

Literacy This Week

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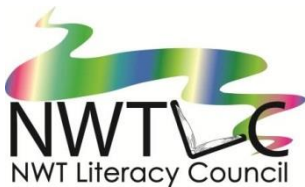
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We're the family, youth and adult literacy and essential skills centre for excellence.

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

Canadian Library Month - October

International Day of the Girl - October 11

Plain Language Day - October 13

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty - October 17

Announcements and Events

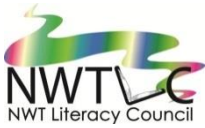
Welcome to Our New Website

We expect that anyone developing a new website will feel like we do right now - whew! Finally! Working on a new website requires lots of attention to details and strong communication with the developer. We also now have a blog!...[Read more of our blog](#)

Cree Language Program Materials Available



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Thanks to Vance Sanderson for sending along this photo of materials available through the Cree language program at the Northwest Territory Metis Nation in Fort Smith. There are dictionaries, posters, charts, story books, cookbooks, flashcards, cups, t-shirts, and a new Cree calendar.

Call 872-2770 or email cree.nwtmn@northwestel.net

Northern Literacy Groups Create Northern Alliance

The NWT Literacy Council, the Yukon Literacy Coalition and Ilitaqsiniq-Nunavut Literacy Council recently formalized their working relationship. They formed the [Northern Alliance for Literacy and Essential Skills](#) (NALES). Check out the joint projects they are working on.

Funding

NWT United Way Seeking Proposals

The [NWT United Way](#) seeks proposals from registered charities involved in community services for projects up to \$5,000 each for its three priority areas. The deadline to apply is October 23, 2013.

New Horizons Pilot Projects Call for Proposals

The [New Horizons for Seniors Program](#) invites eligible organizations to submit proposals to be part of pilot projects that address seniors' isolation or inter-generational learning. The deadline for proposals is November 13, 2013.

News and Research

NWT and Nunavut Lag Yukon in Literacy

CBC news, October 8, 2013

A survey released Tuesday morning shows adults in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut have fallen behind Yukon and other provinces in terms of literacy and numeracy...[Read more](#)

Boosting Skills Essential for Tackling Joblessness and Improving Well-being: OECD

The low-skilled are more likely than others to be unemployed, have bad health and earn much less, according to the first OECD Survey of Adult Skills. Countries with greater inequality in skills proficiency also have higher income inequality...[Read more](#)

Widening Education Gap Leaves Aboriginal Canadians Further Behind

Globe and Mail, October 7, 2013

The number of aboriginal people with university degrees has nearly doubled over the past decade, yet the gap in education levels between aboriginal and other Canadians has only grown wider...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Good News: Clarity's a Coming!

[The case for plain language in song \(video\)](#)

International Day of the Girl

[Toolkits and more](#)

PIAAC.CA [International Adult Skills Survey
Information](#)

