

# MAY 2024

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### May Highlights for the PNLS Community

- **Saskatchewan Libraries Conference** (May 2-3): Kicking off the month, the conference in Regina promises enriching sessions for all attendees. If you're in the city on May 4th, don't forget to celebrate **Free Comic Book Day** by picking up some free comics at local bookstores!
- **Screen-Free Week** (May 6-12): Step away from screens this week and rediscover the joys of active living! Borrow sports and activity equipment from PNLS, or pick up a book from your school or public library.
- **International Day of Families**: Celebrate the diversity of families with themed library programs.
- **Special Days**: Enjoy Victoria Day, share stories on Mother's Day, and honour educational leaders on School Principals Day.
- **Fun Days**: Enjoy International Tea Day, National Scavenger Hunt Day, National Paper Airplane Day, and embrace pop culture on Star Wars Day (May 4).
- **Important Awareness Days**: Participate in Red Dress Day and Moose Hide Campaign Day to reflect and connect



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- Bonus! May bookmarks

### Did you know...

You can borrow a **Regional Park Pass** from any public library in Saskatchewan? All you need is your library card. These passes are available for a 7-day loan period, from May 17 to September 15, 2024. It's a perfect way to enjoy the great outdoors with family and friends.

**HAPPY  
NATIONAL  
SCHOOL  
PRINCIPALS  
DAY!**



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### TO DO LIST

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- ☐ **free comic**
- ☐ **books on May**
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# SaskPower Northern Reading Program Report



## 2024 SaskPower Northern Reading Program: Uniting Communities Through Reading



The SaskPower Northern Reading Program, hosted by the Pakkisiimon Nuyeh'áh Library System, successfully united communities across Northern Saskatchewan in a celebration of literacy and shared love for books during January and February 2024. This initiative featured distinct weekly themes and a range of contests, fostering community engagement and creativity.

### Program Highlights:

- **Weekly Themes:** Throughout the program, participants explored unique weekly themes, such as celebrating family literacy, exploring local history, and highlighting tales of compassion and kindness, enriching their reading experiences and broadening their understanding of diverse subjects. Weekly themes included links to recommended reading lists on the PNLs website.

### Contests and Creative Engagement:

- **Reading Challenge:** Participants logged their reading minutes, competing for the title of "Readingest Community." and the opportunity to win prize packs.
- **Writing Contest:** This contest provided a platform for participants of all ages to express their creativity in various literary forms.
- **Colouring Contest:** Open to all ages, this contest gave participants the opportunity to showcase their artistic talents and win books and personalized letters from Wandering Willie, enhancing engagement and providing fun for every participant.
- **Bulletin Board Contest:** Teachers and libraries crafted bulletin boards that promoted the Northern Reading Program, fostering a visual celebration of reading and helping to spread the word about the program's benefits and activities.
- **Community and School Participation:** Notably, **Canoe Narrows** was celebrated as this year's reading champions, demonstrating strong community involvement.
- **Digital Engagement and Accessibility:** With a new online presence, the program reached an even wider audience, especially beneficial for participants in remote areas, online students, and homeschoolers.
- **Anticipated Changes for 2025:** Based on participant feedback, the 2025 SaskPower Northern Reading Program will feature revised registration divisions for classroom teachers, school and public libraries, and the general public, more precise reading guidelines to make help make tracking reading minutes more manageable and enriching, enhanced prizes to further incentivize participation, and an improved digital leaderboard to make tracking progress more interactive and engaging. These updates aim to enhance user experience and celebrate the reading achievements across Northern Saskatchewan.

### Visit Us Online:

To explore our reading program further, please visit our website at [www.northernreadingprogram.ca](http://www.northernreadingprogram.ca). Join us as we continue to foster a love of reading across Northern Saskatchewan!

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!

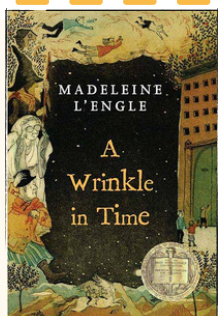
Your contributions will enrich our community.

