

This Week in Literacy

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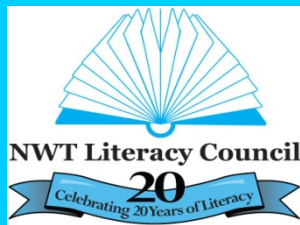
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The NWT Literacy Council is a non-profit, non-government agency dedicated to supporting the development of literacy in all official languages of the NWT.

Literacy Dates

Heritage Day - February 17

Freedom to Read Week - February 20-26

Adult Learners Week - March 1-7

Aboriginal Languages Month - March

Announcements and Events

The Art of Songwriting with Leela Gilday

Join Juno award-winning singer/songwriter, Leela Gilday for a [songwriting workshop](#) in Yellowknife this Saturday at Aurora College from 1-4 pm. No songwriting experience is necessary.

Check out our New Digital Literacy page

The NWT Literacy Council has a new and very extensive [Digital Literacy](#) page on its website. Learn about digital storytelling, blogging, internet safety, evaluating websites and more! New material is being posted regularly so check back often. We'd love to hear your reaction to this page and our website generally!

Postcard Story Competition

The Writers' Union of Canada is accepting submissions until February 14, 2011, for the 2011 [Postcard Story Competition](#). The winning entry will be the best Canadian work of 250 words or less in the English language, fiction or nonfiction. The prize is \$500 for the winning entry.

Writing Contest for Kids and Teens

Do you have a story or a poem about someone that is changing the world? Are you in Grade 4 to 12? This

year's Book Week Writing Contest theme is *Changing the World, One Child at a Time*. Entry deadline is February 18, 2011. For information contact carolyn@bookcentre.ca or go to www.bookweek.ca.

Funding

Aboriginal Women's Program Funding

The Aboriginal Peoples' Program is now accepting applications for the Aboriginal Women's Programming Elements for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. The deadline is February 28, 2011. [Application requirements are online](#) or contact Cynthia Welna at 867-766-8490.

Indigo Love of Reading Foundation grants for schools

The Indigo Love of Reading Foundation commits \$1.5 million to 20 high-needs schools in Canada each year. Submissions are accepted until February 11, 2011. You can download an [application and other information](#).

News

Elizabeth May on Huck Finn

Read this story and other reactions to the planned "sanitization" of Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Huck Finn* on the [Freedom to Read website](#).

Quebec School Board students to become responsible Digital Citizens

The Lester B. Pearson School Board announced the introduction of a Digital Citizenship program to all their schools and centres, at a press conference today. The Board becomes the first school board in Quebec, and one of the few in Canada, to adopt such a program...[Read more](#)

Release of literature review on Aboriginal Education

The Council of Ministers of Education, Canada, has published a literature review on factors that support successful transitions by Aboriginal students from K-12

to postsecondary education...[Read more](#)

10 Reasons Play Makes Babies Smarter

Toys and games aren't just fun, they help with baby development, intellect, social skills, and learning. Here are the most important things your infant gains when playing with blocks, bubbles, dolls and boxes...[Read more](#)

First Nations may be answer to aging mining workforce as boom takes off

Canadian Press, January 30, 2011

Canadian miners are getting old. The workers driving the trucks, controlling the big machines and heading underground everyday are growing grey and sooner rather than later will be headed for retirement just as commodity prices head through the roof, driven by demand from China...[Readmore](#)

Resources and Websites

Mental Health and High School Curriculum Guide

Teenmentalhealth.org

Freedom to Read Week

[Download information and kits](#)

Math that Matters

[A teacher resource for linking math and social justice](#)

AlphaPlus Launches 'Ask Us' Service

[New Technology help for adult literacy educators](#)