

DECEMBER 2023

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December brings anticipation, a dash of frenzy, and sometimes, a touch of stress and sadness. But don't worry - we're here to make it fun and memorable for you and your students.

As we gear up for the New Year, let's also look forward to January, when the Northern Reading Program kicks off once again, a tradition that started back in 1992. We have been working on some exciting changes to the program. Keep an eye out for updates.

Let's wrap up 2023 on a high note and step into 2024 with enthusiasm and curiosity.



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Ugly Sweater Day Colouring Contest

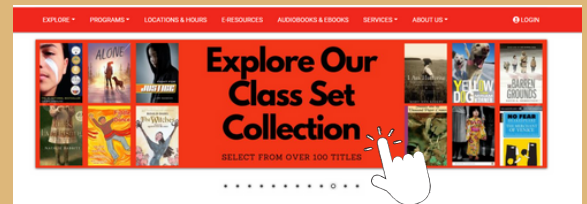
Learn about the origins of Ugly Sweater Day and hold a colouring contest in your school or school library

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Did you know...

If you click on the banner image located on the PNLS home page, it will take you directly to that form, resource, or curated book list.



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17	18	19	20	21  Winter Solstice	22	23
24 NEW YEAR'S EVE 31	25  Christmas Day	26 	27 PNLS closed 23rd to January 2nd	28	29	30

TO DO LIST

- ☐ KEEP YOUR EYES AND
- ☐ EARS OPEN FOR
- ☐ ANNOUNCEMENTS
- ☐ ABOUT THE PNLS
- ☐ NORTHERN READING
- ☐ PROGRAM'S NEW
- ☐ WEBSITE

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NOTE

APPLY TO HOST A PRESENTATION OR WORKSHOP BY CANADIAN AUTHORS, ILLUSTRATORS & STORYTELLERS FOR CANADIAN CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK APRIL 28 - MAY 4, 2024 AT WWW.BOOKCENTRE.CA/BOOK-WEEK



HOLD A BOOK TASTING IN YOUR CLASSROOM OR LIBRARY



What is a book tasting?

A book tasting is a fun and engaging event for all ages that can be held in the library or a classroom. The space is transformed into a restaurant where students, families or teachers are given the opportunity to sample different types of books.

Book tastings are a great way to introduce readers to:

- Different genres
- A new unit (ex: mythology)
- Books about holiday's & events
- Biographies
- Types of poetry
- Types of nonfiction
- Explore themes
- **& Earn reading points for the Northern Reading Program!**

Request a block of books from PNLS to expand your selection.

There are dozens of different book tasting resources available from Teachers Pay Teachers



BOOK TASTING PRIMARY



STARBOOKS BOOK TASTING



HORROR/SPOOKY BOOK TASTING



BOOK TASTING 3RD-8TH



THE READING CAFE



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FROM OUR CLASSROOM SET COLLECTION



THE BARREN GROUNDS by David A. Robertson

the first book in "The Misewa Saga" series, which is often described as "Narnia meets traditional Indigenous stories of the sky and constellations." It features two Indigenous children, Morgan and Eli, who find themselves transported to a frozen, barren world. The book has been well-received for its engaging storytelling, its celebration of Indigenous culture, and its educational value, especially for young readers. It offers a great opportunity for discussions around Indigenous perspectives, environmental stewardship, and the power of friendship and resilience.

Published: 2021

Pages: 256

Grade Level:

4-8

Age Range:

9-14


Copies: 25

DVD:

Teacher Guide:

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How to borrow classroom sets from Pahkisimon Nuye?áh Library System:

1. Get your Teacher Library Card. Forms available from our website www.pahkisimon.ca or ask your school library staff for a copy
2. Visit our website and click on the EXPLORE  dropdown menu
3. Search the **PNLS Headquarters Class Set Collection**
4. Explore our titles and contact us at (306) 425-4525 to request copies
5. Copies will be shipped to your local public library. If your community does not have a public library we will ship it to your school.

RESOURCES FOR DECEMBER

RED SCARF DAY

WWW.AIDSNETWORK.CA/THE-RED-SCARF-PROJECT/



NATIONAL UGLY SWEATER DAY

WWW.NATIONALTODAY.COM/NATIONAL-UGLY-SWEATER-DAY/



HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

TINYURL.COM/3SUKUABK



CANADIAN CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

WWW.BOOKCENTRE.CA/BOOK-WEEK



GINGERBREAD HOUSE STEM ACTIVITY



GINGERBREAD HOUSE FOR SALE WRITING ACTIVITY



1. Gingerbread House STEM Activity:

students construct graham cracker houses



2. Gingerbread House for Sale Writing Activity:

Students must try and sell a gingerbread houses they've designed or built

