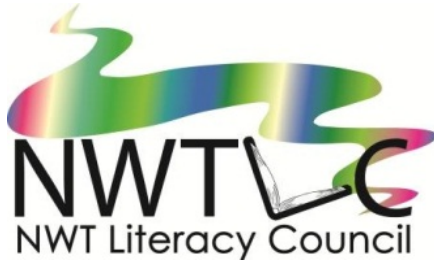


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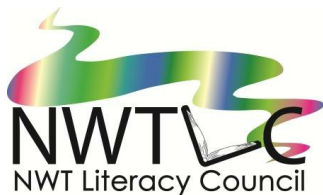
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Stories for Peace

International Human Rights Day is December 10 and celebrates the day the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights back in 1948. The [NWT Human Rights Commission](#) celebrates this day every year.

The Commission works to promote equality and human rights and to prevent discrimination under the NWT Human Rights Act. This law applies to everyone in the NWT. To promote human rights the Commission is hoping to create a culture of kindness in the North...[Read more](#)



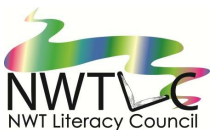
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Announcements and Events

Give the gift of literacy this Christmas

The gift of literacy is the perfect stocking stuffer this Christmas. Help us put a Bison Bus mobile Family Literacy Centre on the road. We're anxious to take family literacy activities and training to more NWT communities. [Make a donation today!](#) and read more about how [your donation can reduce your tax bill](#).

Give the gift of literacy this Christmas

Visit www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/nwt-literacy-council/ to donate



Get prepared for a job interview

The North Slave ECE Service Centre in the Nova Plaza building at 2019 52nd St. in Yellowknife is holding an interview skills workshop Tuesday, December 13 at 1:30 pm. For information contact 767-9356 extension 71339.

Older workers support for training and employment

If you are unemployed and between 55 and 64 years of age you can apply for the [Targeted Initiative for Older Workers Program](#). Participants can hone their employment skills and explore career options. The application deadline is December 14, 2016.

We need South Slave and Deh Cho board members

Are you passionate about literacy and learning? The Deh Cho and South Slave regional representative positions on our board of directors are vacant. You can nominate someone for these positions if you are a NWT Literacy Council member. [Membership forms](#) are on our website. Contact Uma for a board nomination form at nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca or call toll free 1-866-599-6758. Nominations close tomorrow.

Funding

Apply now for anti-poverty money

The [Anti-Poverty Fund](#) is \$500,000 distributed every year to NWT community governments and organizations. It is for projects that fight poverty. The deadline for applications is January 31, 2017.

Aurora Research Institute funding open

The [Aurora Research Institute](#) has funding for research projects and for research assistant wages. The deadline for applications is January 13, 2017.

News, Opinion, and Research

NWT pledges \$2M in new funding for revamped junior kindergarten rollout

The Government of the Northwest Territories has backed off on a demand for schools in the territory to offer junior kindergarten without any extra funding. Officials from the education department announced details of the new junior kindergarten rollout plan on Monday...[Read more](#)

Trudeau pledges new Indigenous languages law

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Tuesday his government would be introducing a federal law to protect and preserve Indigenous languages.

Speaking to chiefs gathered for the Assembly of First Nations annual winter gathering, Trudeau said the proposed legislation would be co-developed with Indigenous peoples...[Read more](#)

Technology in early childhood education

Infants and toddlers today have unprecedented access to screen media, including content viewed on television, computers, and gaming consoles, as well as on smartphones and tablets. Although most of their direct viewing consists of 1 to 2 hours of television and video daily, younger children are also exposed to about 5.5 hours of "background" television ...[Read more](#)

To all the Canadian employers out there - just give people with disabilities a chance

It can be very difficult for people with disabilities to find a job. I hear this at the Canadian Down Syndrome Society, where I have worked for almost five years, and from some of my friends. This is because not everyone always has the support that they need at their job...[Read more](#)

Western study finds culturally relevant mentorship improves Indigenous students' mental health, academic success

A new study of Indigenous students in southwestern Ontario public schools shows those who received mentorship from a member of their community had better cultural connectedness, improved mental health and higher school credit accumulation than peers who were not mentored...[Read more](#)

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