

# Literacy This Week



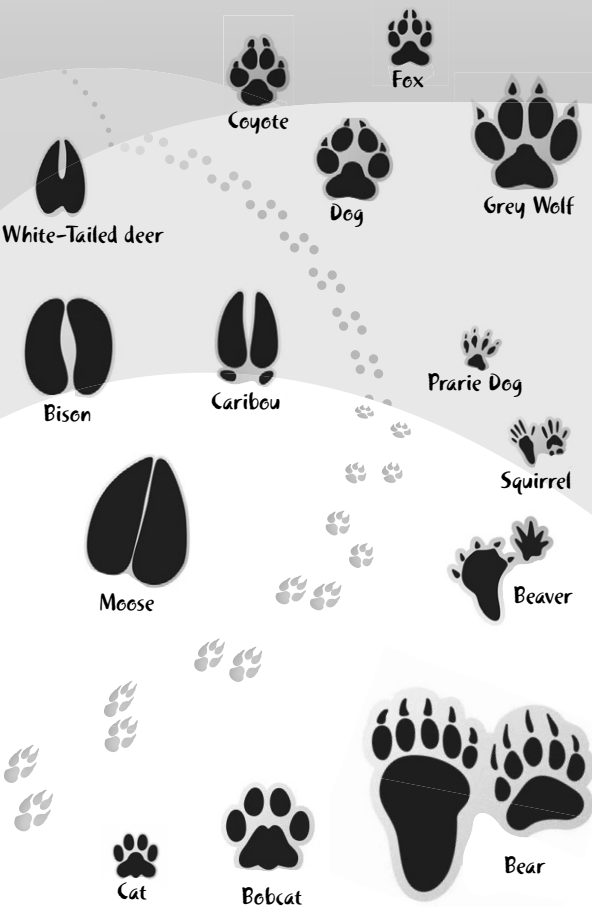
Yukon Literacy  
Coalition

*We are a society of people dedicated to improving the quality of life of all Yukoners. We do this by building the foundational skills required for lifelong learning; acknowledging that we are all adapting to an everchanging world.*

## Reading Footprints

Identifying animal tracks is a fun skill to add to your toolkit if you are someone who enjoys spending time outdoors. Knowing which critters you are sharing a space with and how close you are to them can become a great way to ensure a safe interaction or observation of the natural occupants of the landscape.

Having a good understanding of the prints themselves and the direction they are moving can make for a more engaging interaction with animals in a natural setting.



With winter upon us, the snowy ground acts as a canvas for these tracks. A story begins to reveal itself if you look closely; you can picture the squirrel traversing the snow-covered trees, or the ravens rummaging around looking for morsels of food.

A great way to distract yourself from the frigid temperatures is to observe the ground and create the narrative of what you see. If you are lucky, you may even find the critter that left the tracks in the first place. If you do happen to find them keep your distance and respect their personal space. Some critters are more welcome to observers than others but remember to practice safe and considerate low impact travel.

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