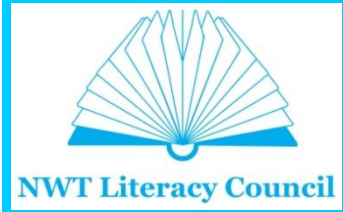


This Week in Literacy

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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 in all official languages of the NWT.

Literacy Dates

Aboriginal Languages Month - March

Adult Learners Week - April 2-9

National Volunteer Week - April 10-16

Canada Book Day - April 23

Announcements and Events

International Adult Learners' Week 2011 (IALW 2011) in Canada, from April 2nd to April 9th, urges each one of us to see ourselves as learners

What did you learn today? What would you like to have learned? What prevented you from learning?...In the 21st century, the need to embed principles of lifelong learning in education and broader development policies is more urgent than ever. Lifelong learning principles, if systematically implemented, will be able to contribute to more just and equitable societies...[Read more](#)

Celebrate Aboriginal Languages by Reviewing Plan

March is Aboriginal Languages Month in the NWT. It's an ideal time to review the [Northwest Territories Aboriginal Languages Plan: A Shared Responsibility](#). Think about how your organization, government or how you individually can contribute to healthy languages and healthy communities.

Canadian Aboriginal Writing Challenge

Are you an Aboriginal Canadian between the ages of 14-29? Showcase your talent and creativity. have your

work reviewed by the foremost Aboriginal storytellers! You could win cash prizes and even have your work published in a national magazine! The deadline for [the Challenge](#) is March 31, 2011.

Arctica's Writing Space Contest

Categories are poetry, creative non-fiction and short fiction that explore the theme of space and the circumpolar region-literally or figuratively, it's up to you. [Arctica Contest](#) entries can be submitted by anyone, from anywhere until midnight April 1, 2011.

Funding

Family Literacy Funding for 2011-2012

You can now apply to the NWT Literacy Council for family literacy funding for 2011-2012. The new [criteria](#) and [application form](#) are on the Council's website.

Wellness Program Fund for FASD Prevention and Intervention

The GNWT Department of Health and Social Services is requesting proposals for FASD prevention and intervention funding until April 11, 2011. You can ask for information and an application form from Erin_shea@gov.nt.ca

2012 Fall and Winter Festival Funding

The application for the [Building Communities through Arts and Heritage Program](#) is now on the web. Local Festivals component of the program provides funding for recurring festivals that present the work of local artists, artisans, or historical performers. The application deadline is April 1, 2011.

News

De Beers Canada supports NWT Literacy Council focus on families

NationTalk, March 22, 2011

De Beers Canada is pleased to announce a family literacy partnership for 2011 that continues support for family literacy initiatives by the NWT Literacy Council in communities close to the Snap Lake Mine...[Read More](#)

Adult Literacy: It's never too late to start learning

Metro Canada, March 22, 2011

Thirty-seven-year-old businessman Brian Armstrong has a secret he's willing to share. Until age 23, one of the few things he could read was a menu, and even that wasn't always correct. If it hadn't been for an insightful and determined "former biker" friend, he'd still be that way...[Read More](#)

Balanced Literacy ... many different learning styles for children

Literacy News, March 16, 2011

Balanced literacy is a theory based on the idea that there are many different learning styles for children who are learning to read...[Read more](#)

The Federal Budget and an alternative

The [federal budget](#) announcement this week included \$9 million dollars for adult basic education over the next two years in the north. The [alternative federal budget](#) released by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives included a national public early childhood education care program.

Resources and Websites

2011 Census Adult Education Kit

[The next census is in May!](#)

Project Read Literacy Network

[Publications and Resources](#)

Your Child's Brain

[Building a Strong Structure](#)

Financial Fitness Challenge

[Contest, toolbox, online training](#)