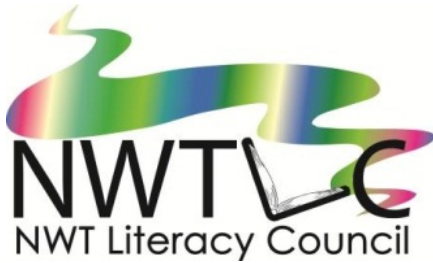


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Our Blog

The gift of our language is very powerful

Last week was such an inspiration! The elders at the Indigenous Languages Network Gathering in Yellowknife made statements such as: "The gift of our language is very powerful" and "It's all in our hearts" and "There's a magic to it"...[Read more](#)

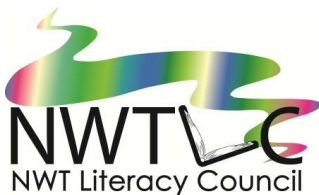


Announcements and Events

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World Book Day

World Book and Copyright Day highlights the power of books to promote our vision of knowledge societies that are inclusive, pluralistic, equitable, open and participatory for all citizens. However, for some readers there is a "book famine"...[Read more](#)



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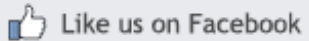


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Visiting author in the NWT for children's book week

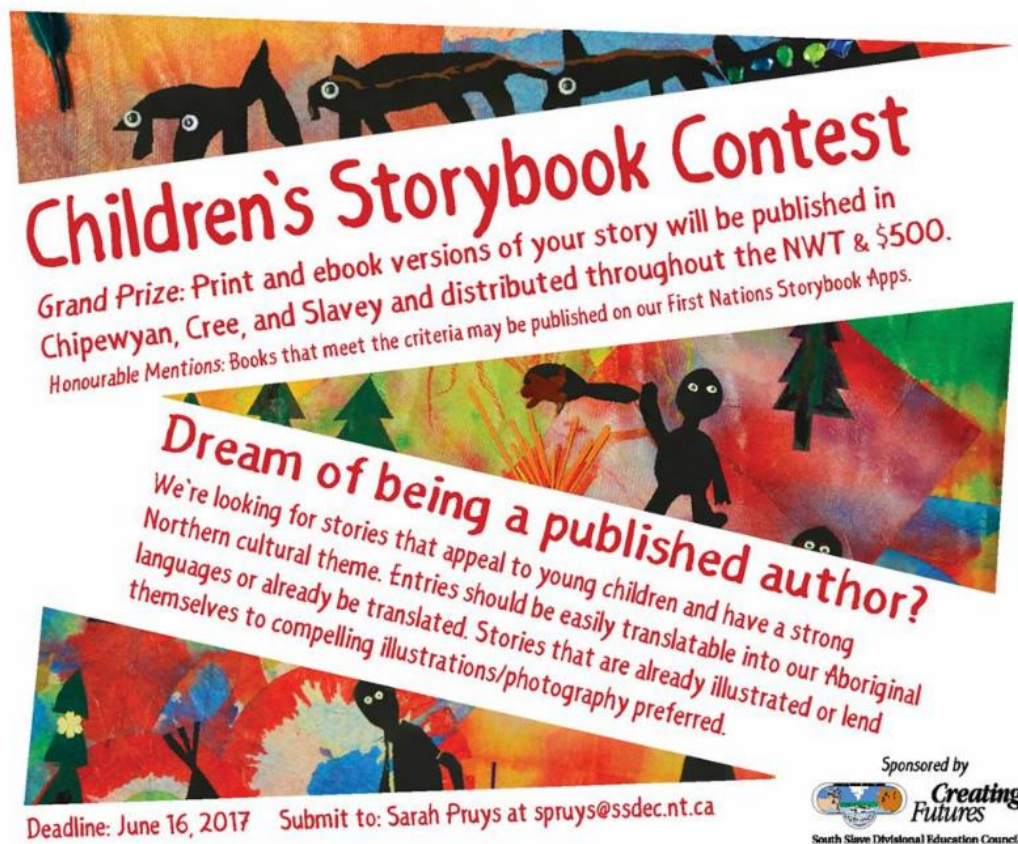
[Natasha Deen](#) will be visiting the NWT during [TD Canadian Children's Book Week](#) May 6-13, 2017. One feature of this week is connecting Canadian authors and illustrators with children and teens across the country.

Literacy Matters is online

Our spring 2017 issue of [Literacy Matters](#) is online. Have a look for stories about programs in Hay River, the Beaufort-Delta and elsewhere!

NWT children's storybook contest

The South Slave Divisional School Board launched its second annual Children's Storybook Contest during Indigenous Languages Month. They are looking for children's books which can be published in Chipewyan, Cree and Slavey. The deadline to enter is June 16, 2107.



Children's Storybook Contest

Grand Prize: Print and ebook versions of your story will be published in Chipewyan, Cree, and Slavey and distributed throughout the NWT & \$500.

Honourable Mentions: Books that meet the criteria may be published on our First Nations Storybook Apps.

Dream of being a published author?

We're looking for stories that appeal to young children and have a strong Northern cultural theme. Entries should be easily translatable into our Aboriginal languages or already be translated. Stories that are already illustrated or lend themselves to compelling illustrations/photography preferred.

Deadline: June 16, 2017 Submit to: Sarah Pruyts at spruys@ssdec.nt.ca

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Funding

Scholarships open for application

The [Yellowknife Community Foundation](#) has a variety of scholarships available for NWT students. Many of the scholarships have a May 15, 2017 deadline.

Field Law program open for applications

The [Field Law Community Fund Program](#) priority areas for funding are education, healthcare, at-risk youth, homelessness, women's organizations, community sports or arts and culture. The deadline to apply is May 8, 2017. You must register on their website to apply with

voting on projects taking place from May 15-June 15, 2017.

Arctic Inspiration Prize open for nominations

\$3 million will be awarded in 2017 across three [Arctic Inspiration Prize](#) categories. The prize encourages, enables, and celebrates achievements of the peoples of the North. For the first time you can submit a letter of intent by June 30th, 2017. The deadline to submit nomination packages is October 23, 2017.

News, Opinion, and Research

Financial literacy: For kids, adding dollars and sense

Giving kids and teenagers confidence about financial management early, CFEF president Gary Rabbior said, is crucial for adulthood. "When they believe in themselves, then they will plan, which most people don't; and they will control their money to achieve those plans" ...[Read more](#)

Un-and under-employed: the "new normal" of precarious work

Last year, Finance Minister Bill Morneau declared that multiple career changes and "job churn" was the new reality that Canadians would have to get used to. This new norm of unstable work environments is often called "precarious employment" ...[Read more](#)

Foundational skills in the service sector

Drawing on PIAAC data, the National Skills Coalition in the United States has produced a new document, *Foundational Skills in the Service Sector: Understanding and addressing the impact of limited math, reading, and technology proficiency on workers and employers*...[Read more](#)

Parents and kids learn English better together

Immigrant and refugee families improve their English language skills and maintain their first language when parents and kids learn together, according to University of British Columbia researchers...[Read more](#)

NWT writer makes CBC contest long list

Fort Smith author, Patti-Kay Hamilton, was one of the writers to make the CBC Short Story Prize longlist. Patti-Kay's story, "Stamped," is about the relationship between Indigenous hunters and Wood Buffalo National Park...[Listen to an interview](#)

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