



# FEBRUARY 2024

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This February, dive into Aboriginal Storytelling Month at your library, celebrating the rich narratives of Indigenous cultures. On another note, we're featuring a fantastic children's book from a talented local author - a must-read for young minds. Get a dose of history with our Saskatchewan Archives Week display at PNLS and embrace the spirit of giving on International Book Giving Day. Don't forget to perform a kind deed on Random Acts of Kindness Day and keep the reading momentum going with the SaskPower Northern Reading Program ([www.northernreadingprogram.ca](http://www.northernreadingprogram.ca)). Plus, stand up for literary freedom during Freedom to Read Week. It's a month filled with diverse, engaging activities for everyone!



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### Did you know...

Established in 1991, the Library Services for Saskatchewan Aboriginal Peoples (LSSAP) committee fosters information exchange on library services for Indigenous communities in Saskatchewan. LSSAP, an independent volunteer organization, welcomes individuals of Indigenous descent interested in libraries to join anytime. Contact for involvement details @ [www.lssap.ca](http://www.lssap.ca)

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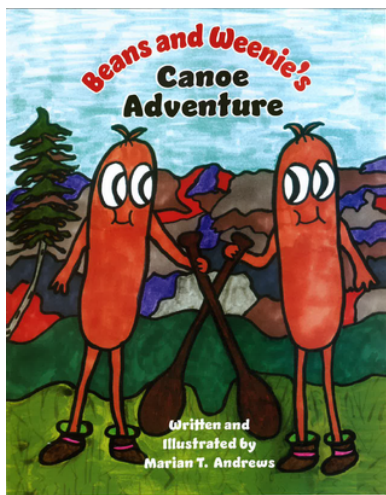
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24	25	26	27	28 PINK SHIRT DAY  NRP READING FOR POINTS ENDS AT 4:00 PM	29 	Today is the final day to collect and submit reading points and participate in contests for the Northern Reading Program on our website <a href="http://www.northernreadingprogram.ca">www.northernreading program.ca</a> . Don't miss out on the opportunity!

## TO DO LIST

- ☐ The Northern Reading
- ☐ Program's point-
- ☐ accumulation reading
- ☐ activity concludes at 4:00
- ☐ PM on February 28th.
- ☐ Participants must enter
- ☐ final reading points and
- ☐ upload writing& colouring
- ☐ contest entries to the
- ☐ Northern reading program
- ☐ website by the end of
- ☐ business day on Friday,
- ☐ March 1st.

## NOTE

21- INTERNATIONAL MOTHER  
LANGUAGE DAY



### **Beans and Weenie's Canoe Adventure**

by Marian T. Andrews

“Beans and Weenie's Canoe Adventure” is a delightful picture book, both written and illustrated by retired educator Marian T. Andrews. This book beautifully captures the joys and challenges of northern canoe trips. It narrates the adventures of Beans and Weenie, immersing readers in the essence of outdoor exploration, infused with humor and charm. The vibrant marker illustrations by Andrews add warmth, vividly bringing the characters' journey to life.

This 30-page book is not only a captivating story for children but also a practical guide, thanks to the comprehensive gear list included at the back. It's a perfect addition to any land-based materials collection, offering educational value and an engaging narrative. Ideal for library shelves, “Beans and Weenie's Canoe Adventure” is a must-have for young readers and a special treat for Marian Andrews' former students and colleagues. To order copies, text Marian at (306) 425-7388.

**Borrow 'Beans and Weenie's Canoe Adventure' now from PNLS. Readers of all ages can also win a copy by participating in the Northern Reading Program!**

### **Saskatchewan Archives Week - February 4-10**

#### **Northern Reading Program: Week 5 Highlight**

- **Theme:** Heritage and History
- **How to Participate:** Visit [www.northernreadingprogram.ca](http://www.northernreadingprogram.ca) for details or check WEEK 5 of your Reading Passport

#### **Northern Saskatchewan Archives Open House**

- **Host:** Archival Historian Graham Guest
- **Location:** Pahkisimon Nuye?áh Library System Headquarters, 118 Avro Place, Air Ronge
- **Dates:** February 5th - 9th
- **Special Invitation to Schools:** If you're within driving distance of Air Ronge, bring your class for a unique educational visit to the Archives
- **Booking:** Call (306) 425-4525 to schedule your visit
- **Visit the Archives Online:** <https://pahkisimon.ca/resources/archives>

Are you eager to showcase a special event, book, valuable resources, or innovative ideas to fellow educators and school libraries in the north? Reach out to me, and I'll ensure it gets featured in our newsletter!

Your contributions will enrich our community

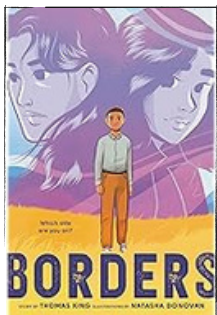
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## FROM OUR CLASSROOM SET COLLECTION



Published: 2021  
Pages: 192  
Grade Level:  
6- 12  
Age Range: 9+  
**Copies: 25**  
DVD: -  
Teacher Guide:  
Yes

"Borders" by Thomas King, now a graphic novel with illustrations by Natasha Donovan, provides a meaningful resource for educators. In ELA & social studies classrooms, "Borders" serves as a catalyst for discussions on identity, sovereignty, and the experiences of Indigenous peoples. The story, which centers on a Blackfoot mother and son at the Canada-U.S. border, uses visual storytelling to make complex topics approachable, encouraging students to explore the intersections of national borders and cultural heritage.

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

1. Get your Teacher Library Card. Forms available from our website [www.pahkisimon.ca](http://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 FEBRUARY

WORLD READ ALOUD  
DAY

[WWW.LITWORLD.ORG/  
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TAKE YOUR CHILD TO  
THE LIBRARY DAY

[WWW.TAKEYOURCHILDTOTHELIBRARY.ORG](http://WWW.TAKEYOURCHILDTOTHELIBRARY.ORG)



VALENTINES DAY  
UNWRAP A MYSTERY  
BOOK ACTIVITY TPT

[TINYURL.COM/3C7DACPS](http://TINYURL.COM/3C7DACPS)



RANDOM ACTS OF  
KINDNESS DAY

[WWW.RANDOMACTSOFKIND  
NESS.ORG](http://WWW.RANDOMACTSOFKINDNESS.ORG)



FAIR DEALINGS  
WEEK

[WWW.FAIR-DEALING.CA](http://WWW.FAIR-DEALING.CA)



INTERNATIONAL  
MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

[TINYURL.COM/  
42Y7ZWH7](http://TINYURL.COM/42Y7ZWH7)



FREEDOM TO  
READ WEEK

[WWW.FREEDOMTOREAD.CA](http://WWW.FREEDOMTOREAD.CA)



PINK SHIRT DAY

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