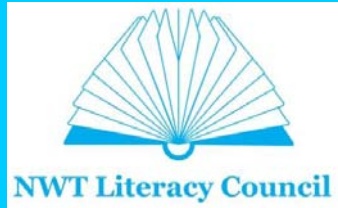


This Week in Literacy

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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.

Literacy Dates

Speech and Hearing Awareness Month - May
National Access Awareness Week - May 29-June 4
National Aboriginal Day - June 21
NWT Literacy Week - September 25 - October 1

Announcements and Events

Read Forward Available from NWT Literacy Council

Read Forward is a reading assessment tool for adult learners. It is a series of tests that learners and practitioners can use to assess changes in reading over time. You can order copies from [Bow Valley College](#) or borrow a copy from the NWT Literacy Council's Resource Centre.

Storytellers this week in Yellowknife

Storytellers from across Canada are in Yellowknife this week for the national annual Storytelling Conference and various public events beginning today. For more information and a schedule of events visit the [Northern Arts and Cultural Centre](#) website.

NWT Elder Abuse Week

NWT Elder Abuse Week coincides with Senior Citizens' Week in the NWT June 12th -18th, 2011. For Elder Abuse Week materials and information you can contact the NWT Seniors Society at 867-920-7444 or toll free 1-800-661-0878 or visit their [website](#).

Nominations open for Persons Awards

[Status of Women Canada](#) is accepting nominations for



the 32nd Annual Governor General's Awards in Commemoration of the Persons Case. Each October, six awards are presented to candidates from across Canada who have helped to advance equality for women and girls. While nominations for the Persons Awards are accepted throughout the year, the deadline for 2011 nominations is June 17, 2011.

Governor General's Canadian Leadership Conference

Applications are now available for the 2012 Governor General's Canadian Leadership Conference. The deadline is September 30, 2011. The application form is available at www.leadershipcanada.ca.

Funding

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.

Community Forward Fund

This is an innovative loan and investment fund that provides loans to charities and nonprofits, as well as financial coaching. Learn more at www.comunityforwardfund.ca

News

Librarians fight for a role in a digital world

Globe and Mail, May 16, 2011

Today, many Canadian children have never even seen a school librarian and never will. Nova Scotia has none, and the full-time equivalent of just three are left in all of New Brunswick...[Read more](#)

Pathways to Education holds special promise for aboriginals

Globe and Mail, April 12, 2011

To change a culture of defeatism to a school-going

culture among at-risk youth borders on the miraculous. Pathways to Education, a non-profit agency, has achieved just this kind of near-miracle in Toronto's Regent Park...[Read more](#)

Study: Education and retirement saving behaviours of families

Many families face competing priorities when it comes to savings. Despite these challenges, parents in all income groups place a high value on saving for their child's postsecondary education...[Read more](#)

E-books outselling print versions on Amazon

Ottawa Citizen, May 20, 2011

Amazon.com Inc. now sells more digital e-books than paper books and its recently introduced lower-priced Kindle e-reader is outselling other versions of the device...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

May is Speech and Hearing Month

[Tips for parents of young children](#)

Financial Literacy Glossary

[Part One](#)

[Part Two](#)

Challenging Literacy Prejudices Through Theatre

[Part of a video series prepared by the Canadian Council on Learning](#)

Workopolis

[The folks behind Work from Home Day](#)