

# Literacy This Week

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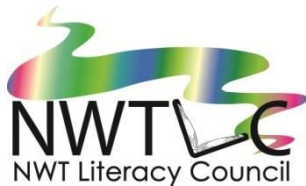
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We're the family, youth and adult literacy and essential skills centre for excellence.

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

We're also plain language specialists.

[Check out our website to learn more](#)

## Literacy Dates

Disability Awareness Week - June 2-8

NorthWords Writers Festival - June 5-8

Senior Citizens Month - June

## Our Blog

### If you cherish something, carry it with you always close to your heart

These were the words of one of the people who came to our Aboriginal Languages in the Home workshop last week in Yellowknife...[Read more](#)

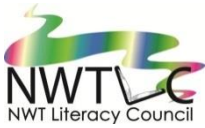


## Announcements and Events

### We have a new executive director

Welcome to [Michael Corbett](#) who began working as the Literacy Council's executive director this week. Helen Balanoff, our previous executive director, will continue working with us to help with the transition.

## Support Literacy



You can support literacy in the NWT

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### Come to our youth writing workshop

Award winning author Tara Lee Morin recalls how writing saved her life and will share that process with youth, 15 years of age and over, during the NorthWords Writers Festival. The [youth writing workshop](#) is Saturday, June 7 at the Baker Community Centre from 1-5 pm. You can register at the Yellowknife BookCellar.

### Arctic Inspiration Prize nominations open

The [Arctic Inspiration Prize](#) recognizes extraordinary contributions made by teams in gathering Arctic knowledge and applying it for the benefit of the Canadian Arctic, Arctic Peoples and Canada as a whole. The deadline for nominations is October 1, 2014.

### 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.

## Funding

### Positioning Women for Success

[Status of Women Canada](#) is requesting proposals for projects to improve economic opportunities for women. Projects should strengthen opportunities for economic advancement of women through mentorship and sponsorship. The deadline for applications is May 30, 2014.

### Anti-Poverty fund open for applications

The Government of the NWT set up a \$500,000 [Anti-Poverty Fund](#). The fund allows territorial stakeholders to work with the GNWT on tangible, concrete actions that reduce and eliminate poverty in the NWT. The deadline to apply is June 5, 2014.

## News and Research

## **Are kids' screen time guidelines out of touch?**

Tell any parent that the current advice from doctors' groups in Canada and the U.S. is that children of all ages should spend no more than two hours a day on any screen device, and you'll probably get a variation on the same response: "Ha! Good luck with that!"...[Read more](#)

## **The difference between working and stay-at-home moms**

Here is how working moms and moms who stay at home differ from each other - who they are, how they live, and how they spend their time - in four charts...[Read more](#)

## **Hearing loss not just from loud music**

*Windsor Star, May 15, 2014*

It's no secret that loud concerts and blaring music can do some serious damage to your hearing. What few of us realize is that everyday appliances in our homes can do just as much harm...[Read more](#)

## **Early education cuts crime and saves money**

High-quality early education starting before kindergarten has been shown to cut future crime among disadvantaged children served - resulting in an average of \$22,000 in net savings for every student reached...[Read more](#)

# **Resources and Websites**

## **Quill and Quire**

[Canada's magazine for book reviews and news](#)

## **Pleasantly persistent**

[5 rules for effectively following up](#)

## **Living well on what you've got**

[Tips for making the most of every penny](#)

## **Pihuaqtiuyugut: We are the Long Distance Walkers**

[Our Ulukhaktok Literacies Research Phase 2 book is now online](#)

