

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

Human Rights Day - December 10
Family Literacy Day - January 27

Announcements and Events

Looking for northern youth interested in participating in International Polar Year

Join the discussions on [International Polar Year](#) until December 12 and be considered for an all-expense paid trip to participate in a panel discussion in Montreal spring 2012 at the conference "From Knowledge to Action". This is open to youth 18 to 30 years of age.

Wise Women Award nominations open

The [Wise Women Awards](#) are given out annually by the Status of Women Council of the NWT. The deadline to nominate someone is January 31, 2012.

Family Literacy Day Activities

[ABC Canada](#) has a variety of games, activities, information sheets and posters to download for Family Literacy Day. Print the comic strip that kids can draw themselves and create an

adventure!

The Great-West Life, London Life and Canada Life Literacy Innovation Award

This award honors innovation in adult literacy or adult-integrated family literacy programs. [Award applications](#) are being accepted until June 1, 2012.

Funding

Aboriginal Peoples' Program

The Canadian Heritage [Aboriginal Peoples' Program](#) is looking for proposals for several streams including:

- Aboriginal Language Initiative
- Cultural Connections for Aboriginal Youth
- Aboriginal Women's Programming element

Proposals are due December 16, 2011.

Funding for digital cultural content

The [Canada Interactive Fund](#) aims to support the creation of digital and interactive Canadian cultural content, developed by official-language minority communities, Aboriginal and ethnocultural organizations, and other non-profit organizations. The application deadline is January 9, 2012.

News

Ottawa to create new financial literacy office

The federal government plans to create a "Financial Literacy Leader" office designed to help debt-burdened Canadians improve their money management, but some consumer advocates believe the initiative might be a waste of cash...[Read more](#)

A glimpse into the future of Canada's skills gap

Unemployment remains stubbornly high, and yet employers complain that they can't find the people with the skills they need...[Read more](#)

Essential skills video shows similar gap

There are too many workers with level 1 and 2 essential skills and not enough with higher level skills...[Watch the video](#)

Resources and Websites

Workink

[Career development and employment portal for Canadians with disabilities](#)

Indigo's best books of 2011

[Gift inspiration for holiday shoppers](#)

Attachment

[from the Early Learning Series](#)

Essential Skills for Internet Use

[Manual for adult learners](#)