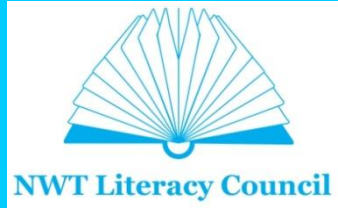


# This Week in Literacy

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## NWT Literacy Council



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## Literacy Dates

International Children's Book Day - April 2

Adult Learners' Week - April 2-9

National Volunteer Week - April 10-16

Canada Book Day - April 23

## Announcements and Events

### New Adult Learner Stories Posted

Just in time for International Adult Learners' Week - new stories by NWT adult learners are on the [NWT Literacy Council website](#). You can find more about Adult Learners' Week and more learner stories at the [NALD website](#).

### Nominations open for NWT Literacy Awards

The GNWT Department of Education is accepting nominations until May 27, 2011 for the 2011 Ministerial Literacy Awards (youth, educator and organization) and for the Council of the Federation Literacy Award (learner). For information or nomination forms, contact [kathryn\\_walker@gov.nt.ca](mailto:kathryn_walker@gov.nt.ca) or 920-8843.

### National Outdoor Leadership School

The National Outdoor Leadership School, is a non-profit organization that offers expeditions teaching leadership, wilderness skills, technical travel skills, and environmental studies. Its courses take place around the world, including Yukon. For more information go to <http://www.nols.edu/>

### Yellowknife Public Library Welcomes

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### **William Deverell**

A free presentation by Canadian crime writer, William Deverell, the creator of the television series Street Legal will be held Monday, April 4 at 7:00 pm in the Yellowknife Library Meeting Room. For more information, call 920-5642.

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### **Funding**

#### **Family Literacy Funding for 2011-2012**

You can now apply to the NWT Literacy Council for family literacy funding for 2011-2012. The [criteria](#) and new [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](mailto:Erin_shea@gov.nt.ca)

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### **News**

#### **The link between education and health**

Education is known to have an effect on health. But to what extent do good health and healthy behaviours contribute to educational attainment? This publication reviews current knowledge ...[Read more](#)

#### **American idiots: A tale of two civic literacy studies**

*washingtonexaminer.com, March 22, 2011*

I never thought I'd use a Green Day song as a post title, but here we are. Newsweek recently ran a story about a civic literacy test they conducted. And the results were not good...[Read more](#)

#### **Low literacy may lead to medication nonadherence**

*ModernMedicine. March 22. 2011*

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Many patients, especially those with limited literacy, do not consolidate prescription medication regimens efficiently, which could lead to nonadherence, reported a recent study in the Archives of Internal Medicine...[Read more](#)

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## **Resources and Websites**

### **International Children's Book Day**

[International Board on Books for Young People](#)

### **Vote. Shape Your World**

[Elections Canada online](#)

### **Canadian Centre for ADHD/ADD Advocacy, Canada**

[Resources for educators, parents, adults and teens](#)

### **Lighting up the Darkness**

[Youth in Care Comic Book](#)

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