

# This Week in Literacy January 26, 2012

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

Family Literacy Day - January 27

Heritage Day - February 17

Freedom to Read Week - February 26-March 3

## Announcements and Events

### Family Fun Fair Saturday in Yellowknife

Join us for the [Family Fun Fair](#) on Saturday from 2-4 pm at Northern United Place in Yellowknife. There will be tons of fun activities for children aged 3-7 years, accompanied by an adult. We are hosting this Family Literacy Day event along with Alpha TNO, Canadian Parents for French and the Literacy Outreach Centre.



**Students at Deninu School in Fort Resolution made Literacy in Everyday Life posters as part of this week's Family Literacy afternoon**

### Learn more about Digital Storytelling

Katie Randall is delivering a [Digital Storytelling Workshop](#) on February 18 from 1-4 pm at our office. There is room for 10 participants. Please register by February 10. Contact [katie@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:katie@nwtliteracy.ca) for more information.

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### **Orphan socks wanted**

Do you have orphan socks in your drawer? These are the single socks whose match has gone missing. We want clean socks to make sock puppets. You can drop clean socks off at our office at 5122 - 48th St. in Yellowknife.



### **Raise-a-Reader colouring contest**

You have until January 31 to participate in the [Family Literacy Day Colouring Contest](#) for a chance to win one of 13 Family Literacy Day Raise-a-Reader prize packs!

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## **Funding**

### **Family Literacy Funding**

The NWT Literacy Council still has some [Family Literacy Funding](#) available this fiscal year for community family literacy projects. Contact [pat@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:pat@nwtliteracy.ca) or call 1-866-599-6758 for more information. The criteria and application form are on our website. We can help you identify someone with the required family literacy training.

### **RBC After School Grants**

This year's [After-School Grants Project](#) is offering more than \$2 million to fund first-time and renewed grant recipients. Grants of up to \$40,000 are provided by the RBC Foundation to programs located in at-risk or underserved communities. The deadline for applications is March 12, 2012.

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## **News**

### **Yellowknifer to tackle Mongol Rally**

*Yellowknifer, January 25, 2012*

Lachlan MacLean is driving this summer



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across roughly one-third of the world's circumference with no specific route, no support vehicles and no guarantee that he will get to where he's going. Almost as challenging is his plan to raise big money for youth literacy in the NWT...[Read more](#)

### **Literacy: more than reading**

Learning in everyday life is this year's theme for Family Literacy Day on Friday, January 27th. Minister of Education, Culture and Employment, the Honourable Jackson Lafferty, encourages families in the Northwest Territories to take time to remember that literacy includes much more than just reading and writing...[Read more](#)

### **Money, education, consultation needed to fulfill summit goals**

*Globe and Mail, January 25, 2012*

The Crown-First Nations summit was, in the words of Chief Roger Augustine, "a 100-per-cent success." But if first steps are to become a journey, three guideposts must point the way...[Read more](#)

### **Young children show gift for multiple languages, says U of C study**

*Edmonton Journal, January 23, 2012*

Multilingual parents needn't worry about confusing their children with multiple languages spoken at home, as new research findings out of the University of Calgary reveal children can acquire and switch between languages effortlessly as long as they start young and interact regularly in those tongues...[Read more](#)

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## **Resources and Websites**

### **Menial No More: Advancing Our Workforce through Digital Skills**

[February 8 webinar and report](#)

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**Michif Language Training Goes Viral**

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