

# This Week in Literacy November 25, 2010

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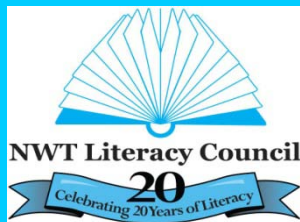
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The NWT Literacy Council is a non-profit, non-government agency dedicated to supporting the development of literacy in all official languages of the NWT.

## Literacy Dates

Human Rights Day - December 10  
Family Literacy Day - January 27

## Announcements and Events

### Literacy Council has new board member

Karen Wall, of Hay River, has been elected as the South Slave representative on the NWT Literacy Council board of directors. The Council thanks outgoing long-time South Slave member, George Collins, for all his contributions. In the Dehcho, Dean Harvey was re-elected as the regional representative.

### TD National Reading Summit II: Toward a Nation of Readers

Registration is now open for the second National Reading Summit taking place in Montreal, January 20-21, 2011. The summit is part of the National Reading Campaign to incorporate and promote reading as a central feature of 21st century Canadian citizenship.

### Family Literacy Day - January 27, 2011

The official Family Literacy Day 2011 theme is Play! Play for Literacy encourages Canadians from coast-to-coast to participate together in games and play dates with family, neighbours and friends on Family Literacy Day, January 27, 2011. Plan your Play for Literacy activity with help from [ABC Life Literacy Canada](#).

## Funding

**Volunteer Organization Development Contribution Program**

The GNWT Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) has funding for training, workshops, instruction or courses that strengthen the capacity of volunteer organizations and volunteers. Applications must be sent at least 6 weeks before the event. [Click here](#) for the links to the funding policy and application form.

### **Women's Community Fund**

Status of Women Canada accepts applications on an ongoing basis in three priority areas: ending violence against women and girls, especially those in remote, Aboriginal, and immigrant communities; improving women and girls' economic security and prosperity, and; encouraging women and girls in leadership and decision-making roles. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **News**

#### **Teaching techniques to help make instruction for adult learners more efficient**

One of the problems in adult basic skills education is the need to get adults out of basic skills education and into work, vocational or academic coursework as rapidly as possible. There is evidence to suggest that the best way to accomplish this is to intensify the instruction of basic skills...[Read more](#)

#### **Paying students to get good grades**

*News 1130, Vancouver, November 21, 2010* Aboriginal educators in BC insist that the idea of paying students to get good grades works, even though the idea was panned in Ontario...[Read more](#)

#### **Perspectives on Education: Voices of Eminent Canadians**

LEARNing Landscapes has a special issue featuring short commentaries on education from twenty-four eminent Canadians. Contributors include Right Honourable Paul Martin, Governor General David Johnston, astronaut Julie Pavette, dancer Margie Gillis, Green Party leader

Elizabeth May, and climate change activist Sheila Watt-Cloutier...[Read more](#)

### **Dropout law upsets First Nations chief**

*CBC News, November 19, 2010*

A Manitoba First Nations leader says he's upset a proposed new provincial law forcing youth to stay in school until they graduate or turn 18 won't apply on reserves...[Read more](#)

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## **Resources and Websites**

### **Life Literacy Radio**

[Topics include adult and family literacy, workplace education and life-long learning.](#)

### **River of Live**

[Innovative online Aboriginal youth suicide prevention training](#)

### **Read Early, Read Aloud**

[Tips, Resources, Games](#)

### **Best of The Reader**

[E-books for adult literacy and English as a second language learners](#)