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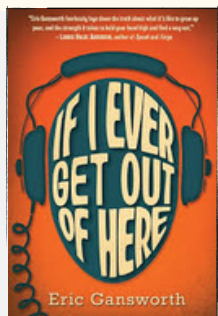


# PNLS SPOTLIGHT CLASSROOM SET COLLECTION



Published: 2007  
Pages: 256  
Grade Level: 5+  
Age Range: 10+  
**Copies: 25**  
DVD: 1  
Teacher Guide: Yes

In celebration of Screen-Free Week and International Day of Families, *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle is an excellent choice for classroom reading. This Newbery Medal-winning novel offers thrilling adventures through space and time, emphasizing the power of family bonds and individual courage. Perfect for middle schoolers, the book encourages critical thinking and imaginative exploration, promoting discussions on family resilience and the magic of science. Dive into this captivating read during Screen-Free Week to inspire students to cherish family connections and explore beyond the digital world. The story's scientific elements, like tesseracts and fifth-dimensional travel, also provide a unique opportunity to integrate STEM learning with literature.




Published: 2013  
Pages: 359  
Grade Level: 7-10  
Age Range: 12-15  
**Copies: 25**  
DVD: -  
Teacher Guide:

*If I Ever Get Out of Here* by Eric Gansworth offers an engaging look at the challenges and friendships of Lewis Blake, a Native American teenager in the 1970s. Set against a backdrop of racial tensions, Lewis's story unfolds in a predominantly white high school where his bond with George, a military kid who loves music, bridges their cultural divides. This novel enhances classroom discussions on social inclusion and the resilience needed to overcome adversity. Unlike Sherman Alexie's *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, which focuses on humorous and poignant moments of life on the reservation, Gansworth's work delves into cross-cultural friendships and the solace found in shared interests, presenting a different layer of Native American experiences in educational settings.

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

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





## STAR WARS DAY

[WWW.STARWARS.COM/  
NEWS/STAR-WARS-  
READS-AT-THE-LIBRARY](http://WWW.STARWARS.COM/NEWS/STAR-WARS-READS-AT-THE-LIBRARY)



## FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

[WWW.FREECOMIC  
BOOKDAY.COM](http://WWW.FREECOMICBOOKDAY.COM)



## TRAMP'S MUSIC AND BOOKS FACEBOOK PAGE

29 12TH STREET WEST  
PRINCE ALBERT



## MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU PINTEREST IDEAS

[TINYURL.COM/NXK76VZH](http://TINYURL.COM/NXK76VZH)



## SCREEN FREE WEEK

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



## RED DRESS DAY

[WWW.NWAC.CA/ASSETS-  
KNOWLEDGE-  
CENTRE/RED-DRESS-  
DAY-TOOL-KIT.PDF](http://WWW.NWAC.CA/ASSETS-KNOWLEDGE-CENTRE/RED-DRESS-DAY-TOOL-KIT.PDF)



## BORROW IF I GO MISSING

[PAHKISIMON.CA/SM/SEARCH  
/ITEM/3137345](http://PAHKISIMON.CA/SM/SEARCH/ITEM/3137345)



## MOOSEHIDE CAMPAIGN DAY

[WWW.MOOSEHIDE  
CAMPAIGN.CA](http://WWW.MOOSEHIDECAMPAIGN.CA)



## NATIONAL SCAVENGER HUNT DAY

[TINYURL.COM/3P6BU7X5](http://TINYURL.COM/3P6BU7X5)



## PUBLIC LIBRARY SCAVENGER HUNT

[TINYURL.COM/3RUFXW75](http://TINYURL.COM/3RUFXW75)



## NATIONAL PAPER AIRPLANE DAY

[WWW.NATIONALTODAY.COM  
/NATIONAL-PAPER-  
AIRPLANE-DAY/](http://WWW.NATIONALTODAY.COM/NATIONAL-PAPER-AIRPLANE-DAY/)



## BORROW PAPER AIRPLANE ENGINEERING BOOKS

[TINYURL.COM/  
4X65EBB5](http://TINYURL.COM/4X65EBB5)





Unplug to Reconnect: Embrace Screen-Free Week: May 6 - 12

