

This Week in Literacy

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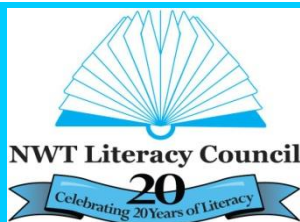
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The NWT Literacy Council is a non-profit, non-government agency dedicated to supporting the development of literacy in all official languages of the NWT.

Literacy Dates

Family Literacy Day - January 27

Heritage Day - February 17

Announcements and Events

Last e-news until January 6, 2011

This Week in Literacy is taking a holiday! This is the last NWT Literacy Council e-news until January 6, 2011. The Council wishes everyone a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Postcard Story Competition

The Writers' Union of Canada is accepting submissions until February 14, 2011, for the 2011 [Postcard Story Competition](#). The winning entry will be the best Canadian work of 250 words or less in the English language, fiction or nonfiction. The prize is \$500 for the winning entry.

Register you Family Literacy Day plans

Let ABC Life Literacy know how you plan to celebrate Family Literacy Day on January 27, 2011 and you will be eligible to win a Family Literacy Hasbro prize pack. Register at [ABC Life Literacy](#). Submissions received prior to January 14, 2011 are eligible for the prize draw.

Funding

TD Financial Literacy Grant Fund

This fund aims to increase access to financial literacy education for people living in Canada who may normally be excluded from mainstream financial organizations. Applications should be submitted by January 31st, 2011. [Click here](#) for guidelines and application form.

News

The UNICEF Innocenti Report Card 9 The Children Left Behind

Whether in health, in education, or in material well-being, some children will always fall behind the average. The critical question is: How far behind? Is there a point beyond which falling behind is not inevitable, but policy susceptible - and unacceptable?...[Read more](#)

Performance of Canadian youth in reading, mathematics and science

This Statistics Canada report looks at youth performance in these three areas...[Read more](#)

Literacy re-wires the brain

In a study published in Science, functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) was used to study the brains of 63 adults: 10 had very low literacy skills, 22 learned to read as adults, and 31 learned to read as children...[Read more](#)

eReading Social with Reading Life

CNW, December 9, 2010

Kobo, a global eReading service where users can read on any device anywhere in the world, launches Reading Life, an industry first social eReading experience...[Read more](#)

To manage health costs, invest in social well-being

Globe and Mail, December 8, 2010

There is now hard medical evidence that a person's economic status and social participation directly affects their physical health. And that, in turn, affects the cost of health care. Addressing the underlying social problems can help to rein in health costs...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Christmas Literacy Activities

[Activities for Holidays How to Kit](#)



Nine Essential Skills of December

[A tongue in cheek use of skills during the holiday season](#)

Make It Count

[Activities and Tips for youth money management](#)

FASD and the Criminal Justice System

[John Howard Society Fact Sheet](#)

Walking the Line

[A Critical Reflection on Tutor-Learner Dynamics](#)