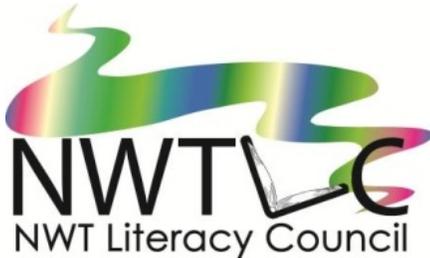


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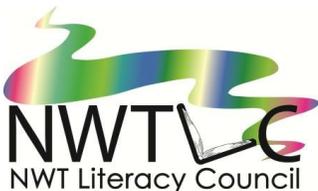
Financial Literacy Month - November
National Novel Writing Month - November
Media Literacy Week - November 6-10
World Children's Day - November 20

Our Blog

Digital stories on the land

Thanks to guest blogger, Deborah Simmons, at the Sahtu Renewable Resources Board, for this Media Literacy Week blog about learning how to make digital content in a traditional Indigenous on-the-land context.

You wouldn't think an on-the-land program - especially one promoting Dene ways of life - would involve packing a suitcase full of iPads and digital cameras. But that's the way it's been for the first two Dene Ts'ı́łı (Dene Way of Life) School sessions in the Sahtú region...[Read more](#)



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Announcements and Events

Learning about literacy and new Canadians

Our Executive Director, Kathryn Barry Paddock, and new Integration Coordinator, Karen Johnson, visited a literacy program in Calgary this week called, Pebbles in the Sand. Next week's blog will be about this site visit and a conference they attended in Alberta.



NorthWords writing contest deadline end of month

NorthWords NWT's 2017 [Great Northern Canada Writing Contest](#) is looking for submissions of up to 1,000 words, fiction or non-fiction. The deadline to enter is November 30, 2017.

Funding

Funding for on the land programs

The [NWT On The Land Collaborative](#) wants communities,

organizations, and individuals in the NWT to submit their great ideas for on the land programs. The collaborative brings together government, charities, corporations, and other partners to make it easier for communities to access money and resources for on the land projects. The deadline to apply for funding is December 8, 2017.

Check for literacy development money in your region

The [Community Literacy Development Fund](#) assists community groups to increase literacy skills and raise awareness of the importance of literacy. The fund is administered through the regional Education, Culture and Employment Service Centres. There may be money left in your region for 2017-2018. This fund supports literacy development in all of the NWT official languages, with an emphasis on Indigenous languages.

News, Opinion, and Research

Written Inuktitut to be standardized across Canada

There are changes coming to the way Inuktitut is written. Local spellings are being standardized across Canada's four Inuit regions - including Nunatsiavut, Labrador...[Read more](#)

A shout-out to Archie, Betty and Veronica!

One day, a box of used clothes came into our home. Buried in between the clothes was an Archie comic book. One innocent little comic book that ended up launching my daughter in a new reading direction during her tween years...[Read more](#)

Is climate change making you sick?

Yellowknife physician Dr. Courtney Howard discusses her new report on how climate change is affecting Canadians' physical and mental health...[Watch the video interview](#)

It's never too early to start teaching kids media literacy

When kids understand how content is made, they begin to understand how it can be manipulated...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

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[World Children's Day school pack for kids](#)

Healthy relationship songs

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Easy handprint and footprint craft ideas

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Teaching media literacy

[15 resources](#)