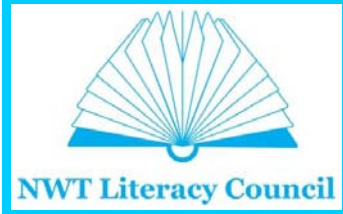


This Week in Literacy

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

Literacy Dates

Father's Day- June 19

National Aboriginal Day - June 21

NWT Literacy Week - September 25 - October 1

Announcements and Events

2011 Census and National Household Survey: Have you been counted?

May 2011 marked the beginning of 2011 Census collection across Canada. If you have already completed your 2011 Census questionnaire, thank-you! If you haven't completed it, don't worry, there's still time to count yourself in. Please call 1-877-468-4621 with any questions.

The International 3-Day Novel Contest

Can you produce a masterwork of fiction in a mere 72 hours? The [International 3-Day Novel Contest](#) is your chance to find out. The contest has run every Labour Day Weekend since 1977 and now attracts writers from all over the world.

The Jack London Short Fiction Contest

Can you spin gruesome, harrowing and heartfelt tales of misadventure and drama in the spirit of legendary Klondike gold-rush era adventure writer Jack London? If yes, we want to hear from you. Here's your chance to write the next best North of Sixty adventure story. Visit [Up Here](#) for more information.

Dr. Alan Middleton Workplace Literacy and Learning Award



Nominees can reflect individual employees, management, union, government and literacy professionals involved in workplace literacy and essential skills. Visit [ABC Life Literacy Canada](#) for more information.

Funding

Girls' Fund grants

The Canadian Women's Foundation offers grants to non-government, non-profit organizations in Canada that support the building of strong, resilient girls. Applications will be accepted until November 2011, and grants can be for up to \$25, 000...[Read more](#)

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

Top 25 most misspelled words

The Star, June 03, 2011

While spelling champs zip their way through words that many people couldn't even look up in the dictionary, the rest of us still struggle with common but confusing words that are often garbled...[Read more](#)

How the brain benefits from bilingualism

Telegraph-Journal, June 2, 2011

Bilingualism is good for far more than just a government job. Prize-winning professor Ellen Bialystok's research shows bilingualism not only helps strengthen the brain's ability to focus, but can help those with Alzheimer's battle the disease for longer than their monolingual neighbours...[Read more](#)

Oral Culture, Literate Culture, Twitter Culture

The Atlantic, May 31, 2011

Social media may be a throwback to the oral cultures that preceded the printing press and education-aided diffusion of literacy. This idea has been bouncing around since some of the first Internet users started to realize that the literacy they'd known wasn't just about reading but paper and the contexts in which it was delivered...[Read more](#)

Young Adults in the North Share Their Stories

This video, about three minutes in length, focuses on a program in Inuvik, Northwest Territories, to help young people improve their literacy skills and set goals for the future...[Watch](#)

Resources and Websites

Carleton Launches New Interactive Sea Ice Atlas

[Inuit siku \(sea ice\) Atlas](#)

First Nations Literacy

[Ningwakwe Learning Press](#)

Information Sheet- Savings Plans

[ABC Life Literacy Canada](#)

The ABCs of saving from Sesame Street

[Video](#)