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In this April issue, we highlight the vibrant traditions of **Ribbon Skirt Month** and the expressive depth of **National Poetry Month**, with its theme of 'Weather'. We also celebrate the joy of reading with **D.E.A.R. Day**, honouring the storytelling legacy of Beverly Cleary.

Our focus extends to two distinct **Spotlight Classroom Sets** this month: a captivating novel in verse and an unexpected collection of poetry by a well-known rap artist. These selections are designed to challenge and engage, perfectly complementing this month's focus on poetry.

We're excited to announce our new partnership with the **Northern Sport, Culture and Recreation District**, offering sports materials for loan, enhancing your outdoor experiences.

Let's step into the spring season together, ready to explore new books, ideas, and outdoor adventures. This issue is your guide to making the most of these opportunities.

Poetry in Motion

Combine dance with poetry, creating an interactive learning experience. This method enriches understanding of themes and emotions, perfect for a fresh, creative approach to poetry lessons.

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- Did you know...
- Calendar: April in your library.
- Announcing: The Northern Active Living Library (NALL) Program!
- 2 spotlight books from our Classroom Set Collection: Alone & The Rose That Grew From Concrete.
- April resource links.

Did you know...

The Montreal Lake Cree Nation has launched a new app, offering updates on community news, events, and jobs. It facilitates direct communication with the Band Office and ensures members stay informed. Available for download on Apple and Android devices.



Sign up for our monthly Teacher-Librarian newsletter!

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 One Book One Province Events Kick-Off Across the Province	1 APRIL FOOL'S DAY!	2 International Children's Book Day	3 	 APRIL IS RIBBON SKIRT MONTH	6 	
				APRIL IS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH WITH THE THEME OF 'WEATHER'		
7 World Health Day	8 total solar eclipse (East Coast)	9 	10 International Day of Pink	11 	12 Beverly Cleary's birthday is D.E.A.R. Day	13
14 National Volunteer Week (NVW) April 14 to 20	15 World Art Day	16 	17 NATIONAL CANADIAN FILM DAY	18 Poem in Your Pocket Day	19 	20
21 	22 International Mother Earth Day	Canada Book Day, World Book Day, and Copyright Day 	24 	25 	26 	27 Canadian Independent Bookstore Day
28 	29 International Dance Day	30 				
		CANADIAN CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK TOUR BEGINS				

TO DO LIST

- ☐ Check with Willow Awards for their list of new books at willowawards.ca
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NOTE

17TH - ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY



BEYOND BOOKS: DISCOVER PNLS RESOURCES & OUTDOOR ADVENTURES



GET ACTIVE WITH PNLS AND THE NORTHERN ACTIVE LIVING LIBRARY (NALL) PROGRAM!

We're excited to launch the **Northern Active Living Library (NALL) Program**, a groundbreaking partnership between **PNLS and the Northern Sport Culture and Recreation District**. Offering everything from Bocce Ball and Steel Horseshoes to Yoga Mats and Boardball, the NALL Program provides a broad spectrum of sports and activity equipment suitable for various ages and interests.

Delve into our **Active Fun Kits**, designed for convenience and fun. These kits include items like bean bags, activity dice, juggling equipment, and skipping ropes, all packed for easy use and transportation.

Discover the NALL Program at PNLS headquarters or online at pahkisimon.ca/nall. Some items may require pickup, while others can be shipped to northern communities. **Start your journey to a healthier lifestyle with NALL's launch on April 2nd!**



Explore the Great Outdoors with SaskOutdoors Lending Library!



From bird watching sets and four-person tents to unique items like solar ovens and Indigenous Games Kits, they offer a variety of outdoor gear for their members. Perfect for educators and outdoor enthusiasts looking to expand their adventures. Check out their offerings and consider becoming a member for access. Dive into outdoor exploration today!

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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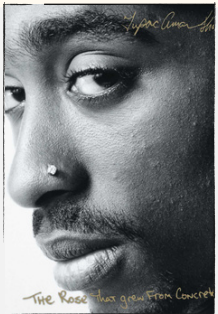




Published: 2021
 Pages: 404
 Grade Level: 5+
 Age Range: 10+
Copies: 25
 DVD: -
 Teacher Guide:
 Yes



Dive into Megan Freeman's '**Alone**,' a gripping novel in verse that shares the spirit of adventure and survival with classics like Gary Paulson's 'Hatchet.' This accessible, fast-paced narrative follows Maddie, a young girl facing the ultimate test of survival in an empty town, echoing the solitude but not the wilderness of 'Hatchet.' The novel's verse format breaks down barriers for reluctant readers, presenting the story in digestible, engaging segments. This approach not only enhances comprehension and retention but also invites students to experience the rhythm and impact of language in a new way. 'Alone' offers a unique lens on themes of independence, resilience, and companionship, making it an ideal read for encouraging deep thought and discussion among young readers.



Published: 2009
 Pages: 176
 Grade Level:
 10-12, post-
 secondary
 Age Range: 15+
Copies: 25
 DVD: -
 Teacher Guide:
 Yes


Explore Tupac Shakur's powerful poetry collection, **The Rose That Grew From Concrete**, an immersive anthology that echoes the struggles, resilience, and dreams of one of hip-hop's most iconic figures. This collection pairs seamlessly with Angie Thomas's 'The Hate U Give,' offering rich layers to the themes of identity, justice, and personal evolution. Educators can enhance their curriculum with easily accessible online resources, including unit plans and lessons that delve into Tupac's use of literary devices like similes and metaphors.

