

Literacy This Week

Literacy Dates

Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month- March

International Read to Me Day- March 19

World Storytelling Day- March 20

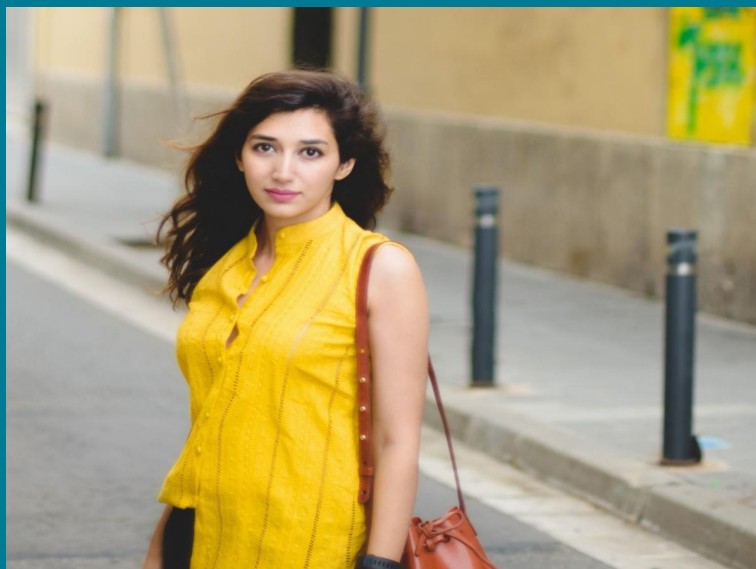
World Poetry Day- March 21

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination- March 21

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Blog



HIPPY, Literacy, and a Mother's Story

The Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) in Yellowknife is now on its third month and making waves of positive literacy change in the homes. Moms express excitement about how their children are

reading more, writing more, and learning new concepts in Math and Science...[Read more](#)

Announcements and Events

Dehcho Dene Zhatie Basic Literacy Workshop

This workshop will take place March 15-19 in Fort Simpson, with travel on March 14 and 20. The focus of this workshop is basic introduction to reading and writing in Dene Zhatie. It is open to individuals that would like to learn to read and write in Dene Zhatie. Registration is limited to 15 participants. Learn more and register [here](#).

Yundaa Gogha Leadership Program

Applications for the 2021 [Yundaa Gogha Leadership Program](#) with Dehcho First Nations are now being accepted! Deadline to submit your applications is March 15. Please fill out and complete both the [Dehcho First Nations and Dechinta Application](#) and [Dechinta UBC Studies Application](#) forms.

Beginner's Hand Games Workshop

Yellowknives Dene First Nation coaches will teach teams of amateurs the rules and signals needed to play Dene hand games, followed by a round robin of practice games at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre on March 21. Teams of 4-5 family members or friends can register [here](#).

Oral health story book available to communities

NWTLC has partnered with Department of Health and Social Services to create a beautiful oral health story book written by Richard Van Camp and illustrated by Neiva Mateus. Would you like to help families in your community receive a copy of *Our Ever Awesome NWT Brushing Song* along with oral health supplies and activities? Please email stephanie@nwtliteracy.ca to discuss.

Funding

Healthy Choices Fund

The GNWT's Healthy Choices Fund helps eligible organizations and community governments maximize the impact of health promotion and prevention activities that support individuals, families, and communities in making positive lifestyle choices...[Read more](#)

Skill Builders for Youth funding

Community facilitators who have taken NWTLC's Skill Builders for Youth training since 2013 are eligible to apply for funds to run a youth literacy

News, Research, Opinion

Indigenous cooking classes at GROW Food Literacy Centre part of respecting cultures

At a time when it seems there's a fast food joint on every corner cranking out a steady stream of burgers, fries and sugary pop, Chase Dockstader offers an alternative — simple food recipes that come from the earth...[Read more](#)

Northwest Territories studying alternatives to Alberta school curriculum

The Northwest Territories is studying whether it should continue using Alberta's curriculum in its schools, the territorial government says. The NWT has used portions of Alberta's K-12 curriculum and provincial exams since the 1970s, particularly in the high school grades...[Read more](#)

We Matter founders awarded Governor General's medal

Hay River, NWT siblings Kelvin and T'áncháy Redvers are being recognized for their work over the past five years supporting and empowering Indigenous youth with a Governor General's Meritorious Service Medal. The brother and sister founded We Matter, a national non-profit for Indigenous youth, in 2016. It shares messages of hope and love in an effort to support mental health...[Read more](#)

Spotlight on Community Literacy Programs

Healthy Family Program, Tuktoyaktuk

The Tuktoyaktuk Family Literacy program helps to support families' literacy development through learning cultural skills and Inuvialuktun language development. Families in the program have an opportunity to sew articles of clothing like hats and mukluks, while telling traditional stories and songs. Program coordinator, Terri-Lee Kuptana, works with a sewing instructor to help embed literacy and language activities along with the sewing skills. Parents are able to learn valuable life and cultural skills, while providing their children with warm clothing they have made with pride.

This year, Terri-Lee also added a paint night series to her program. Some nights include parents and children painting together and then doing stories and songs. Other nights are just for parents, to provide them a space to discuss parenting topics, ways to promote literacy in their homes and also the

importance of practicing self-care. With the additional stressors over the last year, this program was a great idea to help support parents' well-being so they are able to continue to be strong in their role as their children's first teachers. Thank you to Tuktoyaktuk for being a great literacy partner!

Resources and Websites

Resources for March Break activities

[Walking Rainbow science experiment](#)

[Rainbow science experiment](#)

[Growing beans on cotton balls](#)

[Straw Rockets](#)

[Toilet paper roll icicles](#)



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