

# This Week in Literacy November 3, 2011

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 and essential skills in all official languages of the NWT.

## Literacy Dates

National Child Day - November 20

Human Rights Day - December 10

Family Literacy Day - January 27

## Announcements and Events

### Inuvialuit at the Smithsonian

Connecting the Present and the Past - learn about a 2009 Inuvialuit delegation that travelled to Washington D.C. to examine 19th century Inuvialuit artifacts collected by the Smithsonian. This event is at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife on November 8 at 7 pm.

### NorthWords Workshop and AGM

[NorthWords Writers Festival](#) is holding a workshop and its annual general meeting on November 12 at Aurora College. Join author Richard Van Camp for his workshop, How to Make a Great Living as an Author, from 9:30 to 2:30 pm in Room 308. Register ahead of time at the Yellowknife Book Cellar. The fee is \$50. The AGM follows at 3 pm.

### Aboriginal Languages Directory

The Office of the Language Commissioner of the NWT is compiling an Aboriginal Languages Directory. They are asking all Aboriginal interpreters, translators and transcribers to contact them to find out how to be listed in the directory. Call 678-2200 in Inuvik or 920-7753 in Yellowknife.

## **Changemakers Initiative contest**

The Changemakers Initiative [Inspiring Approaches to First Nations, Metis and Inuit Learning](#) is seeking entries to its contest from individuals groups or organizations. Any entries for inside or outside the classroom learning initiatives is welcomed. There will be 30 cash prizes, including three for submissions focussed on career and workplace training tailored to Aboriginal people. The early entry prize deadline is December 7, 2011.

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## **Funding**

### **See the World with an International Aboriginal Youth Internship**

Are you - or is someone you know - an Aboriginal youth interested in international development projects? The [International Aboriginal Youth Internships](#) offer incredible opportunities to take part in project overseas, including extended stays in Uganda or Jamaica.

### **National Victims of Crime Awareness Week**

The Government of Canada will provide funding for organizations to host events during [National Victims of Crime Awareness Week](#) April 22 - 28, 2012. This year's theme is Moving Forward. The deadline to submit your funding application is November 7, 2011.

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## **News**

### **NWT Literacy Council congratulates new Minister of Education, Culture and Employment**

The NWT Literacy Council looks forward to working again with Mr. Lafferty. "We believe that Mr. Lafferty understands the success that community-based programs bring to literacy and essential skills development." said the Council president. Suzanne



Robinson today.

"The prosperity of the Northwest Territories is tied to increasing literacy and essential skills"...[Read more](#)

### **Non-profits worried new law will hurt smaller agencies**

*Globe and Mail, October 31, 2011*

Canada's non-profit sector is grappling with the implications of a new federal law that gives members the equivalent of shareholder rights - creating avenues for more accountability and engagement but also concern over legal expenses and unintended consequences...[Read more](#)

### **Good intentions go unfulfilled**

*Vancouver Sun, November 1, 2011*

More than two decades ago, Canada stated its good intentions when it passed the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. But it's not lived up to them and prospects for some Canadian children are getting worse...[Read more](#)

### **Child care goes high tech**

*Chronicle Herald, October 31, 2011*

Parents use smartphones, tablets, gadgets to keep toddlers occupied, help them learn...[Read more](#)

### **Learning and Development Spending fell sharply in Canada**

Spending on learning and development in Canada fell 13 percent since 2008, and is down 40 percent since its peak in the early 1990s, according to the Conference Board of Canada...[Read more](#)

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## **Resources and Websites**

### **Offbeat math**

[Sizing up a world of 7 billion people](#)

### **Veterans' Week November 5-11, 2011**

[Resources for educators and youth](#)

**American Indian Heritage Teaching  
Resources**

[Smithsonian Education](#)

**50 Little Things You Can Do**

[To Empower Other People](#)