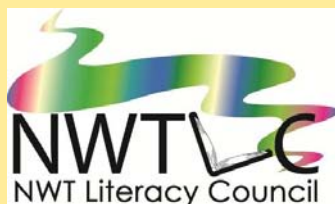


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Literacy Dates

Disability Awareness Week - June 3-9

Seniors' Week - June 9-15

National Aboriginal Day - June 21, 2013

Announcements and Events

1-2-3 Read to Me: Books and Babies

The Baker Community Centre in Yellowknife was packed with babies this morning for the NWT Literacy Council launch and reading of Richard Van Camp's new baby book, *Little You*. Richard signed a book for each child to take home.



A copy of *Little You* will be distributed to each NWT newborn baby. Thanks to our project partners: Orca Book Publishers, NorthWords NWT, GNWT Education, Culture and Employment, and the Yellowknife Book Cellar.

Intergenerational Day is June 1

The purpose of [Intergenerational Day](#) is to help build community and relationships across generations. The

Intergenerational Society website has information about an [intergenerational literacy project](#) and a [recommended reading list](#) for intergenerational resources.

Safety week promotion: tweet a photo

[Safe Kids Week](#) is May 27 to June 3 in the Northwest Territories. The NWT government is encouraging residents to post a video or picture of themselves wearing a properly fitting helmet on Twitter using the hashtag [#gotthehelmethabit](#). Residents who email commcoordinator@gov.nt.ca with the time and date of their tweet will be entered in a draw to receive one of three GoPro HERO3: Black Edition helmet cameras. The deadline to enter is August 31, 2013.

Educators inducted into Education Hall of Fame

Seven NWT educators were inducted into the [NWT Education Hall of Fame](#) this morning at the Legislative Assembly in Yellowknife. This is the fourth annual recognition event.

Funding

New Horizons for Seniors Program

Community-based projects are funded under the [New Horizons for Seniors Program](#). Projects must enable seniors to share their knowledge, skills and experiences with others and help communities increase their capacity to address local issues. The deadline for applications is July 5, 2013.

Learning Supports for Persons with Disabilities Fund

The [Learning Support for Persons with Disabilities Fund](#) helps NWT adults with disabilities achieve their learning goals. Individuals or organizations may apply for funding. Proposals must show that the funding requested will help to overcome barriers to learning.

News and Research

Valuing people's learnings and literacies

This short paper argues for the need to conceptualize literacy as literacies and see them in multi-dimensional forms and as continuum...[Read more](#)

People without jobs - jobs without people: decoding Canada's 'skills crisis'

thestar.com, May 24, 2013

Canada has 1.33 million unemployed workers, yet business hired 338,000 temporary foreign workers last year, citing shortages in low-skilled jobs...[Read more](#)

Ryerson allows aboriginal students to learn their own way: Goar

How Ryerson University developed a culturally sensitive social work program for aboriginal students...[Read more](#)

Anchoring Education for Indigenous Youth in Context of Time-tested Customs Better than Assimilating Them into Mainstream System, Permanent Forum Told

Indigenous youth should have the right to receive education in their mother tongue and determine their curricula in line with their time-tested cultures and customs, the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues heard...[Read more](#)

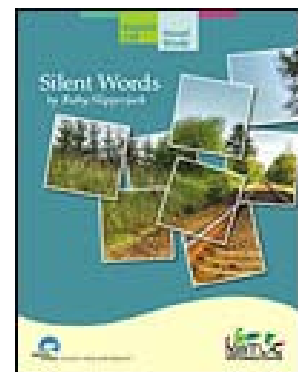
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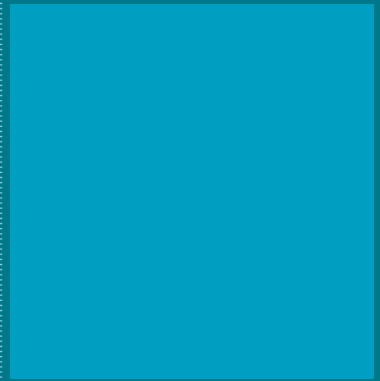
[Silent Words, by Ruby Slipperjack](#)

How to Escape Education's Death Valley

[Sir Ken Robinson's Ted Talk](#)



5 Fun Ways to Keep Literacy Skills Sharp Over the Summer Break
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Surprising Science

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Baby Bison First Steps

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