

# Literacy This Week

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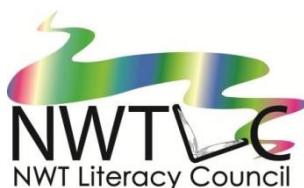
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We're the family, youth and adult literacy and essential skills centre for excellence.

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

We're also plain language specialists.

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## Literacy Dates

Canadian Library Month - October

Financial Literacy Month - November

Media Literacy Week - November 3-7

## Our Blog

### **There's more to Halloween than candy**

Doing crafts benefits children in several different ways. For instance, crafts help children improve fine motor skills and coordination, follow instructions, and explore ideas.

Crafts are fun and a great way to bond with your child while creating something together...[Read more](#)

## Announcements and Events

### **Save the date**

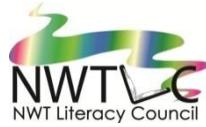
Our Annual General Meeting is Saturday, December 6 at noon at the Days Inn in Yellowknife. There will be elections for President and Secretary.

### **Waste Reduction Week activities and facts**

It's waste reduction week. Congratulations NWT residents! You've avoided using 20 million plastic bags since retailers started charging 25 cents for plastic bags in 2010.

Ecology North has these events to mark waste reduction week. A film highlighting food wastage, *Just Eat It*, will be shown at 2 pm Saturday at the Aurora Research Institute in Inuvik.

## Support Literacy



You can support literacy in the NWT

- [Make a donation](#)
- [Join the Council](#)

Take part in literacy activities in your community

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Fix It Fairs will be held Saturday in Yellowknife from 1-5 pm at Northern United Place and Sunday at 1:30 pm at Our Lady of Assumption Church basement in Hay River.

## Do I belong?

Share your personal story about belonging for a chance to win one of two \$1,000 prizes(two age categories: 12-18, and 19 and over). Write from the heart about a moment or journey that made you feel like you belonged-or like you didn't. This contest is in conjunction with the [CBC Massey Lectures](#). The deadline to enter is November 3, 2014.

## NWT Human Rights Commission review underway

The [NWT Human Rights Commission](#) is undergoing a review. You can contact the independent review team with your comments and concerns about human rights and your experiences, both good and bad, with the human rights complaint process. You can contact the team at [humanrightsconsult@gmail.com](mailto:humanrightsconsult@gmail.com).

## Funding

### Funding for youth and children projects

The [McKesson Foundation](#) provides financial assistance to nonprofits who help children and youth in the areas of health, education and poverty. The Canadian Regional Grants Program typically awards grants that range in size from \$2,500 to \$25,000 for one-time specific projects. The deadline to apply online is October 31, 2014.

### Apply for NWT arts grants

The [NWT Arts Council](#) is inviting applications for funding for emerging or established artists and registered NWT organizations with an arts development mandate. The deadline to apply is October 31, 2014.

## News and Research

### 'He taught us how to rap and not be shy'

*News North, October 20, 2014*

High school students at Chief Jimmy Bruneau High School in Behchoko were treated to a rare visit from a celebrity when actor and writer Jonathan Torrens, best known for his role as the rapper J-Roc on *Trailer Park Boys*, dropped by to lead a hip-hop workshop...[Read more](#)



### Microaggressions: Trendy buzz-word or something to think about?

Microaggressions are those subtle slights that occur daily for so many people from diverse communities, backgrounds, and identities. The slights can be so subtle that they are hard to identify or "prove"...[Read more](#)

### Six lessons Canada can learn from other countries when it comes to child care

*Globe and Mail, October 17, 2014*

When it comes to child care Canada is way behind many European nations...[Watch the video](#)

## Resources and Websites

### **Media Literacy Week**

Resources and tips for school and home



### **Family fun for a SPOOK-tacular Halloween**

Seven Halloween activities

### **The writing pool**

The place for the latest writing opportunities

### **Nunavut food security**

New website with six themes

