

Literacy This Week

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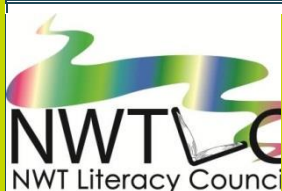
National Aboriginal Day - June 21

Our Blog

We love artist tours to northern communities

This week's guest blogger, Craig Edwards, talks about the value of artist tours.

The NWT Centennial Library in Hay River was very lucky to have a visit from the acclaimed French Canadian illustrator, Geneviève Després, during the 2016 TD Canada Children's Book Week...[Read more](#)



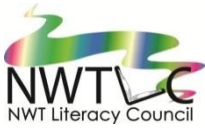
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Announcements and Events

We were at Yes We Care Day

Charlotte Upton, our Family Literacy Coordinator, helped children make potato print flowers and colour pages showing the lifecycle of a plant on Tuesday in Yellowknife. She gave out many copies of *The Tiny Seed*, by Eric Carle, and a flower planting activity kit (with flower seeds, a plant tray, a soil pellet, and instructions), as well as crayons, scissors, bookmarks, and our *25 More Recipes for Fun* booklets. The 10th annual [Yes We Care Day](#) also provided free haircuts and food, as well as nutrition and legal advice to low or no-income residents.



United Way is matching projects and volunteers

The 2016 Days of Caring are June 13-24. [United Way NWT](#) wants to know what projects you have that need volunteers during that week. They'll find you the volunteers you need. This is the first year this initiative is NWT-wide.



Support worthwhile NWT projects that seek funding

A number of worthwhile NWT projects are competing for funding. The [Field Law Community Fund](#) will decide which projects are successful partly by your online votes between now and mid-June, 2016.

Two events raising money for refugees coming to Yellowknife

A [benefit](#) on Tuesday at the Northern Arts and Cultural Centre in Yellowknife will raise money to support Syrian refugee families coming to Yellowknife. This event begins at 7:30 pm.

The [Yellowknife United Church](#) is having a potluck fundraising dinner at 6:30 on Friday, May 27 in Yellowknife. Cash donations will support a Somali refugee recently approved to come to Yellowknife. The church has been trying to sponsor this man for three years. For information call Barb Paquin at 873-4314 or Karen Hamre 873-8628.

Funding

Family literacy project funding available

The [NWT Literacy Council](#) funds small family literacy projects. You can find the project criteria and application form on our website. We accept proposals on an ongoing basis until the money runs out. Contact charlotte@nwtliteracy.ca or call 873-9262 for more information.

Get Active grants for June activities

[Get Active](#) funds community events that get people more physically active in the NWT. June is Recreation and Parks Month. Community organizations are encouraged to apply for a \$400 grant to organize a community-oriented physical activity event in June. The application deadline is May 30, 2016.

News, Opinion and Research

Early childhood care and education approaches "selective" response to policy research and recommendations

In over half of Canada's provinces, a recent commission recommended major reform of early childhood care and education systems; in response, provincial governments in nearly all cases chose to implement full-day kindergarten... Governments rarely fully implement the programs supported by the evidence base and recommended by their own experts. Instead, recent policy changes have been driven by a highly selective and path-dependent approach to the complex issue of early childhood care and education...[Read more](#)

Study reveals Canada's shameful Indigenous child poverty rates

Indigenous children in Canada are more than twice as likely to live in poverty than non-Indigenous children, says a study released this week by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives. The study calculates poverty rates on reserves and in the territories - something never before examined...[Read more](#)

Media literacy more important than ever

Media literacy doesn't sound as vital as gym class or as essential as math - but in a world of constant, fragmented news, fiery opinion, and seemingly benign social media corporations, it really is...[Read more](#)

Laurie Campbell: Credit Canada CEO shatters debt myths

Years of counselling people burdened by too much debt have left a mark on Laurie Campbell. The long-time chief executive officer of Credit Canada Debt Solutions has become cautious with her own money, owning just one personal credit card that she pays off monthly, and paying cash for major purchases such as her vehicle...[Read more](#)

Resources and Websites

Reading lists for children, young adults, and teachers

[International Literacy Association](#)

Open house to raise awareness of poverty

[The Salvation Army](#)

Writing tips

[Write: information with clarity](#)

Hunger in the north

- [What will it take to make real progress on northern food security?](#)
- [Is Nutrition North Canada on shifting ground?](#)

