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Literacy This Week

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Literacy Dates

Canadian Library Month - October

Plain Language Day - October 13

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty - October 17

Our Blog

Interested in literacy? We're interested in you

Strategic planning. Budgeting. Policy updates. These are some of the necessary behind-the-scenes work that boards and staff tackle in non-profit organizations. The NWT Literacy Council is no exception. Last weekend the [Literacy Council board members](#) gathered in Yellowknife to host our Annual General Meeting and to finish updating their board handbook and personnel policies...[Read more](#)



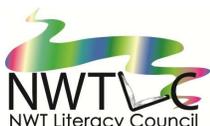
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We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

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Support Literacy



You can support literacy in the NWT

Announcements and Events

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

Congratulations to Bompas Elementary School

Bompas Elementary School in Fort Simpson was the winner of the NWT Literacy Week Family Literacy Prize Pack with books, board games and puzzles. Thanks to principal Kelley Andrews-Klein for sending us photos and information about the school's NWT Literacy Week events. The events included a fun reading afternoon and a Read for 15 family literacy evening.

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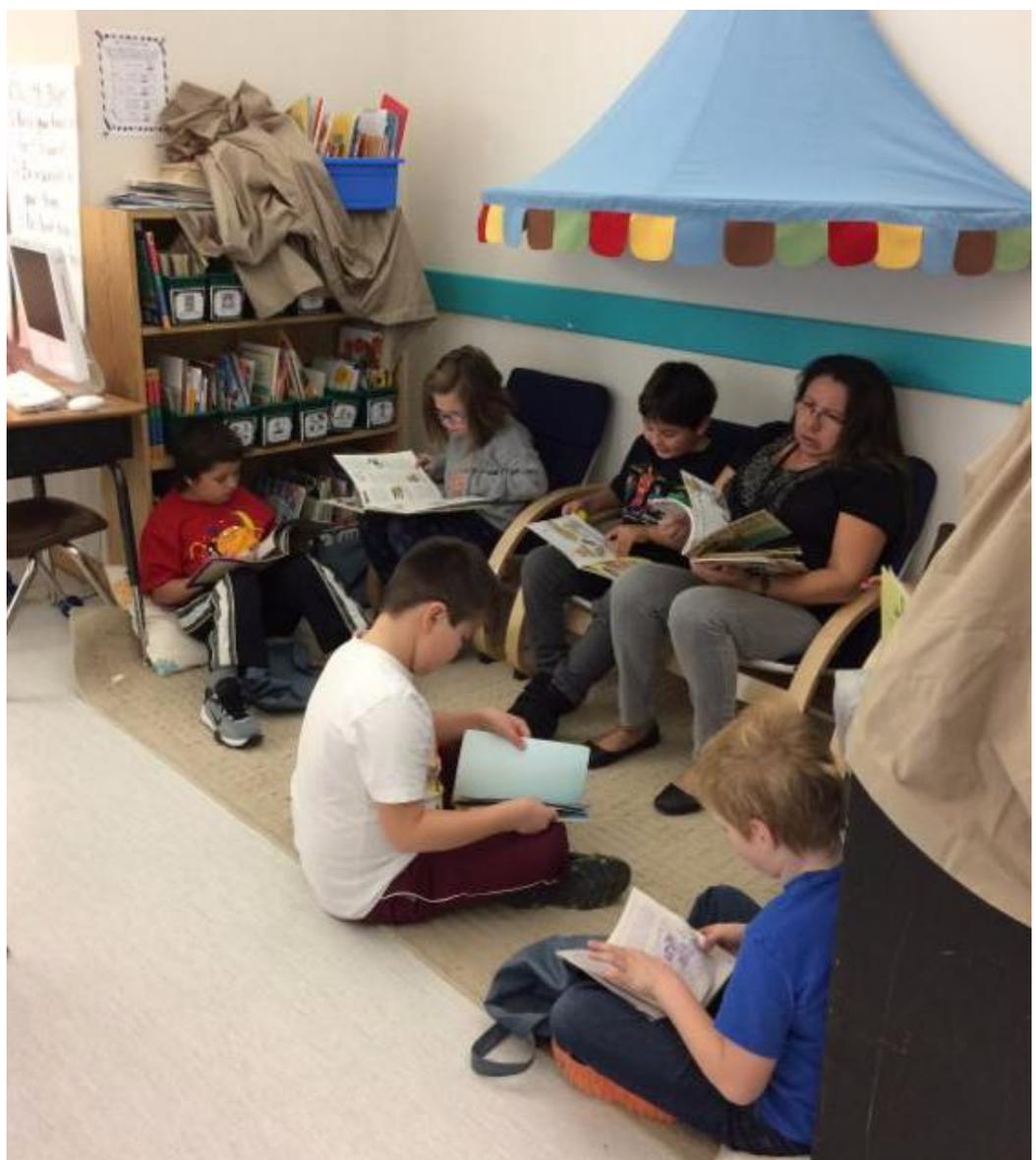
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Skill Builders for Youth training this month

We're hosting training for community leaders who want to run an enjoyable youth project that embeds literacy and essential skills. Projects should give students confidence and technical skills as well as some academic learning. The [Skill Builders for Youth](#) training is October 25-27, 2016.

Interpreter training offered

Tulita Yamoria Community Secretariat will be holding a five-week Interpreter Course from October 31 to December 2, 2016. If you are interested in the course, please contact Judith for more information at 588-3116.

Funding

Funding for art projects deadline is October 31, 2016

[NWT Arts Council](#) funding is available for artists or territorial organizations which produce specific artistic works, projects or events in the NWT between April 2017 and March 2018. For more information, email boris_atamanenko@gov.nt.ca or karen_wright-fraser@gov.nt.ca or call the GNWT Arts Industry Toll Free Line 1-877-445-2787, ext. 3.

Apply now for family literacy funding

The NWT Literacy Council has [funding for community family literacy projects](#). The criteria for projects and application form are on our website. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis for projects to be completed by March 31, 2017.

News, Opinion, and Research

Library smackdown! Yellowknife, Corner Brook libraries face off to draw in new readers

If you're heading to the Corner Brook or Yellowknife public libraries this month, you're likely to hear quiet in the book stacks, but deep inside there's a battle brewing. The two libraries are facing off in a 'Library Smackdown' all October long and the winner will gain eternal bragging rights...[Read more](#)

Adult literacy program postponed in Lutsel K'e, no building

Staff at Aurora College are brainstorming new ways to deliver adult education in Lutsel K'e, after learning the Community Learning Centre will be used to house high school students for up to two years...[Read more](#)

Take-up map shows northern children not getting money they are entitled to

The Canada Learning Bond offers families with lower incomes a simple way to start saving for their children, even if they can't contribute.

Research demonstrates that even small amounts of education savings can set in motion a chain reaction of positive social and educational outcomes for a child and their family...[Read more](#)

Ample Nunavik childcare boosts number of women in labour force

The availability and accessibility of child care in Nunavik appears to be the biggest driver behind employment rates in the region - at least for women - a new statistical analysis suggests...[Read more](#)

Support services for FASD inconsistent across Canada, prof says

A Saskatchewan university professor says Canada needs to step up its support and services for those living with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder.

Over the summer University of Regina professor Michelle Stewart travelled across Canada's provinces and territories speaking with individuals and families living with FASD...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

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