read more](#)

Research suggests students understand texts less when they read on computers
Comprehension may suffer when students read on the digital devices now flooding into classrooms, an emerging body of research suggests...[Read more](#)

Canadian Human Rights Commission lands UN Report on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

The CHRC commends James Anaya, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, on the release of his report, "The situation of indigenous peoples in Canada."...[Read more](#)

Higher numbers at 16th annual skills competition

Northern Journal, May 12, 2014

With slightly higher numbers than last year, the 16th annual Territorial Skills Competition in Yellowknife last week saw more than 70 students demonstrate their skills in 16 different trades and technology jobs...[Read more](#)

New Inuit-language glossary hopes to spark dialogue on cancer

Nunatsiaq News, May 12, 2014

With more Inuit being diagnosed but also surviving cancer, organizations across the Inuit Nunangat regions saw a need to update how people talk about the disease... [Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Mind and Spirit

[An NWT wellness magazine on mental health](#)

South Slave Divisional Education Council

[Aboriginal language resources \(Cree, Chipewyan and South Slavey\)](#)

Taught by Finland

[Blog by an American teaching in Finland](#)

Storywalks

[A good idea to promote early literacy](#)