

This Week in Literacy September 29, 2011

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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

NWT Literacy Week - September 25 - October 1
Culture Days- September 30 - October 2
National Family Week - October 3 - 9
World Teacher's Day - October 5
Financial Literacy Week - October 30 - November 5

Announcements and Events

Congratulations Literacy Award Winners

Two learners, an educator and a literacy program were all honoured at this week's Adult Learners' Luncheon in Yellowknife...[Read more](#)



Photo credit: James Mackenzie

Register as a Reader

If you read for 15 minutes yesterday, don't forget to register with the NWT Literacy Council. You can email nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca, fax 873-2176, or call 1-866-599-6758. [Fax back forms](#) are on our website.

Money Matters partners wanted

[Money Matters](#), the financial literacy program for adult learners, is going national. ABC Life Literacy Canada and TD Bank Group are looking for community partners who are interested in participating in the program.

The Writers' Union of Canada Contest

The deadline to enter the [19th Annual Short Prose Competition for Developing Writers](#) is November 3, 2011.

Northern Summit on the Social Economy

Mark your calendars now for the [Northern Summit on the Social Economy](#) in Yellowknife November 22-23, 2011. There is no fee but registration is requested for this opportunity to network and learn more about issues affecting community groups and charities.

Funding

Status of Women Canada

Status of Women Canada is [calling for proposals](#) for projects that promote equality and support the advancement of women and girls living in rural and remote communities and small urban centres. Projects should be for community planning to reduce violence against women and girls or improve women's economic security. The deadline for applications is November 4, 2011.

Diamond Jubilee celebration funding

Funding is available for community celebrations next year that build a sense of pride and belonging in Canada. The deadline to apply to [Canadian Heritage](#) is October 31, 2011.

News

What do candidates say about literacy?

Do you want to know how your NWT election 2011 candidates view the issue of literacy and essential skills. The NWT Literacy Council received [responses to its four questions on literacy and essential skills](#) from 13 candidates. The responses are from 10 different ridings.

Reading Flash Mob Success!

This is the first year that Reading Flash Mobs have been promoted as part of NWT Literacy Week, but what a success. In

Ulukhoktok, 80 people turned out.



In Yellowknife, 56 people read for 15 minutes on Franklin Avenue.

Why hasn't the world embraced Early Childhood Development?

New research in a series of papers focused on Early Childhood Development examines risks and protective factors for early child development. For UNICEF, this series represents a significant opportunity to amplify the importance of investing in [Early Childhood Development](#).

Resources and Websites

Harvesting

[Cree Hunting and Gathering Techniques](#)

Optimize your Resume with Keywords

[LocalWork.ca](#)

Free educational websites

[kidsknowit.com](#)

Free online learning

[Learnfree.org](#)