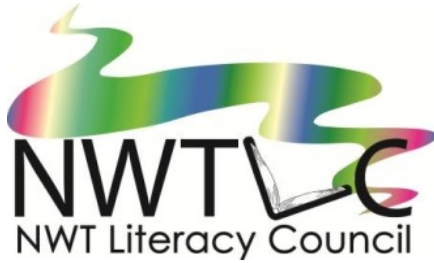


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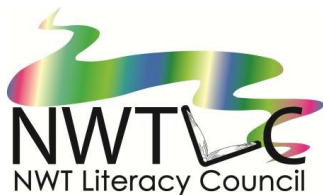
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Our Blog

An essential skills snapshot

Essential skills are the foundational skills people need to participate effectively in all areas of their lives - home, community, learning, and work. They are the building blocks, or the foundation, that let people learn new skills...[Read more](#)

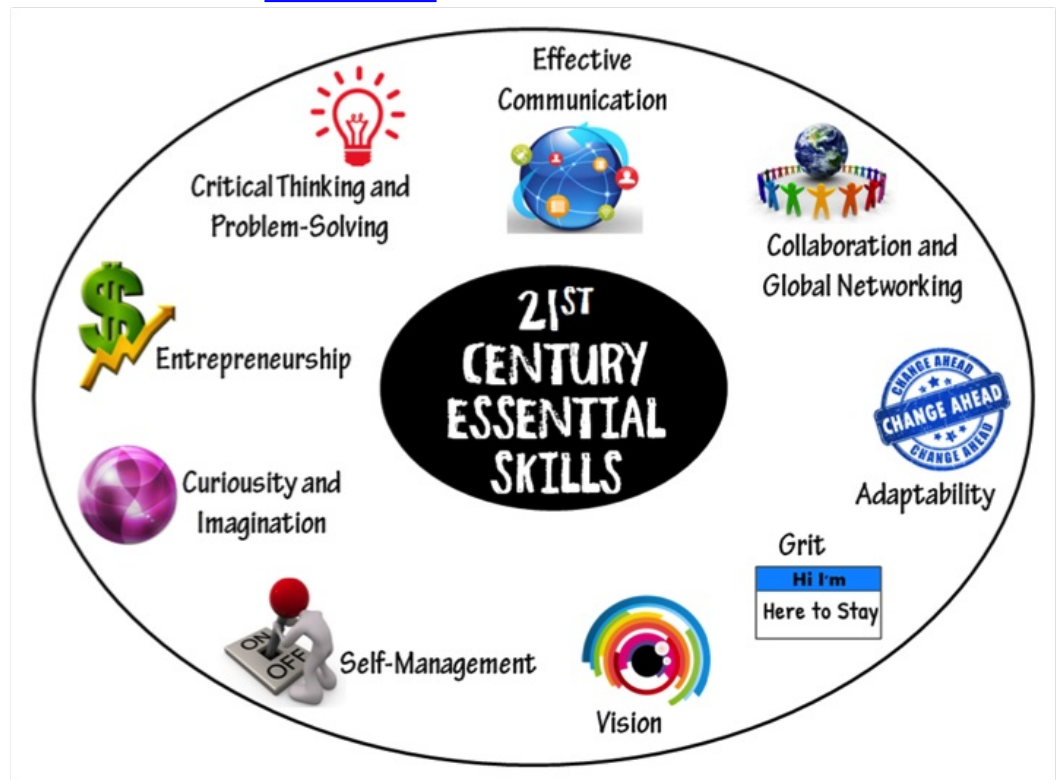


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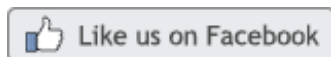
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We want your best recipes please

We're producing another [Great Food for Northern Cooks](#) cookbook. Please send us your best recipes for us to use in the book. We'll send you a free copy.

Submit Your Recipe

Do you have a recipe that everyone asks you for? Do you love using local, traditional ingredients in your cooking?

You could have your recipe published in the second version of Great Food for Northern Cooks cookbook, produced by the NWT Literacy Council and Yellowknife Health and Social Services Authority.

Submit your recipe by February 10th, 2017

Each recipe chosen will feature the author's name and community, and the author will receive a copy of the cookbook.

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Nominations open for Tłı̨chǫ Government awards

[Tłı̨chǫ Government Awards](#) recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of remarkable individuals, companies, or organizations to protect, preserve and enhance the Tłı̨chǫ way of life. The deadline for nominations is March 31, 2017.

Learn to make snowshoes

The [Aboriginal Sport Circle NWT](#) is holding a Snowshoe Making Workshop in Fort Smith from March 5-10, 2017. You must be 19 years or older to apply. There is a \$350 registration fee but most other expenses are covered. Deadline to apply is February 15, 2017.

Funding

Accessibility grants open for application

The Rick Hansen Foundation [Access4All Program](#) funds accessible infrastructure and disability awareness projects. Applications are due March 31, 2017.

Fund for endangered languages

The [Endangered Languages Fund](#) is accepting applications for funding until April 10, 2017. The grants are for language documentation and revitalization, and for linguistic fieldwork. The average grant is \$2,000.

News, Opinion, and Research

Fully funding junior kindergarten? Not this fall, says NWT government

Regular MLAs are disappointed the NWT's government promise to fully fund the expansion of junior kindergarten won't apply to the coming 2017-2018 school year. The funding model unveiled on Wednesday, if approved by a majority of MLAs, could still force school boards in the territory to reallocate money from their own budgets...[Read more](#)

Reconciliation and Indigenous libraries in schools

In late 2016 a newspaper article about a Nanaimo school that was building an Indigenous-authored collection of books for the school library caught our eye. The school had a small nucleus of books but wanted to build up their collection with titles that would appeal to all reading levels...[Read more](#)

Hay River's Carolyn Carroll wins national educator award

The principal of Harry Camsell Elementary School and Princess Alexandra Middle School was recently announced as one of the top 40 principals across the country...[Read more](#) or [listen to this interview](#)

Yukon First Nations consider 'Indigenous-led' school

The Council of Yukon First Nations is talking about something that would be new to Yukon - a separate, Indigenous-led school. Fourteen Yukon First Nations are taking part in a "visioning session" in Whitehorse this week...[Read more](#)

My mother gave me my IMFA-Indigenous Master's of Fine Arts

My mother, a beautiful Anishinaabe woman from Manitoba, taught me how to paint when I was five years old. She was kind and patient and once in a while would even let me paint at her desk. Those moments were the safest I ever felt with her...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

15 assessment activities

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