

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 and Events

Read for 20 on September 29

In celebration of the NWT Literacy Council 20th anniversary NWT residents are asked to [Read for 20](#) minutes this year, instead of the usual 15 minutes. Let the Council know how many people in your school, workplace or home read in the annual challenge with Nunavut. More information about NWT Literacy Week can be found at What's New at www.nwt.literacy.ca

Family Literacy Institute

Details and registration information about this year's [Family Literacy Institute](#) are now on the NWT Literacy Council website. The Institute is November 29-December 3 in Yellowknife. For information call Katie at 873-9262 or toll free 1-866-599-6758.

2010 Alberta Early Years Conference

Early Childhood: a Journey of Change is the theme for this conference October 4-6 in Enoch, Alberta. For more information go to www.albertaearlyyears.ca

French Book Exchange

Trade your French language books at the Centre Square Mall in Yellowknife this Saturday between 11 and 5 pm. The book exchange is sponsored by Alpha TNO. Their website is alphanotno.ca

NWT Literacy Council AGM

The Literacy Council's Annual General Meeting is Saturday, October 16 from noon to 1 pm at the Council office. Everyone is welcome. Agenda includes election of President and Secretary. For more information email helen@nwtliteracy.ca

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.

Indigo Love of Reading

If your school identifies as high needs and your students and community would benefit from a Love of Reading grant, apply at www.loveofreading.org

News

Low-literacy adults to increase by 25% by 2031: report

CBC news, September 8, 2010

The number of Canadian adults with low literacy levels will increase by 25% in the next two decades, creating a "literacy dilemma" if the problem isn't addressed immediately, a new report says...[Read more](#)

Extraordinary School for Boys: helping boys love literacy

Telegraph, September 2, 2010

After fresh reports of the widening gender gap in the classroom, Gareth Malone tells how he helped some pupils learn to love literacy...[Read more](#)

Kick'in it old school: The rise of the mature student

Globe and Mail, September 3, 2010

There's a new type of frosh populating university campuses: they sip coffee instead of soda, sport grey hair and can be heard chatting about their children...[Read more](#)

NALD redesigns website

The National Adult Literacy Database (NALD) chose International Literacy Day to launch its newly designed website. Check out the new features at www.nald.ca

Resources and Websites

NWT Literacy Council

[Training Calendar 2010-2011](#)

Top 20 Literacy Downloads

[The top downloads from NALD, including NWT Literacy Council resources.](#)

Five Dene Games

www.denegames.ca

Love Grows Brains Parent Resource

[Booklet](#)

[Pamphlet](#)

Literacy Volunteers

www.nald.ca/literacyvolunteers/