

This Week in Literacy

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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

Human Rights Day - December 10

Family Literacy Day - January 27

Announcements and Events

Family Literacy Day Activities

[ABC Canada](#) has a variety of games, activities, information sheets and posters to download for Family Literacy Day. Print the comic strip that kids can draw themselves and create an adventure!

We have two board member openings

Do you want to be part of our exciting organization? The NWT Literacy Council is looking for nominations for board members to represent two regions: the Tlicho region and Yellowknife, Ndilo and Dettah. [Nomination forms](#) are available on our website. The deadline for nominations is November 30.

Charity Village offers discount

Charity Village's eLearning program just turned six! To celebrate, there is a 20% [discount on eLearning courses](#) until December 9. Use the promo code Birthday20 when checking out. There are 13 online courses of interest to volunteer groups.

Funding

Aboriginal Peoples' Program

The Canadian Heritage [Aboriginal Peoples' Program](#) is looking for proposals for several

streams including:

- Aboriginal Language Initiative
- Cultural Connections for Aboriginal Youth
- Aboriginal Women's Programming element

Proposals are due December 16, 2011.

City of Yellowknife Special Grants

Applications for the [City of Yellowknife](#) special grants are due on January 10, 2012.

News

Legislative Assembly priorities set

NWT Legislative Assembly members have established their priorities. *Believing in People and Building on the Strengths of Northerners* will form the basis for plans and budgets for the next four years...[Read more](#)

For some kids, a book is just an iPad that doesn't work

Globe and Mail,
November 19

At the age of 2,
Calvin Wang's

son seems to have learned a truism that is already ricocheting around the Internet: A book is an iPad that doesn't work...[Read more](#)



End child poverty anniversary today

On November 24th 1989, Canada's House of Commons passed an unanimous all-party resolution to eliminate child poverty by the year 2000. Still, one in 10 Canadian children and one in four Aboriginal children live in poverty. Poverty impacts health and education outcomes. Canada without Poverty asks people to support a private members bill called the Act to Eliminate Poverty in Canada (Bill C-233)...[Read more](#)

Crime bill worries NWT Justice Minister

CBC news, November 22, 2011

A new federal crime bill is likely to increase the number of people in jail in the territory and hit aboriginal offenders harder than others, N.W.T. Justice Minister Glen Abernethy says...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

ESL Literacy Network

[Resources on teaching English as a Second Language](#)

Summer in Smaillywood Essential Skills Series

[Manual for online games aimed at young adult learners](#)

Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario

[Resources on a range of social justice issues](#)

Know your rights

[Podcasts for CBC Radio series](#)