

This Week in Literacy October 14, 2010

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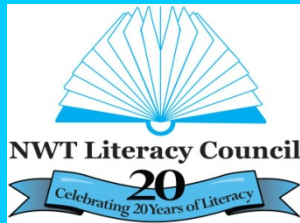
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The NWT Literacy Council is a non-profit, non-government agency dedicated to supporting the development of literacy in all official languages of the NWT.

Literacy Dates

Canadian Library Month - October

Learning Disabilities Awareness Month - October

Media Literacy Week - November 1-5

Announcements and Events

NorthWords Workshop and AGM

Richard Van Camp and Annelies Pool will hold a workshop Saturday, October 30, 2010, 10 am - 2:30 pm at Aurora College, Room 308 in Yellowknife. Register in advance at Yellowknife Book Cellar. The NorthWords Annual General Meeting follows at 3 pm. For more information: www.northwordsfestival.ca

Free Web-based Professional Development for Teachers

The free professional development webcasts, called "[Teacher Talks](#)," focus on topics that include boosting adolescent literacy, building reading fluency, implementing inquiry-based instruction, managing your classroom, motivating students and individualizing instruction.

Aboriginal Health Forum

The 2010 Aboriginal Health Forum: Childhood & Youth Mental Illness Prevention & Intervention Strategies is November 29th and 30th at the Yellowknife Inn. For more information [click here](#).

Funding

Family Literacy funding

Funding for community family literacy projects is available from the NWT Literacy Council for projects completed by March 31, 2011. Family Literacy Training is a funding requirement. Check out the [funding criteria and application form](#), email [Katie Randall](#) or call the Council at 873-9262 or 1-866-599-6758.

News

Aboriginal Language Plan Released

The Minister of Education, Culture and Employment, Jackson Lafferty, tabled the [Northwest Territories Aboriginal Languages Plan - A Shared Responsibility](#) document this week in the Legislative Assembly.

Mothers' Literacy Skills Impact Children's Achievement

Researchers in the US have concluded that programs to boost the academic achievement of children from low income neighborhoods would be more successful if they simultaneously provided adult literacy education to parents... [Read more](#)

Using art to illustrate the art of First Nation storytelling

October 26, 2010, Leader-Post

For Robin Brass, stories never end. "I am very interested in different narrative threads and this idea that nothing ever completely finishes or ends and all things continue," she says... [Read more](#)

Making things hard to read 'can boost learning'

Difficult-to-read fonts make for better learning, according to scientists... [Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Spooky Halloween Literacy Tips

[ABC Life Literacy Canada](#)

Peer 2 Peer University (P2PU)

[An online community for short university-level courses.](#)

Global Literacy Campaign

[Read Every Day. Lead a Better Life.](#)

Media Literacy Week

[2010 Theme: Gender and Media](#)