

# Literacy This Week

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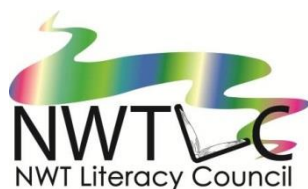
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

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## **Literacy Dates**

Intergenerational Day - June 1

Disability Awareness Week - June 2-8

NorthWords Writers Festival - June 5-8

Senior Citizens' Month - June

## **Our Blog**

### **Three impressions from my first week as executive director**

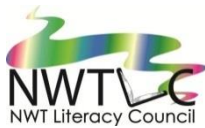
Week one as the Literacy Council executive director was a whirlwind.

My first impression was gratitude. I am thankful that the Council is a well-oiled machine with competent, dedicated staff members...[Read more](#)



## **Announcements and Events**

## Support Literacy



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## Our youth writing workshop is cancelled

Due to illness award winning author Tara Lee Morin cancelled her trip to Yellowknife and Fort Smith as part of the NorthWords Festival. That means the [youth writing workshop](#) June 7 is cancelled.

## 2014 NWT Literacy Awards nomination deadline extended

The deadline for nominations for NWT Literacy Awards is extended until June 16. Do you know a youth, educator, adult learner or organization in your community who deserves this award. They will have improved their own literacy or promote and help others improve their literacy levels in any of the NWT's official languages. Nominate someone today for an [NWT Literacy Award!](#)

## Welcome to our summer student

Welcome to Martha Hamre, who is working with us for the summer. Martha completed her first year of co-op environmental engineering (co-op is a work placement program) at the University of Guelph. Martha will be returning to school in the fall.



## Yellowknife poetry slams this summer

There will be poetry slams the first and third Tuesday in June, July and August at the Trek Restaurant. You can contact [jacqbrasseur@gmail.com](mailto:jacqbrasseur@gmail.com) to register and get more information about [Prose and Cons: Yellowknife's Bi-Monthly Poetry Slam](#).

## Adult education course offered in June

Aurora College in Yellowknife is offering an Elements of Instruction course June 9-20. You can take it for personal interest or towards a Certificate in Adult Education. For information contact [hmoloney@auroracollege.nt.ca](mailto:hmoloney@auroracollege.nt.ca) or call 920-3010.

## Funding

### New Horizons program deadline is in July

Organizations that want to help seniors make a difference in the lives of others, and in their communities can apply to carry out projects led or inspired by seniors. The deadline for [New Horizons](#) community-based project applications is July 4, 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

### Traditional tool-making workshop equips new generation of young hide tanners

*Northern Journal, May 26, 2014*

Antler, wood, steel and traditional knowledge fused last week in Whitehorse, where a group of aspiring and practicing hide tanners from the NWT ventured to learn the art of traditional tool making in the workshop of a practiced expert...[Read more](#)

### **The education and employment experiences of First Nations people living off reserve, Inuit, and Métis**

This report describes some findings from the 2012 Aboriginal Peoples Survey. It focuses on those aged 18 to 44 and examines their education pathways, as well as factors that affect high school completion...[Read more](#)

### **How to save your hearing**

*Toronto Star, May 20, 2014*

Our modern society has created pervasive noise that's causing preventable hearing loss...[Read more](#)

### **Day care disrespect: why what we call Child care matters**

*Huffington Post, May 19, 2014*

For those of us in the field of early childhood development, the term day care, so common that even an august institution like the New York Times would use it, is a maddening phrase. Here's why...[Read more](#)

## **Resources and Websites**

### **Children's Growth Chart**

[Our new colourful, updated version](#)

### **Change the first five years and you change everything**

[Ounce of Prevention.org video](#)

### **5 things you can't find on Google**

[Advice for entrepreneurs](#)

### **Senior Citizens' Month**

[Activities and ideas in the NWT](#)

### **Intergenerational Day**

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