

Literacy This Week

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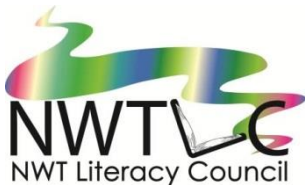
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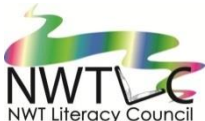
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

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Support Literacy



You can support literacy in the NWT

- [Make a donation](#)
- [Join the Council](#)
- Take part in literacy activities in your community

Literacy Dates

Canadian Library Month - October

World Teachers' Day - October 5

International Day of the Girl - October 11

Plain Language Day - October 13

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty - October 17

Announcements and Events

Tell Us How You Celebrated NWT Literacy Week

We love to hear how communities celebrated NWT Literacy Week. You can post a status on our [Facebook](#) page, [tweet](#) us, or send us photos and information by email to katie@nwtliteracy.ca. Our funders also like to know how you used our NWT Literacy Week materials, so let us know!

We're Training in the Delta This Week

Katie Randall and Aggie Brockman enjoyed talking about financial literacy with participants in the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation's Work Readiness Program in Inuvik on Tuesday and Wednesday. Today and tomorrow Katie and David Buchanan are training Fort McPherson high school students to tell a digital story about their summer canoe trip.

NALD Has a New Name and Brand

The National Adult Literacy Database took a major leap on September 30, 2013, by launching a new brand identity and changing its name to [Copian](#).

Literacy Sector Develops PIAAC Website

A new [PIAAC](#) website, with background information, an infographic and powerpoint, provide advance information on

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the new international skills survey. The results of the Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies will be released on Tuesday.

Funding

Volunteer Organization Development Funding

The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs may provide financial assistance for the [development of volunteer organizations](#) in the NWT.

After School Activity Contributions

The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs may provide financial support for [after school physical activities](#).

Contact your local or regional MACA representative about these programs.

News and Research

Federal Government Asked to Reconsider Changes to Skills Training

CBC news, September 24, 2013

Canada's provincial and territorial labour ministers are urging the federal government to reconsider proposed changes to current skills training and labour market funding...[Read more](#)

Workplace Literacy Blind Spot for Employers

Windsor Star, September 27, 2013

When John Robertson was approached by Frontier College to help develop a workplace literacy program, he saw the potential right from the start...[Read more](#)

Parents Often Overestimate Child Care Quality: Study

Toronto Star, September 25, 2013

Numerous Canadian and international studies show that when it comes to judging child care quality, parents are largely in the dark...[Read more](#)

4 Ways to Cure Your Technological "Distraction Addiction"

fastcocrete.com, September 24, 2013

You don't have to purge technology from your life; Alex Soojung-Kim Pang argues that you can get the Information You Need and the Communication You Want, Without Enraging Your Family, Annoying Your Colleagues, and Destroying Your Soul. Here's how...[Read More](#)

Resources and Websites

Canadian Library Month

[2013 Theme: Libraries Connect](#)

World Teachers' Day 2013

[A Call for Teachers!](#)

International Plain Language Day



[Write for Your Reader Plain Language Audit Tool](#)

Education of Aboriginal Peoples in Canada

[National Household Survey Results](#)