

Literacy This Week

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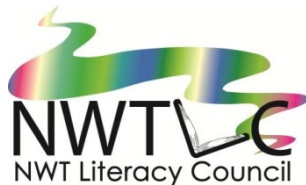
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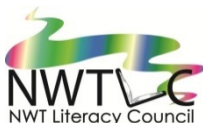
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

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

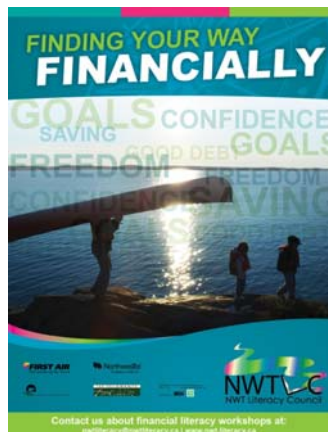
Literacy Dates

NWT Literacy Week - September 22-28

Essential Skills Day - September 27

Announcements and Events

NWT Literacy Week Focus on Financial Literacy



When we deliver financial literacy workshops in NWT communities people tell us that young people really need this information. So we created a resource for parents, teachers and program leaders to help you when you are

[Talking with Children about Money](#). A separate resource, [Growing with Your Money](#), outlines appropriate money-related activities for

children and youth of different ages.

Thanks Bette!

Thanks to everyone who came to our Annual General Meeting last Saturday. Our long-time board member, Bette Lyons, of Hay River, stepped down after 15 years on the board. Thanks Bette for your hard work, dedication to literacy and sense of humour.



Suzanne Robinson is our new Vice-President and Bev

Garven, of Inuvik, is our new Secretary. Our regional member position for the Beaufort-Delta is now vacant.

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Fort Smith Celebrating with Book Giveaway

The Healthy Families program in Fort Smith is celebrating NWT Literacy Week on September 24th with a Book Giveaway at Tapwe House. Let us know about your Literacy Week events and activities. And join our [Literacy Week Facebook page](#). In Yellowknife

we are organizing celebrity readers in schools. What are you planning?

Recreation and Youth Centres Conference

The deadline to register for the [NWT Recreation and Parks and Youth Centres Conference](#) is September 15. The event will be in Fort Smith September 24-26.

PIAAC Survey for People in the Literacy Field

You will be hearing more about PIAAC when the results of the [Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies](#) are released October 8. National, territorial and provincial literacy groups are polling those in the literacy field to find out what kind of PIAAC resources and information would be helpful to them. The deadline to take part in this [PIAAC survey](#) is tonight at 10 pm.

Funding

Get Active Program Open to Applications

[Get Active](#) is a program to get people more physically active in the NWT. Community organizations are encouraged to apply for \$750-\$1000 to organize and deliver three community-oriented physical activity events. The application deadline is October 6, 2013.

McKesson Foundation Launches Regional Grants Program

The [McKesson Foundation](#) provides a number of non-profit organizations with financial assistance to help children and youth in the areas of health, education and poverty. The deadline for applications is November 1, 2013.

Youth Creativity Challenge Fund

The [Youth Creativity Challenge Fund](#) will provide \$1,000 to \$5,000 per project that engages students in at least one arts discipline and one curriculum subject matter. Applications will be accepted from all Canadian

schools and families who are home-schooling. The application deadline is November 15, 2013.

News and Research

Who is Wealthy in Canada?

CBC news, September 11, 2013

For all the growing diversity in Canada, today's final release of data from the National Household Survey reveals a contrasting constant: the richest of the rich in Canada are married, middle-aged, white men...[Read more](#)

Children Grasp Math More Easily with Real-World Examples

Concordia University, August 28, 2013

If 3 is greater than 2, then $\frac{1}{3}$ must be bigger than $\frac{1}{2}$ - right? Wrong. More than half of students heading back to school will use exactly that kind of thinking when faced with fractions for the first time...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

CBC Learning

[Resources for teachers](#)

Term Insurance, Simply Put

[Short video from Sun Life Financial](#)

We Connect Now

[A website to unite people with disabilities, particularly college students](#)

15 of the Best Educational Apps

[for Improved Reading Comprehension](#)