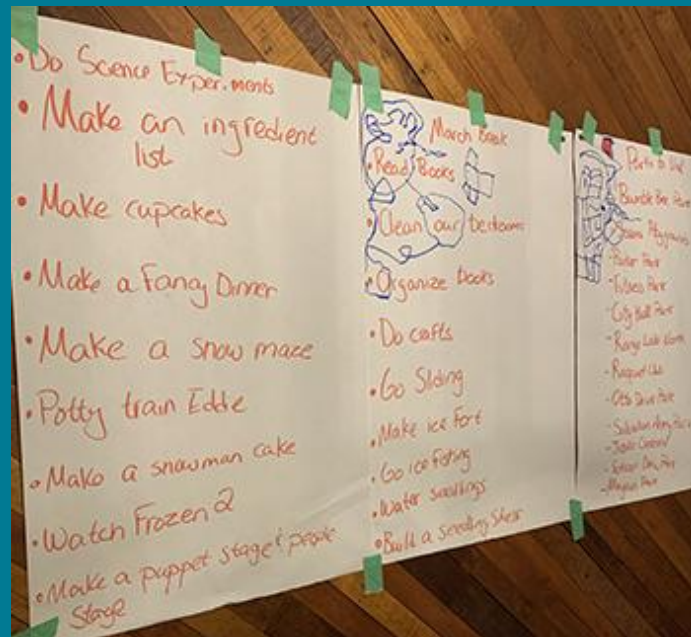


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## Blog



### Revisiting Socially Distant Family Literacy

With all schools in Yellowknife, Ndilo, Dettah and Behchokò closed and all children's extra-curricular activities cancelled, families are thinking about the many days at home and how to pass the time together. As a parent at home with my three- and five-year-olds, I've been trying to think of activities we can do. I decided to revisit a blog post I wrote last year, hoping it helps other families. I would love to hear your ideas as well...[Read more](#)

# Announcements and Events

## ***Literacy This Week to become Literacy This Month***

After this edition of *Literacy This Week*, we will be moving to a monthly e-newsletter beginning in June. We will be trying this new format for a few months and would appreciate any feedback on it.

## **NWTLC staff working from home**

Given the evolving COVID-19 situation in Yellowknife, in the interest of caution all NWTLC staff are currently working from home. Please consult [our directory](#) for staff email addresses or email [nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca) to reach us. Our thoughts are with all of those currently isolating and we wish safety for everyone.

## **Books and resources available for organizations**

If your organization is creating outreach kits for families who have evacuated flooding in the Dehcho region, you may request children's books and family literacy resources from NWTLC. Email [katie@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:katie@nwtliteracy.ca) to request items.

## **Applications for Northern Youth Leadership's 2021 Summer Paddle Camps are now open**

NYL runs on the land camps for youth aged 11 - 17 to develop leadership skills, life skills, emotional resiliency and to engage in positive risk taking. All of their programming is free of charge. This summer they will host [two paddle trips](#):

- North Arm Advanced Leadership Canoe Trip, June 28-July 9
- Leadership Canoe Trip, August 11-18

## **Mentor-Apprentice Program applications open**

MAP is a way of learning a language where a fluent speaker of the language (a Mentor) teaches a language learner (an Apprentice) through immersion. The goal of the program is to have Apprentices increase their ability to understand and speak their language. The 2021-2022 Mentor-Apprentice Program will be available to a maximum of 10 pairs of Mentors and Apprentices from six Indigenous Governments. The program is open to Apprentices of all levels, from beginners to more fluent speakers. Applications are due May 24...[Read more](#)

# News, Research, Opinion

## **Six NWT schools get funding for new instruments**

Six schools in the NWT will soon be able to tune up some brand-new instruments after receiving a combined \$65,000 through the MusiCounts Band Aid program...[Read more](#)

## **'We cannot afford to wait': Alberta reading expert warns struggling readers falling further behind**

Dr. George Georgiou, a professor in the department of Educational Psychology at the University of Alberta, knows teachers and parents are exhausted, but the reading researcher is urging everyone to pay attention to struggling readers —

especially those in grades one and two. Georgiou has been studying standardized test scores of Alberta children — what principals in many schools have been telling him is cause for concern...[Read more](#)

## New program will teach lost Anishinaabeg language to Indigenous families

A new program for Indigenous families in Ontario looks to help restore a language that was taken away from them during colonization. The program will teach participants the basics of the Anishinaabemowin (Ojibway) language while also sharing aspects of the Anishinaabek culture with community guests and hands-on activities. There will be no age limit to join and no prior knowledge of the language is required...[Read more](#)

# Resources and Websites

## Youth Literacy Resources

[Teen Literacies Toolkit](#)

[Seven games to play with your teens \(that they'll actually love\)](#)

[Digital Literacy Framework - Grades 9-12](#)

[10 free financial literacy games for high school students](#)



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