

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

Canadian Children's Book Week - April 30-May 7

Speech and Hearing Awareness Month - May

International Day of Families - May 15

National Access Awareness Week - May 29-June 4

Announcements and Events

New French Materials Available from the NWT Literacy Council

The Literacy Council now has new French materials available online and in hard copy. Visit our [website](#) to see them.

FASD and the Law Webconference

The Canadian Bar Association is holding a webconference discussing the number of people with FASD in the law system. Deadline to register is May 16th, visit their [website](#) for more information.

Six Steps to Success Conference

Six Steps to Success will bring together employers, government agencies, service providers and experts in the field of disability and employment to create a unique opportunity to teach and to learn. This conference will take place in Whitehorse, May 26-28, 2011. Visit the [website](#) to register.

Nominations open for NWT Literacy Awards

The GNWT Department of Education is accepting nominations until May 27, 2011 for the 2011 Ministerial Literacy Awards (youth, educator and organization) and for the Council of the Federation Literacy Award (learner). For information or nomination forms, contact kathryn_walker@gov.nt.ca or 920-8843.

NorthWords Writers Festival Program Released

The NorthWords Writers Festival has released their 2011 Festival Program. The festival runs June 2-5, 2011. Visit their [website](#) to see the planned events, including a family BBQ, book launch, brown bag lunches and evening events.

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. Visit their [website](#) for more information.

Opportunities Fund for Persons with Disabilities

The Opportunities Fund for Persons with Disabilities provides funding for national, regional and local projects that assist people with disabilities in preparing for and finding employment or self-employment, as well as acquiring the skills necessary to maintain that new employment. Visit their [website](#) for more information.

News

Full marks for Nunavut-made high school program

Jane George, Nunatsiaq News

Its most recent module, "Staking the Claim: Dreams, Democracy and Canadian Inuit," receives rave reviews from teachers who say their students are more engaged than ever before in learning...[Read more](#)

N.S. literacy program could overload work

A new program aimed at helping Nova Scotia school children with their reading will strain already burdened teachers and could leave some struggling kids behind, the province's opposition parties say...[Read more](#)

Uganda: Teachers to learn financial literacy

The government has directed Primary Teachers' Training College to integrate financial literacy in their curriculum to enable students get acquainted with financial concepts...[Read more](#)

Low Health Literacy May Have Deadly Consequences

Jennifer Warner, WebMD Health News,
April 26, 2011

Not knowing enough about basic health can be deadly for people with heart failure, a new study finds. The study shows that nearly one in five people with heart failure have low health literacy, making them more than twice as likely to die as a result of their condition...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Spin and Spell

[Fun Spelling Game](#)

Sentence Clubhouse

[Have fun with sentences](#)

Second Grade Science Jeopardy

[Be a game show star!](#)

Geosense

[Practice your geography skills](#)