

This Week in Literacy January 5, 2012

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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

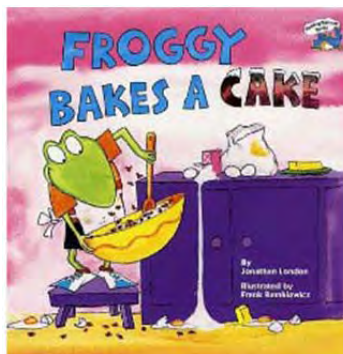
Announcements and Events

Learning in Everyday Life

We have a new [Learning in Everyday Life How to Kit](#) to help you celebrate this year's theme for National Family Literacy Day January 27. You can find it and other Family Literacy Day resources at What's New at www.nwt.literacy.ca

Little Chefs Program Training

Register now for the January 21 workshop to learn how to deliver the Little Chefs Program to young children. This event is part of our series of free Saturday family literacy workshops. For more information or to register contact us at 873-9262 or email kathryn@nwtliteracy.ca



Financial Literacy Facilitator Training

Are you interested in delivering financial literacy workshops? We are offering financial literacy facilitator training in Yellowknife February 16-17. For more information contact us at 873-9262 or nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca

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.

National Awards for Excellence in Mental Health

The [Kaiser Foundation](#) gives awards to individuals, organizations or programs whose work in mental health and addiction is worthy of recognition. There are eight categories. Nominations are open until February 28.

Funding

Celebrate Canada! funding

[Canadian Heritage](#) provides money for activities organized from June 21st to July 1st. In 2012 the Department will give priority to activities that celebrate one or both of these anniversaries: the 60th anniversary of the reign of Her Majesty as Queen of Canada or the 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812. The deadline to apply is January 16, 2012. For information contact: joel.frohman@pch.gc.ca or 1-800-661-0585.

Small Change Fund

[Small Change Fund](#) can help your project get access to individual donors across Canada. It is accepting proposals for projects which impact our environment and projects with a focus on First Nations, Inuit, and Metis peoples.

News

Deadline tomorrow for chance to win Family Literacy prize pack

Tomorrow is the early bird deadline to register your National Family Literacy Day event for a chance to win a Family Literacy prize pack...[Read more](#)

Canada's potential is inseparable from aboriginal potential

The Toronto Star, January 2, 2012

Aboriginal youth are the fastest-growing segment of the Canadian population. There are almost half a million Aboriginal people under the age of 20, yet their university attainment is just one-third the national average. The education gap in this country is large and growing, a trend that must be reversed...[Read more](#)

This teacher is on a mission to educate First Nations

Globe and Mail, January 2, 2012

Michelle Durant-Dudley's goal was simple: to ensure that First Nations people had the credentials they needed to take full advantage of emerging job opportunities, rather than being relegated to the back rooms. "It's like being in a candy store, but you can't touch anything," she said. "They see these great jobs, but they're stuck in housekeeping."...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Links to Literacy

[Linking educators, parents and children together through literacy](#)

The blackboard in your mind (video)

[A method for teaching difficult to spell words](#)

Guard Against Bullying

[Series includes facilitator's guide and fact sheets](#)

NALD's feature of the month

[A document about Canadian English](#)