

This Week in Literacy September 8, 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

International Literacy Day - September 8

Learn@Work Week - September 19-23

Essential Skills Day - September 23

NWT Literacy Week - September 25 - October 1

Announcements and Events

Take the International Literacy Day Challenge!

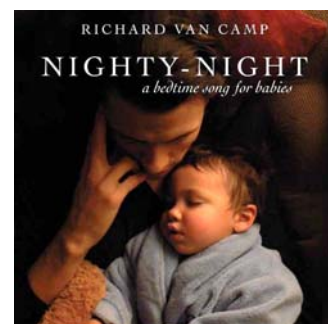
International Literacy Day is today. Celebrate by taking the [International Literacy Day Challenge](#). Or, you can check out the inspirational story of [ABC Life Literacy Ambassador, Paul Rosen](#). The Olympic gold medalist and sledge hockey goalie for Team Canada improved his literacy skills at the age of 50 after years of struggling with reading.

FASD Awareness Day

Tomorrow, September 9 is FASD Awareness Day. In Yellowknife you can join the walk to begin at 9 am from the Centre for Northern Families to the Salvation Army. Breakfast is there at 9:30 am. There will also be an information booth at noon at the Post Office.

Books for Babies Launch

Richard VanCamp will read from his new book, *Nighty Night*, at the Nighty Night: Books for Babies Program Launch. It's Monday, September 12 at 10 am at the Yellowknife Public Library meeting room. Free books and CDs will be given to babies up to 18 months old. Call 873-9262 or email katie@nwtliteracy.ca for more information.



Picture It! Enter to Win!

Can you tell a story in six pictures? Try it. Then enter our Picture It! Photo Storytelling Contest for a chance to win an Ipod Shuffle. There are three age categories. Click here for [Contest rules in English](#) and en [français](#).

Funding

Building Communities Through Arts And Heritage

This [Canadian Heritage program](#) was created to help you celebrate your community, its past and its present. It increases opportunities, through festivals and other events and projects, for local artists and artisans to be involved in their community and for local groups to commemorate their local history and heritage. The next deadline for proposals is September 30.

Enabling Accessibility Fund

The [Enabling Accessibility Fund](#) supports community-based projects that improve accessibility, remove barriers, and enable Canadians with disabilities to participate in and contribute to their communities. The deadline to apply is September 23, 2011.

Strategic Initiatives Call for Proposals

The [Canada Cultural Investment Fund Strategic Initiatives](#) component provides not-for-profit cultural organizations with financial support to help them become better rooted in their communities. The deadline for proposals is October 3.

News

Labour Day in Yellowknife

The NWT Literacy Council's Katie Randall and Patricia Ilgok gave away free books at the Labour Day Barbeque in Yellowknife on Monday.



It was hard to pick just one free book.

NWT Literacy Week Planning

The NWT Literacy Council has mailed approximately 500 packages to help groups and agencies plan activities for NWT Literacy Week September 25 to October 1, 2011. Most of the materials can also be found online under [What's New](#).

New Numeracy Website

[A Social and Holistic Approach to Numeracy](#) is a new website which includes sample activities developed by practitioners and the team leading the project, in addition to practitioner and adult learner feedback on the benefits and challenges of using this approach to numeracy.

Robust preschool experience offers lasting effects on language and literacy

Preschool teachers' use of sophisticated vocabulary and analytic talk about books combined with early support for literacy in the home can predict fourth-grade reading comprehension and word recognition, according to new research from Vanderbilt University...[Read more](#).

Resources and Websites

I WAS Wondering

[Women's Adventures in Science](#)

Top 20 NALD PDF Downloads for August

[Seven of these are NWT Literacy Council resources](#)

Essential Skills at Work in the North

[New NWT Literacy Council pamphlet](#)

Bright Hub

[The Hub for Bright Minds](#)

Teaching Tolerance

[Activities and resources for all grade levels](#)