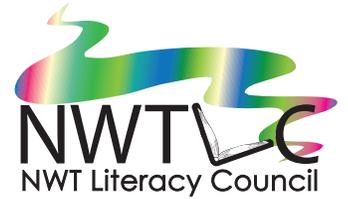




# Family Literacy Coupons

## Use these coupons

- \* As a surprise at lunch time
- \* As a gift
- \* As a payment for chores
- \* As a fun way to bring everyone together



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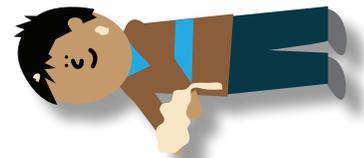


## What is family literacy?

Family literacy refers to the many ways families learn together. Here are some examples:

- Writing a note
- Going out on the land
- Making bannock together
- Sharing stories before bedtime

Does it surprise you that these are family literacy activities?



This coupon is good for  
**one family literacy activity!**



## Science Fun!

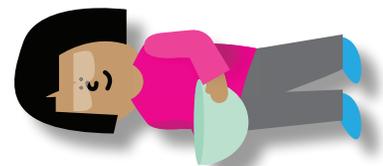
Science is a fun way to introduce children to the world around them.

Science activities let children:

- Ask questions and expand their vocabulary.
- Use their senses to explore things.

### Here's a fun activity:

- Fill a basin with water.
- Gather different objects, like a cork, a stone, a spoon, a pencil, etc.
- Which ones float and which ones sink?



This coupon is good for  
**one fun science experiment!**





# Healthy foods!

Children who eat healthy foods often do better in school. **Why?** Because our bodies use food as a fuel for all our daily activities. Fun family literacy activities include baking and cooking. **Make some muffins today!**

- Read the recipe together.
- Buy the ingredients together and read the labels.
- Make the muffins.
- Eat them together. Yum! Yum!
- Read *If You Give a Moose a Muffin*



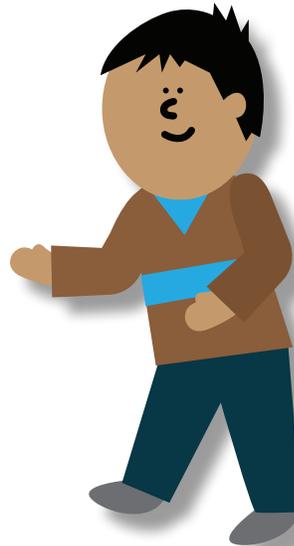
This coupon is good for  
**one evening  
of baking  
muffins!**



# Get active with literacy!

Here are some fun ways to get active while doing family literacy.

- Organize a scavenger hunt.
- Play charades.
- Set up an obstacle course with instructions.
- Play a singing game like the Hokey Pokey.



This coupon is good for  
**one active  
family game  
together!**



# Outdoor literacy fun!

Have fun in the great outdoors!

- Take a walk and talk about what you see.
- Talk about different parts of nature, such as where animals live.
- Choose some items like fallen leaves or feathers to take home. Make a nature collage with them. (Only take plants or leaves that have fallen!)



This coupon is good for  
**one nature  
walk!**





# Craft time!

Craft time is a great time for children to be creative. Explore with:

- Crayons
- Paint
- Glitter
- Glue
- Scissors

These are great tools to help children develop important skills that support literacy.

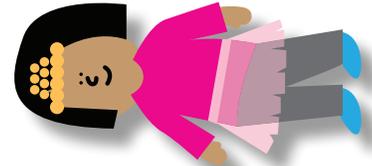


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**one afternoon  
of crafting fun!**



# Dressing up and drama!

- Playing dress-up is a good activity for young children on a rainy or snowy afternoon.
- Younger children can sing, dance and act their way to superstardom!
- Older children can use their writing skills to write a skit or play.



