

How To Kit



**“Read for 15”
Activities!**



Other *How to Kits* & Literacy Activities

This *How to Kit* was developed to help organizations celebrate NWT Literacy Week. This is one in a series of *How to Kits* available to download on the NWT Literacy Council website at www.nwt.literacy.ca.

How to Kits developed to date:

- 1-2-3 Rhyme With Me
- Book Making
- Books in the Home
- Community Book Swap
- Culture and Traditions
- Election
- Environmental Print Games
- Facilitating a Workshop
- Family Literacy Activities Night
- Family Reading Party
- Games Night
- “Get Caught Reading” and other literacy promotion ideas
- Involving Families in Children’s Learning
- Literacy Activities for Holidays – Thanksgiving, Halloween, Christmas, Valentine’s Day, Easter, Birthdays
- Literacy Games for Adults
- Literacy Treasure Hunt
- Puppet Making
- Pyjamas and Book Party
- Readers Theatre
- Reading Circles and Story Extenders
- Scattergories
- Storytime on the Radio
- Talking Books
- Writing Contest
- Love You Forever
- Picture and Word Bingos
- Literacy Games
- Writing & Publishing a Children’s Book

Other activities

- Literacy Bingos
 - Reading Bingo
 - Introduction Bingo
 - Picture Bingo
 - Word Bingo
 - Plain Language Bingo
- Memory Game
- Learning Activities Cards
- Baby Book Project
- My Family Booklet
- On the Right Track

Please feel free to photocopy and use these activities in your programs and adapt them to meet your needs.

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Hold your own “Read for 15” activity

Interested in promoting reading in your community? Here are some fun ways to encourage people in your community and region to **Read for 15** minutes on Tuesday, October 4th. They will be joining people across the NWT who will also be celebrating NWT Literacy Week from October 7-14.

Keep Track – Report Back!

Be sure to keep track of the number of people (Elders, adults, children and youth) who **Read for 15** and fax the results to the NWT Literacy Council at 867-873-2176 on or before Friday, October 7th. There is a special form in this package for faxing your results to



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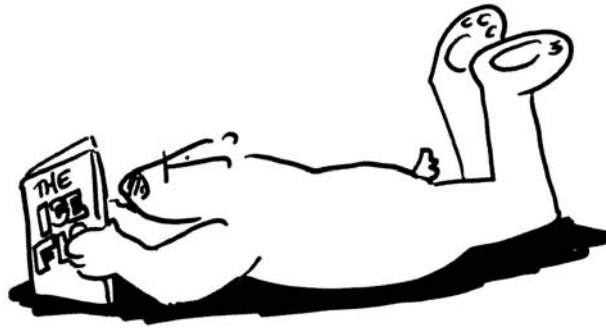
the NWT Literacy Council, as well as “I Read for 15 Minutes” forms that people can fill out so that you can keep track of your readers!

Promote Your Activities

In this kit, you will find a number of suggestions for **Read for 15** activities. Be sure to spread the word and publicize your event! Put up posters around the community, place announcements on CBC North and your community radio station, put a notice in your newsletter, place a classified ad in News/North, ask the school to send home notices with students – and anything else you can think of – to make sure everyone knows about your **Read for 15** activity.

If you have any questions, please contact us at the numbers listed at the end of this kit.





Suggestions for “Read for 15” activities

- ✓ **Invite Parents:** Invite parents to come to your school, day care, etc. at a specific time and read to their children for 15 minutes on Tuesday, October 4th.

- ✓ **Read for 15 Lunch:** Hold a **Read for 15** Lunch at your school, day care, government office, business, etc. Students, staff, etc., are encouraged to set aside 15 minutes of their lunch for reading. Make photocopies of the “I Read for 15 Minutes” form in your package and ask everyone who reads to fill out a form.





- ✓ **Read for 15 Challenge:** Challenge another business, government department or school in your community – or another community in your region – to see who can get the most people to **Read for 15** minutes on Tuesday, October 4th. Publish the winners’ names in your local newsletter. Promote the **Read for 15** Challenge with posters, the radio and word of mouth. The organizer in each school, office or community should make photocopies of the “I Read for 15 Minutes” form and ask everyone who reads to fill out a form.

- ✓ **Pajama Party:** Invite parents and family members to a fun **Read for 15** Pajama Party. Encourage everyone to wear their pajamas and parents and children can take turns reading bedtime stories to each other! Ask a local store or business to provide bedtime snacks for everyone.





- ✓ **Community Leaders Read:** Invite community leaders from to come to your school, daycare, adult education program, etc. to read for 15 minutes to your students. Community leaders are great role models. It is important for students to see leaders reading and participating in literary activities. Invite some students to bring a favourite book to read to your leaders. Afterwards, set aside some time for all of the students to read quietly to themselves for 15 minutes.

- ✓ **Read With Elders:** Invite elders to come to your school on Tuesday, October 4th so that students can take turns reading to them! Perhaps teachers can ask students to write their own stories to read to the elders? Or maybe use the Council's How to Kit on writing a children's book to create a classroom book to read to the elders? Invite parents or staff to make coffee, tea and bannock for the elders.





- ✓ **Read With Buddies:** Schools can match “Buddies” – younger students with older students – and have them take turns reading to each other. Make this a regular activity in your school.

- ✓ **Read for 15 Prizes:** Set up drop-off boxes and “I Read for 15 Minutes” ballots throughout your community or at special events such as a Family Fun Night. Encourage everyone who reads for 15 minutes on October 7th to fill out a ballot – and possibly win a prize! Draw names and give away books as prizes. You can get free book prizes from the NWT Literacy Council.





- ✓ **Family Fun Night:** Maybe your community can combine any number of the above activities and hold a Family Fun Night where the focus is reading for fun? Invite everyone from your community to your school or community centre for an evening of games, reading, snacks, prizes and fun!





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**Want to learn more about Read for 15,
NWT Literacy Week or
the NWT Literacy Council?**

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