YouTube also offers a plethora of biographical videos that provide deeper insight into Tupac's life, helping students understand the background and influences that shaped his poetry.

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How to borrow classroom sets from Pakhisimon Nuyeh'áh Library System:

1. Get your Teacher Library Card. [Forms](#) available from our website www.pakhisimon.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.



INTERNATIONAL
CHILDREN'S BOOK DAY

[WWW.IBBY-
CANADA.ORG](http://WWW.IBBY-CANADA.ORG)



CANADA BOOK DAY,
WORLD BOOK DAY,
AND COPYRIGHT DAY

[HTTPS://TELLELITERACY.COM/E
VENTS/WORLD-BOOK-DAY-
2024/](https://telleliteracy.com/events/world-book-day-2024/)



CANADIAN CHILDREN'S
BOOK WEEK

[HTTPS://WWW.BOOKCENTRE.C
A/BOOK-WEEK](https://www.bookcentre.ca/book-week)



SPARK CREATIVITY
BLACKOUT POETRY

[TINYURL.COM/2BVE78EC](https://tinyurl.com/2BVE78EC)



POEM IN YOUR POCKET DAY
2024

[WWW.POETS.CA/POCKET
POEM2024](http://WWW.POETS.CA/POCKET
POEM2024)



RIBBON SKIRT MONTH

[WWW.FNEL.CA/APRIL-
IS-RIBBON-SKIRT-
MONTH/](http://WWW.FNEL.CA/APRIL-
IS-RIBBON-SKIRT-
MONTH/)



CANADA BOOK DAY

[TINYURL.COM/BP8BCYUS](https://tinyurl.com/BP8BCYUS)



CREATIVE 1ST GRADE
ART PROJECTS

[WWW.WEARETEACHERS.COM/
1ST-GRADE-ART-PROJECTS/](http://WWW.WEARETEACHERS.COM/
1ST-GRADE-ART-PROJECTS/)



40 INSPIRING POETRY
GAMES AND ACTIVITIES FOR
KIDS AND TEENS

[WWW.WEARETEACHERS.COM/
POETRY-GAMES-FOR-THE-
CLASSROOM](http://WWW.WEARETEACHERS.COM/
POETRY-GAMES-FOR-THE-
CLASSROOM)



POETRY IN VOICE

WWW.POETRYINVOICE.CA



SINAPÂN KISKASÁKÁS: A
GUIDE TO MAKING
CONTEMPORARY-STYLE
MÉTIS RIBBON SKIRTS

[PAHKISIMON.CA/SM/SEARCH/
ITEM/3097144](http://PAHKISIMON.CA/SM/SEARCH/
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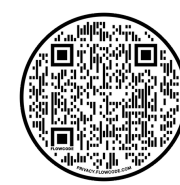
DROP EVERYTHING AND
READ DAY (D.E.A.R)

[TINYURL.COM/54DBNU56](https://tinyurl.com/54DBNU56)



TOOLKIT FOR EDUCATORS
AND YOUTH - SOLAR AND
LUNAR ECLIPSES

[TINYURL.COM/YVFRDDJ4](https://tinyurl.com/YVFRDDJ4)



PRESTWICK HOUSE
ONLINE RESOURCES FOR
TEACHING POETRY

[TINYURL.COM/MRNMWTP4](https://tinyurl.com/MRNMWTP4)



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MOTHER EARTH DAY

WWW.EARTHDAY.CA



CANADIAN CHILDREN'S
BOOK WEEK

[HTTPS://BOOKCENTRE.CA/
BOOK-WEEK](https://BOOKCENTRE.CA/
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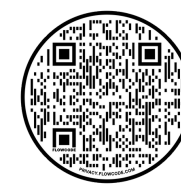
CANADA FILM DAY

WWW.CANFILMDAY.CA



ONE BOOK ONE PROVINCE

[WWW.SASKLA.CA/PROGRAMS/
ONE-BOOK-ONE-PROVINCE](http://WWW.SASKLA.CA/PROGRAMS/
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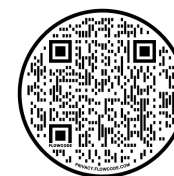
NATIONAL POETRY
MONTH

WWW.POETS.CA



INTERNATIONAL
DANCE
DAY

[TINYURL.COM/YP268JDR](https://tinyurl.com/YP268JDR)





IN THE SHADOWS By Pauline Johnson

On the water's idle pillow
Sleeps the overhanging willow,
Green and cool:
Where the rushes lift their
burnished
Oval heads from out the tarnished
Emerald pool.

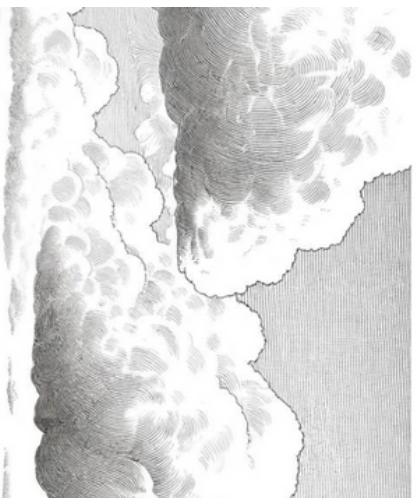


A LIGHT EXISTS IN SPRING BY EMILY DICKINSON

A Light exists in Spring
Not present on the Year
At any other period —
When March is scarcely here



The Daffodils by William Wordsworth



I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils

APRIL RAIN SONG by Langston Hughes

Let the rain kiss you.
Let the rain beat upon
your head with silver
liquid drops.
Let the rain sing you a
lullaby.

