

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 in all official languages of the NWT.

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Literacy Dates

NWT Literacy Week - September 26 - October 2

Canadian Library Month - October

World Teachers' Day - October 5

Announcements

Ideas to Celebrate NWT Literacy Week

The NWT Literacy Council has suggestions of how to celebrate literacy each day of the week during NWT Literacy Week. These include TV-Free Night on Thursday. Also, we have two new how-to-kits to help you integrate active living and nutrition into literacy activities. NWT Literacy Week is September 26 to October 2. Scroll down at [What's New](#). And, don't forget to let the Council know you [Read for 20](#) on September 29!

Free Books during NWT Literacy Week

The NWT Literacy Council will be giving away books during NWT Literacy Week at the Centre Square Mall in Yellowknife on Monday, Sept. 27 and Thursday, Sept. 30 from 11 am until 2 pm. DeBeers has offered free reusable bags for your books.

Facilitation Skills Training

The NWT Literacy Council is offering Facilitation Skills Training on December 10. Deadline to register is December 3. Click on [details and registration information](#) or call 873-9262 or toll free 1-866-599-6758.

FASD Symposium in Whitehorse

"Walking Together -- connecting practice and research to create change" is the theme of the FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder) Symposium in Whitehorse, September 28 and 29, 2010. For more information and to register go to www.cnfp2010symposium.ca

Newcomers' Initiative

This research report was initiated by the NWT Literacy Council to look at ways to address the literacy needs of newcomers to the NWT. The [Newcomers' Initiative final report](#) is now on the Council's website.

Funding

Youth Homework/Tutoring Program

A new program provides funding to community-based organizations to deliver Youth Homework/Tutoring/Literacy Programs for out-of-school and in-school youth (Age 16-25). The deadline for 2010 applications is October 1. [Guidelines and application](#) are now on the NWT Literacy Council website.

Aviva Community Fund to give away \$1 million

The Aviva Community Fund will provide \$1 million to put your ideas for positive change into action. Share your ideas online, and Canadians will decide which ideas get funded. Entries can be submitted online starting September 27, 2010, and winners will be announced January 25, 2011. For more information, visit: www.avivacommunityfund.org

News

Aboriginal language use among off-reserve First Nations children

In 2006, one in five (20%) off-reserve First Nations children aged two to five were able to understand an Aboriginal language, regardless of whether it was learned as a mother tongue or second language. The Statistics Canada study looks at the influence of language use in the home and early childhood programs...[Read more](#)

Many Canadian teens not pursuing education

Ottawa Citizen, Sept. 8, 2010

As recently as 2008, one in five Canadian teens were not pursuing a formal education - a figure that falls below the average of other developed countries, a new Statistics Canada report suggests...[Read more](#)

Early learning spending boosts economy

A major new study concludes that Ontario's decision to provide four- and five-year olds with full time schooling will do more than raise children's academic achievement. It will also result in a big boost for the province's economy.

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Language and early learning experiences among Inuit children

[The Inuit Language Indicators for Inuit Children Under the Age of Six](#) fact sheet looks at the use of the Inuit language in the homes and communities of Inuit children. [The Early Learning Experiences](#)

[of Inuit Children in Canada](#) fact sheet describes the early learning experiences of 2- to 5- year old Inuit children in Canada.

Resources and Websites

New NWT Literacy Council How-to Kits

[20 Fun Nutrition and Literacy Activities](#)

[Active Literacy](#)

Literacy: A Great Investment

[Community Literacy of Ontario's arguments for investing in literacy](#)

Learning Matters at Statistics Canada

[Resources for students and teachers](#)

E-STAT

[E-STAT is an online learning tool specially designed for use by the educational community.](#)

Newly Revised Social Enterprise Guide

[Free download from Enterprising Non-profits](#)