

25 Favourite

NWT Literacy Council Resources

During the last 25 years the NWT Literacy Council created and shared more resources than we can count. This list of our 25 most popular resources is based on requests, rave reviews and downloads from our website. We organized the list to help you find them on our website at www.nwtliteracy.ca

► What's your favourite NWT Literacy Council resource?

Resources / Family and Community / Families

1. *Eating and Learning* – Fun tips, crafts and recipes for good health.
2. *Playing and Learning* – Fun games for good health
3. *Love Grows Brains* – A booklet to guide parents in supporting their children's healthy brain development. For versions in NWT official indigenous languages see Aboriginal Languages and Literacies resources.
4. *Mother Raven Nursery Rhymes* – Peter Redvers put a northern twist on popular nursery rhymes. The only resource on this list developed by someone other than us.
5. *Parent and Family Activity Cards* – You'll never be at a loss for a game, song or other activity for the child in your life. There are three sets of activity cards: for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers. Each set is full of ways to learn through play.
6. *Recipes for Fun* – Learn how to make goop, paint, play dough and more with ingredients you likely already have in your kitchen.

7. *Snuggle Up Together: Books for Newborns to Pre-schoolers* – Our book suggestions and tips for reading aloud. Great book-giving guide too!

Resources / Family and Community / Family Literacy Workers

8. *Books in the Home: Classic Books* and *Books in the Home: Northern Books* – These resource manuals instruct community literacy workers on how to lead a Books in the Home program for parents and children.
9. *Family Tutoring* – This manual is for a family literacy program that works with families, teacher’s assistants, and tutors to help school-aged children develop reading and writing skills.
10. *Science Fun* – Easy, hands-on science experiments for family literacy groups.

Resources / Aboriginal Languages and Literacies

11. *Aboriginal Languages Month resources* – Tips and ideas for celebrating Aboriginal Languages Month each March at home, at school and in the community.
12. *Building Aboriginal Literacy Cards: Share Your Language, Share Your Culture* – Suggestions for building indigenous language skills and other literacy skills in babies and young children. These illustrated booklets are available in NWT Aboriginal languages except Cree.

13. *Pihuaqtiuyugut: We are the Long Distance Walkers* – This book describes the traditional travels of the Kangiryuarmit who live today in Ulukhaktok. It also tells the story of the Ulukhaktok Literacies Research Project, which explored what “literacy” meant to the Kangiryuarmit, and what it means today.

Resources / Youth and Adult Literacy

14. *Comic Book Studies: Path of the Warrior and Darkness Calls* – Comics motivate learners who may not read traditional books. These two resources have a variety of activities and handouts for learners taking English 120 and 130.
15. *Essential Skills Fact Sheets* – These five fact sheets describe how we use essential skills in our community, families, taking care of our health, during interactions with the justice system and in workplaces.
16. *Everyday Math Skills Workbook Series* – The Home Math, Kitchen Math, Money Math and Simply Math workbooks are perhaps our most popular resource!
17. *Health Check* – Accessible health information made relevant through the stories of NWT adult learners.
18. *Northern Biographies: Firth Sisters* – The easy-reading story of inspiring Olympic skiers, Sharon Firth and Shirley Firth-Larsson, developed especially for adult learners.
19. *Northern Biographies: Francois Paulette* – This compelling story for adult learners sheds light on the life and times of a well-known NWT indigenous activist.

- 20.** *Writing for Results: A hands-on program to develop clear, effective writing skills* – This resource includes instructions and participant handouts for a comprehensive writing program.

Resources / How to Kits

- 21.** *Book Making* – This is a great activity for families. Homemade books increase a child’s interest in books and can be treasured for years to come.
- 22.** *TV Free from A-Z* - More than 26 fun activities to keep your family engaged and the TV off!

Resources / Our Videos

- 23.** *How Children Learn Language* – Marianne Bromley explains how babies and children learn language and the implications for indigenous language teaching and learning.

Research / NWT Literacy Council Research

- 24.** *Stories of Progress on a Learning Journey* – In this study, NWT adult learners talk about the non-academic outcomes they experienced in their learning journeys.

The only resource in this list not on our website...

- 25.** *Celebrating Literacy All Year* – Our colourful, illustrated annual calendar adorns the walls of schools, offices and community buildings throughout the NWT. It is distributed early fall in our package of materials for NWT Literacy Week.