

# This Week in Literacy

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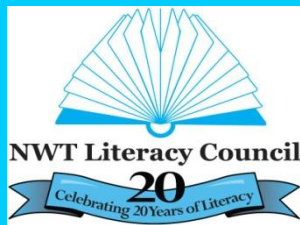
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The NWT Literacy Council is a non-profit, non-government agency dedicated to supporting the development of literacy in all official languages of the NWT.

## Literacy Dates

Aboriginal Languages Month - March

Adult Learners Week - April 2-9

Canada Book Day - April 23

## Announcements and Events

### Essential Skills at Work in the North Featured

The National Adult Literacy Database (NALD) has chosen the NWT Literacy Council's [Essential Skills at Work in the North](#) as its feature of the month on the NALD@Work website. They will feature it for the whole month of March. The Council's resources are often among the Top 20 Downloads from the [NALD website](#). In January eight of the Top 20 Downloads were the Council's resources.



### Stretch Your Writing Muscles

Dawn Curtis is holding a [writing workshop](#) in Yellowknife March 12 from 1-5 pm and the Yellowknife Public Library Meeting Room. Learn how simple movements and breathing exercises can help you tap into your body as a source of inspiration for your writing. Register in advance at the Yellowknife Book Cellar; cost is \$40.

### Program Planning and Proposal Writing Workshop

[Register](#) now for the NWT Literacy Council's Program Planning and Proposal Writing Workshop in Behchoko.

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May 24-25, 2011.

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## **Funding**

### **Social Development Partnerships Program**

Up to \$20,000 in funding is available for eligible organizations to enable people with disabilities to participate in conferences and other events between June 1, 2011 and March 31, 2012. You are asked to review the [Call for Proposals](#) for accommodation projects before applying for funding. Deadline to apply is March 21.

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## **News**

### **Boys crack open books looking for heroes**

*Simcoe.com, February 28, 2011*

A group of Goodfellow Public School boys recently discovered heroes and adventures between the covers of books...[Read more](#)

### **Canada's Ministers of Education urged to endorse a Métis specific forum on Education and Training**

*CNW, February 24, 2011*

At a meeting with National Aboriginal Leaders and Canada's provincial and territorial Ministers of Education (CMEC), Métis National Council Minister of Education, Robert Doucette called for Métis-specific solutions to educational challenges...[Read more](#)

### **CNIB Receives Interim Funding for Library Operations**

CNIB is pleased to announce it has received a one-time grant from the Federal Government of just over \$7 million to support the CNIB Library, Canada's largest producer of alternative-format material...[Read more](#)

### **Health and Literacy Program Introduced**

*Ruston Daily Leader*

Getting books from the doctor will soon be a routine part of regular pediatric checkups at Ruston Pediatrics. as

doctors and nurses welcome the Reach Out and Read program to the practice...[Read more](#)

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## **Resources and Websites**

### **Languages in Danger**

[Interactive Atlas](#)

### **Celebrate Aboriginal Languages Month**

[Dene Games](#)

### **Literacy and Parenting Skills**

[Activity Book](#)

### **Spell a Roo**

[Fun Spelling Game](#)