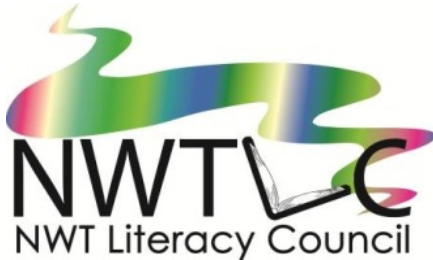


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## Literacy Dates

Raise a Reader Week - September 14-21

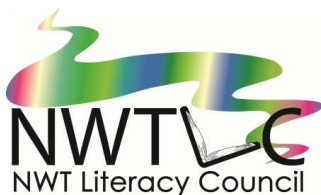
Essential Skills Day - September 22

NWT Literacy Week - September 24-30

## Our Blog

### Reading, writing and running: it's all literacy

By now, you may have heard about physical literacy. Physical literacy is the motivation, confidence, physical skills (competence), and knowledge to be physically active for life. But you may wonder, as did one of our Facebook friends, what does this have to do with literacy?...[Read more](#)



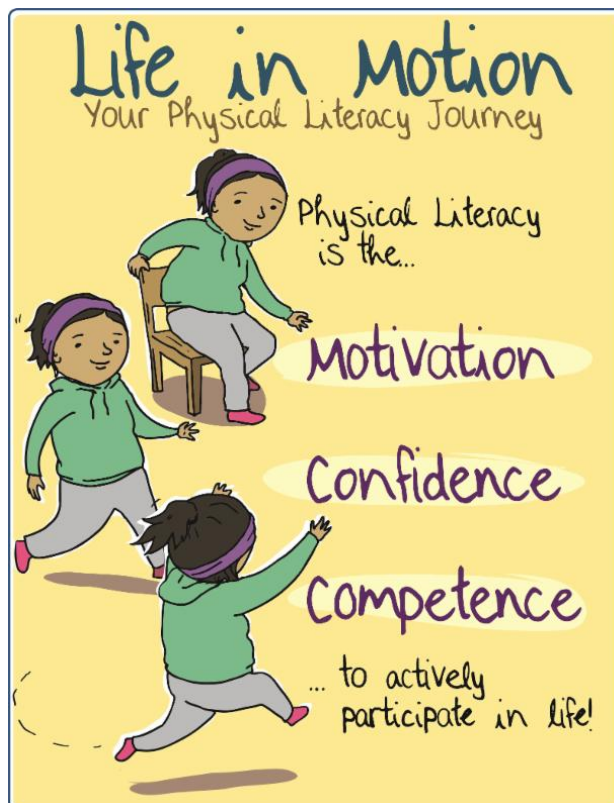
We're the family, youth and adult literacy and essential skills centre for excellence.

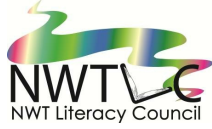
We support literacy and essential skills in all the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

We're also plain language specialists.

[Check out our website to learn more](#)

## Support Literacy



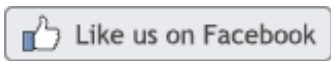


You can support literacy in the NWT

- [Make a donation](#)
- [Join the Council](#)
- Take part in literacy activities in your community

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We share lots of news, fun photos and opinion in between issues of Literacy This Week



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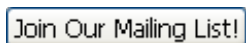
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## Announcements and Events

### Updated family literacy information online

You can now register for our annual [Family Literacy Training Institute](#) November 27-30, 2017. We've also updated our application and reporting forms for [family literacy funding](#). The Literacy Council funds people who have taken our training to hold family literacy activities in NWT communities.

### Nominate an Everyday Political Citizen

Samara encourages political involvement and civic engagement. It is accepting nominations for its fifth annual [Everyday Political Citizen](#) contest, which highlights Canadians who engage with their communities to create a stronger more inclusive democracy.

### It's scholarship season

Keep your ears and eyes open for scholarships at this time of year. Most are for post-secondary students, but the [Horatio Alger Society](#) awards need-based scholarships of up to \$10,000 to full-time students in their last year of high school. They must have a family income under \$65,000, have overcome adversity, and show a commitment to going on to post-secondary education. The deadline to apply is October 25, 2017.

## Funding

### NWT Literacy Week funding for events

For the first time the [NWT Literacy Council](#) offers up to \$300 to help pay for an event during NWT Literacy Week. The money is to help pay for a physical literacy event. Grants are on a first-come, first-served basis.

### NWT arts funding open for applications

The [NWT Arts Council](#) funds artists or territorial organizations who produce specific artistic works, projects or events in the NWT between between April 2018 and March 2019. The next closing date for applications is October 31, 2017.

### Funding for physical activity

The NWT Department of Municipal and Community Affairs provides [Active After School](#) funding for physical activities after school. The NWT Recreation and Parks Association is accepting applications for [Get Active](#) grants. These grants are for community events that get people more physically active in the NWT, especially during the winter months. You can also get help to run an [Elders in Motion](#) program in your community.

## News, Opinion, and Research

## **NWT student receives literacy award**

Congratulations to Scott Atigkoak. He received the Council of the Federation Literacy Award for the NWT. He was nominated while an Aurora College community learning centre student in Norman Wells. He is now at the Thebacha Campus studying Environment and Natural Resource Technology...[Read more](#)



## **Social outcomes in the territories**

A recent Conference Board of Canada report recommends policies to improve the social outcomes in the three northern territories.

- Improve education outcomes, with a specific focus on culturally appropriate curriculum and programming for Indigenous individuals.
- Improve access to health care, including mental health services in the territories.
- Ensure ongoing investments in poverty reduction strategies. [Read more](#)

## **Yes, post-secondary education makes you rich, but that may not be the best part**

Obviously, for professions that require special skills, credentials are important. You don't want a self-trained brain surgeon operating on you. But the economic value of education is about more than technical training...[Read more](#)

## **Feds rushing to help save endangered Indigenous languages**

Indigenous languages in Canada are dying out at an alarming rate and in desperate need of saving, says Arif Virani, parliamentary secretary to the minister of Canadian heritage responsible for multiculturalism. Virani

is criss-crossing the country to engage with Indigenous leaders, language teachers and other stakeholders to map out a plan to save up to 90 different Indigenous dialects...[Read more](#)

## Resources and Websites

### **Five minutes a day**

[180 technology tips](#)

### **Statements on the 10th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Indigenous Rights**

- [Canadian Human Rights Commission](#)
- [Amnesty International](#)
- [Assembly of First Nations](#)

### **10 alphabet books**

[Plus teaching tips](#)

### **Essential Skills Day resources**

[ABC Life Literacy Canada](#)

### **Canadian census income statistics**

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