

This Week in Literacy December 8, 2011

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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

DownNorth Tales book launch

Author and historian Randy Freeman will launch his new book, *DownNorth Tales: Stories from Yellowknife*, on Saturday at the Yellowknife Book Cellar from 2-4 pm.

"Not Our Youth" Film Festival call for submissions

The "[Not Our Youth Film Festival](#)" is in February 2012. It is centered around addictions awareness, where youth are invited to make and submit films for the chance to be screened at the festival and enter to win some great prizes (including a grand prize trip for 2 to Hollywood!). Film submission deadline is December 15.



Winter Book Sale in Yellowknife

The Friends of the Yellowknife Public Library are holding a [Winter Book Sale](#) December 15-18 at the library meeting room. The early bird special is Thursday, December 15 from 6-8:30 pm.

Nominate a Yellowknifer for a Difference Maker Award

The City of Yellowknife is accepting nominations for the [Rick Hansen Difference Maker Award](#). The deadline for nominations is December 19. The award will be presented during a visit to the city by Rick Hansen on January 23, 2012.

Funding

Engaging Young People to Prevent Violence Against Women on Post-Secondary Campuses

The Women's Program of Status of Women Canada has launched a [call for proposals](#) for projects that aim to reduce gender-based violence on post-secondary campuses. The deadline for applications is January 27, 2012.

Girls' Fund Grants

The Canadian Women's Foundation funds programs for girls between the ages of 9 and 13 that use these approaches: leadership/empowerment; physical activities/sports; science/math/technology; media literacy; financial literacy; and/or Aboriginal culture and teachings. The deadline to submit [Girls' Fund Grants](#) applications is December 20.

News

Margaret Atwood says Twitter, internet boost literacy

CBC news, December 5, 2011

Rather than turn our noses up at Twitter, we should celebrate it and the internet as new platforms for instant communication and as drivers of literacy. says CanLit legend Margaret



Atwood...[Read more](#)

The National Summit for the Charitable and Nonprofit Sector

Last week, nearly 500 nonprofit leaders came together in Ottawa...to focus their energy and experience over the course of the two-day Summit... [Read more](#)

Never enough books for Literacy Council's Alaska programs

Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, October 2, 2010

Maggie Barrowclough's workspace is surrounded by piles and piles of books. The stacks of boxes, full of more books, tower over her head...[Read more](#)

Mikimaniq report - a Shared Approach to Poverty Reduction

Nunatsiaq News, December 1, 2011

Nunavut's first territory-wide poverty summit has a vision to cut poverty with the help of all Nunavummiut...[Read more](#)



Return on Apprenticeship Training Investment for Employers

The results of a survey looking at 15 trades across the country presents the costs and benefits to employers of training apprentices...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Understanding Medical and Disability Information

[A resource for classroom teachers](#)

Drug Wars - Last Call (video)

[The sobering truth about drinking during pregnancy](#)

Hallelujah Chorus - Quinhagak, Alaska

[5th grade school project \(video\)](#)

Hidden Gem

[New School teaching resources for adult learners](#)