

This Week in Literacy

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NWT Literacy Council



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

Literacy Dates

National Access Awareness Week - May 29-June 4

National Aboriginal Day - June 21

NWT Literacy Week - September 25 - October 1

Announcements and Events

Literacy Matters has a makeover

[Literacy Matters](#), the NWT Literacy Council's newsletter, can now be downloaded from the Council website. It has a whole new look this spring! Literacy Matters is published twice a year and mailed to Council members.

June is membership month!

If you would like to support the NWT Literacy Council and literacy in the NWT, become a Council member. You can fill out an [application](#) today! Memberships expire in June of each year.

Northwords Writers Festival begins today

The Northwords Writers Festival begins today in Yellowknife and runs until Sunday. There will be 28 authors and special guests, workshops, open mic nights and other public events. Visit www.northwordsfestival.ca for more information.

Youth Ambassador Program applications open

The [Youth Ambassador Program](#) provides NWT youth aged 17-25 with leadership development opportunities. The deadline to apply this year is June 10, 2011.

Funding

NGO Stabilization Fund

The Government of the Northwest Territories stabilization fund for non-government organizations is now calling for proposals. The deadline to apply is June 30. For information call 873-7415 or visit the GNWT [website](#).

Family Literacy Funding for 2011-2012

You can now apply to the NWT Literacy Council for family literacy funding for 2011-2012. The [criteria](#) and [application form](#) are on the Council's website.

News

Deconstructing and Reconstructing Cinderella

This journal article looks at the potential role of critical literacy in early childhood in light of the unprecedented changing world of literacy...[Read more](#)

Financial literacy: the kids weigh in

Globe and Mail, May 25, 2011

A note to all the people out there with perpetual credit card debt, mega mortgage payments and a gimme-gimme attitude about spending: Your kids are watching you...[Read more](#)

Aboriginal Adult Literacy Assessment Tool Project shines new light on old numbers

This two-year project gave First Nations and Métis communities the ability to assess their literacy levels, perspectives and needs of adults in their communities by using a survey tool that is culturally appropriate and inclusive, says the Saskatchewan Aboriginal Literacy Network...[Read more](#)

NALD adds interactive comments feature to digital library

NALD library users now have the opportunity to post their

comments when accessing and making use of online resources...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Big Thinking Lecture: First Nations Education

Can we afford to miss out? (video)

Learning and violence

[New materials from Jenny Horseman](#)

Read Aloud Dad

[Blog about reading the best children's books](#)

Moving Smart

[A moving child is a learning child](#)



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