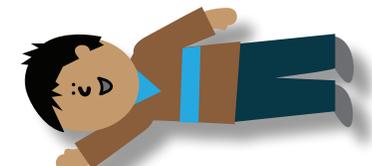
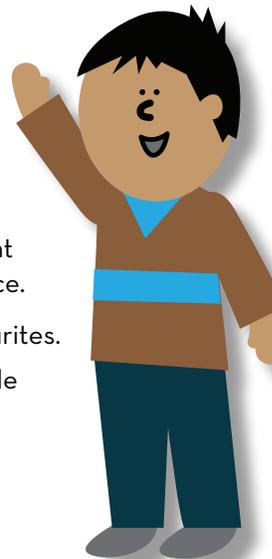
This coupon is good for  
**one family  
play!**



# Singing and rhyming!

Did you know that singing and rhyming are important pre-literacy skills? Every child loves to sing and dance.

- Host your own family sing along with family favourites.
- Try some new songs from our 1-2-3 Rhyme with Me song book (see back cover).
- Sing songs in your own language.



This coupon is good for  
**one family  
sing along!**



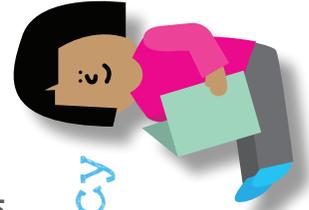


# Family literacy nights!

Many schools, early childhood centres and libraries in the NWT offer family literacy nights. Check to see what family literacy programs are offered in your community.



This coupon is good for  
**one trip to a  
family literacy  
night!**



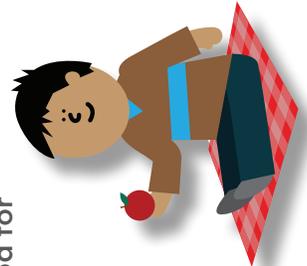
# Eating together!

Eating together is fun. Try this twist on eating together.

Have a family picnic. If it's too cold for outdoors, put a blanket on the floor and have an indoor picnic. What fun!



This coupon is good for  
**one family  
picnic!**



# Making your own books!

Making books lets children tell their own story. If your children cannot write yet, they can draw pictures and tell you the story. You can write down exactly what they say to create a fun family keepsake.

You can put your stories in a binder or staple them together.



This coupon is good for  
**one bookmaking  
session!**

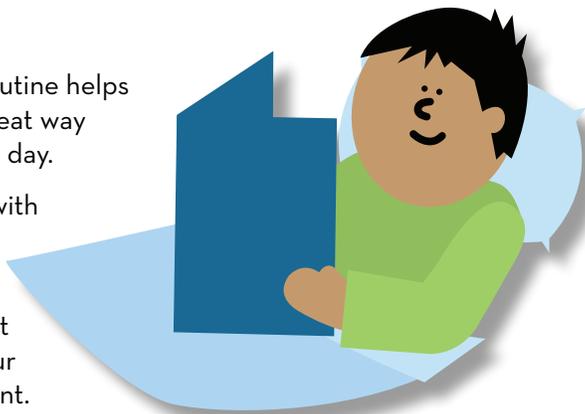


# Bedtime stories together!

Having a good bedtime routine helps everyone relax and is a great way to wind down after a busy day.

Reading a bedtime story with your child is a special way to end your day!

Remember reading for just 15 minutes a day helps your child's literacy development.



This coupon is good for  
**one extra  
bedtime  
story!**



# Reading aloud together!

Reading aloud with children is an excellent way to model good reading skills.

- Involve younger children in the book by pointing to pictures and asking questions.
- Children love it when you change your voice to sound like the different characters.



This coupon is good for  
**one family  
reading time!**



# Family games night!

Family games nights are a great way to reconnect after a busy day. Choose one night a week or one night a month.

Here are some games you can play:

- Board games like Scrabble or Monopoly
- Card games like Go Fish or Crazy Eights



This coupon is good for  
**one family  
games night!**

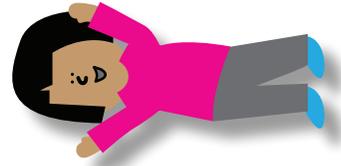




# Storytelling!

Storytelling is an important part of many people's oral tradition. Telling family stories helps preserve your family history. You can:

- Make up a funny story.
- Tell a legend or a traditional tale that you've heard.
- Tell a family story.
- Start your own family story when you talk about special times you've spent together.



This coupon is good for  
**one  
storytelling  
time!**



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