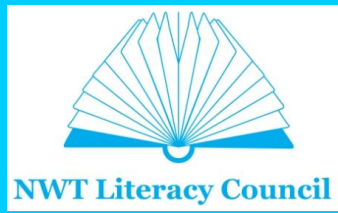


This Week in Literacy

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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 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

More New Aboriginal Language Family Literacy Materials

The NWT Literacy Council's children's growth chart is now available online or in print in the NWT's Aboriginal languages! And, so are the Building Aboriginal Literacy cards with tips for parents on using your Aboriginal language with your children. Check them out online under [What's New](#), under [Aboriginal Language Resources](#) or contact the Council.

Aboriginal Day Live Flag Contest

[APTN](#) invites entries to its flag design contest from youth aged 12 to 17. Individuals and schools can win prizes by designing a flag that reflects what National Aboriginal Day means to you! Deadline for entries is May 13, 2011.

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 kathrvn_walker@gov.nt.ca or 920-8843.

Identifying and Supporting Aboriginal People: FASD in a Cultural Context

There is a free, pan-Canadian discussion via telephone or internet on May 18, 2011 from noon to 1:30 pm. with Debbie Dedam-Montour of the National Indian and Inuit Community Health Representatives Organization. This event will be of interest to early childhood educators, community health workers and child welfare workers. For more information and to register: www.chnet-works.ca

Funding

Community Literacy Development Fund

This GNWT fund helps community groups develop and deliver local programs to increase literacy levels. Applications received by April 29, 2011 will be given priority. Contact your regional Education, Culture and Employment Service Centre for an application package.

Small Community Employment Support Program

This GNWT program provides support to youth and adults to secure jobs and gain work experience in small NWT communities. For more information contact the Education, Culture and Employment Service Centre in your region. Applications received by May 13 will be given priority.

News

Western Arctic Federal Election Candidates on Literacy Questions

The NWT Literacy Council is pleased that the New Democratic Party and Green Party candidates are avid supporters of literacy. Both candidates acknowledged the strong link between literacy, poverty and social inclusion. The Council is disappointed that the other Western Arctic riding candidates did not respond to the questions about literacy that the Council

posed...[Read more](#)

Political parties respond to Canada's literacy and essential skills challenge

In anticipation of the upcoming federal election, Canada's national literacy organizations got together and asked each of the major parties to provide their plan on how they would address the needs of individual Canadians to improve their literacy and essential skills...[Read more](#)

A wise investment in financial literacy

Campaign encourages women to take control of their finances...[Read more](#)

AlphaPlus: The power of sharing - social bookmarking and the AlphaPlus Web Index

Social bookmarking tools let users save their bookmarks and share them publicly. They also allow communities of users to look at websites and keep track of the ones they think are valuable. Some of these users are interested in adult basic education and literacy...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

2011 Federal Election

[Canadian Social Research Links](#)

Read Every Day. Lead a Better Life.

[Global Literacy Campaign](#)

Adult Literacy and ESL Resources

[Grass Roots Press](#)

We need playful Children

[Guest blog at Imagination Soup](#)