



Celebrate Family Literacy in the NWT

How To Kit

Literacy Activities for Holidays



NWT Literacy Council



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Family literacy activities can happen anytime

We have put together a collection of ideas for holidays that you can use for a special event. Invite families and caregivers to come and celebrate a particular holiday by sharing and learning together.

(We have adapted the material from Reading and Parents Program developed by Kingston Literacy.) Click to view: [Introduction](#) [Advertising](#)

Holidays Included

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Birthdays



Valentine's Day



Easter



Thanksgiving



Halloween



Christmas





Steps to Organizing a Holiday Family Literacy Activity

Preparation

1. Find a space in the community to hold the event. (school, band office, nursing station, library, community hall)
2. Advertise your special event at least one week prior to the event. Put posters up around the community, advertise on the local radio station, or green screen and hand out invitations at the school. **Tell everyone about it!** Posters and invitations are included in this package.
3. Prepare yourself by trying to find books related to the holiday.
4. Invite Elders to come to the event and share stories from the past.
5. Call the NWT Literacy Council if you would like help with your event. The NWT Literacy Council can provide free books for prizes in the NWT, help with the organization of the event and provide training for facilitators.
6. Ask the local paper to come to your event and do a story about Family Literacy.





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At the Event



1. Greet people as they come in.
2. Have books related to the holiday you are celebrating out for people to look at while they wait.
3. When everyone is there, thank them for coming and tell them what they will be doing during the event.
4. Read a book that is related to the holiday. Examples are included in this package.
5. Teach the participants some rhymes about the holiday (included in this package). Repeat the rhymes several times so people can learn them. At the end of the session, give photocopies of the rhymes to families to take home.
6. Do a craft related to the book. Encourage families to work together on the craft.
7. Play games with the participants such as charades, word games and writing games. Games are a great way to get people active during your event and they are educational too!
8. Hand out some literacy activities for families to work on together.





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9. Give parents extra activities that they can do at home with their children.
10. Read another book to the group. Hand out some reading tips for parents.
11. Repeat the rhymes that you learned earlier.
12. Have a nutritious snack at the end of the event.

