

# This Week in Literacy

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The NWT Literacy Council is a non-profit, non-government agency dedicated to supporting the development of literacy in all official languages of the NWT.

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## Literacy Dates

International Literacy Day

September 8

NWT Literacy Week

September 26 - October 2

## Announcements and Events

### French Book Exchange

Trade your French language books at the Centre Square Mall in Yellowknife Saturday, September 11 between 11 am and 5 pm. This event sponsored by Alpha TNO. For more info go to

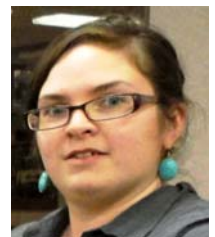
<http://alphanotno.ca/>

### Farewell to Jill Vaydik

Jill Vaydik has left her position as Family Literacy Coordinator. In a few weeks she begins studying Speech and Language Pathology at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The Council staff and community family literacy projects will all miss Jill!

### Welcome Katie Randall

The NWT Literacy Council welcomes Katie Randall as its new Family Literacy Coordinator. Katie has a degree in Interdisciplinary Leadership Studies from the University of New Brunswick. We look forward to the creative energy Katie will bring to our family literacy work.



## **Nominate an Aboriginal Achiever**

September 22 is the deadline for nominations for Aboriginal Achievement Awards. The categories are lifetime achievement, special youth award (ages 15-24) and career categories. For more information visit [www.naaf.ca](http://www.naaf.ca) or call 416-500-2892.

## **Oops! Thanks to École Boréale**

The Council apologizes for omitting École Boréale in our thank you to Peter Gzowski Invitational Golf Tournament supporters in our spring Newsletter. We are so grateful to the contributions from all the schools in Hay River to a successful PGI -- and to all our sponsors and volunteers! See our sponsor list and PGI photos at [www.nwt.literacy.ca/pgigolf.htm](http://www.nwt.literacy.ca/pgigolf.htm)

## **Funding**

### **Youth Homework/Tutoring Program**

A new program provides funding to community-based organizations to deliver Youth Homework/Tutoring/Literacy Programs for out-of-school and in-school youth (Age 16-25). The deadline for 2010 applications is October 1. Guidelines and application can be found at [www.nwt.literacy.ca/whatsnew.htm](http://www.nwt.literacy.ca/whatsnew.htm)

### **Enabling Accessibility Fund**

This HRSDC program supports community-based projects across Canada that help Canadians with disabilities to participate in and contribute to their communities. The Small Project Component provides grants of up to \$75,000 for projects. Deadline to apply is September 10, 2010. For more information go to: [www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/disability\\_issues/eaf/cfp/index.shtml](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/disability_issues/eaf/cfp/index.shtml) or call Josephine Mackenzie at (867) 766-8307.

## **News**

### **10 Things Teachers Want Parents to Know**

Oprah.com, August 23, 2010

The relationship between teachers and parents is an extremely powerful component in student success. For more on building that relationship go to

[www.cnn.com/2010/LIVING/08/23/o.teachers.want.parents.know/](http://www.cnn.com/2010/LIVING/08/23/o.teachers.want.parents.know/)

### **National Literacy Results Revealed**

New Ipsos Reid Research Finds 90% of Canadians believe improving literacy is key to a competitive economy. For more on this report go to ABC Life Literacy Canada at [www.abclifeliteracy.ca/en/ipsos-reid-national-literacy-results-revealed](http://www.abclifeliteracy.ca/en/ipsos-reid-national-literacy-results-revealed)

### **Noreen Morin -- NWT Literacy Award Winner**

Noreen Morin, of Fort Liard, was named the NWT winner of a 2010 Council of the Federation Literacy Award this month. Congratulations Noreen! Read more at

[www.councilofthefederation.ca/pdfs/NewsRelease2010\\_COFLitAward-July30.pdf](http://www.councilofthefederation.ca/pdfs/NewsRelease2010_COFLitAward-July30.pdf)

## **Literacy Skill Development at DeBeers**

*A Multi-Faceted Approach to Literacy Skills Development at De Beers Canada*, highlights a gem of a learning program and a company that appears to have embraced the people and the communities where it is based. Download the report at <http://library.nald.ca/item/8757>

## **Resources and Websites**

NWT Literacy Week Materials

[www.nwt.literacy.ca/whatsnew.htm](http://www.nwt.literacy.ca/whatsnew.htm)

International Literacy Day Challenge and Guide

[www.frontiercollege.ca/english/events/ild\\_challenge.html](http://www.frontiercollege.ca/english/events/ild_challenge.html)

First Nation Literacy Blog

[firstnationliteracy.com/blog/](http://firstnationliteracy.com/blog/)