

# OCTOBER 2024

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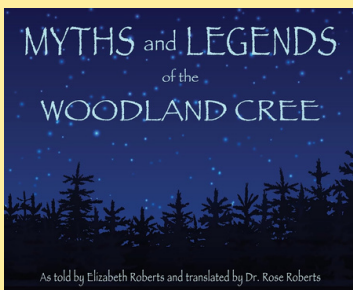
### October 2024 Highlights

October is so much more than Halloween! While Saskatchewan Library Week (Oct 13-19) coincides with our PNLS Northern Library Conference (Oct 16-17), the ideas and resources gained from the conference will support your library efforts throughout the year. Here are some other ways to engage patrons this month:

- **Reader's Advisories for Women's History Month:** Highlight influential women in history or focus on powerful female authors and their works.
- **Star Wars Reads Month:** Host a Star Wars-themed book display or trivia contest to engage younger readers.
- **Secret Path Week (Oct 17-22):** Feature books and resources that promote Indigenous history and reconciliation.
- **Media Literacy Week (Oct 21-25):** Organize activities around digital citizenship and critical media consumption.
- **Take Me Outside Week (Oct 21-25):** Create an outdoor storytime or nature-inspired reading challenge.

There are endless possibilities to make October a vibrant and engaging month!

**New to our library.** This collection of Woodland Cree myths includes a QR code to hear the stories in Cree. **Borrow it!**



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### Did you know...

October is International Dyslexia Awareness Month! Visit our website and check out our new Phonics-Based Dyslexia Collection with over 250 decodable titles, created in partnership with the Provincial Library and Literacy Office (PLLO). These resources are designed to support individuals with dyslexia.



[Sign up for our monthly Teacher-Librarian newsletter!](#)

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Month of the Métis in the  
province of Saskatchewan

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<u>Dyslexia Awareness Month</u> <u>Agriculture Month in Saskatchewan</u> 	October is Canadian Library Month & International School Library Month <u>The Global Read Aloud starts today!</u> <u>Saskatchewan Book Week 7 - 13</u>	International Music Day & International Day of Older Persons 1	The First Week of October is National Family Week 2	<u>"Remember When" First Nation Public Library Week 1 - 4 (ON)</u>  <u>World Mental Health Day</u> 	 <u>Sisters in Spirit Day</u> 4	 <u>World Teacher's Day</u> <u>International Workplace Bullying Awareness Week 13 - 19</u> 5
International Plain Language Day <u>Saskatchewan Library Week 13 - 19</u> 13	 Thanksgiving Monday <u>Media Literacy Week 21 - 25</u> <u>Canadian School Library Day</u> 14	<u>PNLS Northern Library Conference 16 - 17 Prince Albert</u>  15	16 <u>World Food Day</u> <u>National Take Me Outside Day</u>  <u>Digital Citizen Day</u> 23	17 <u>Secret Path Week 17-22</u> 24	<u>Persons Day</u> <u>Canadian Library Workers Day</u>  18	19 26
<u>National Take Me Outside Week 21 - 25</u> 20	21 28	22 29	30	 Halloween 31	<u>October is Women's History Month in Canada</u> <u>October is Health Literacy Month</u> 25	<u>October is Bullying Prevention Month</u> <u>October is Star Wars Reads month</u>  26
<u>Saskatchewan Access to justice week (SKA2J) 28 - Nov 1</u> 27	Saskatchewan general election held on or before October 28th 					







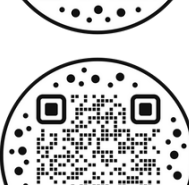


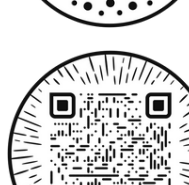
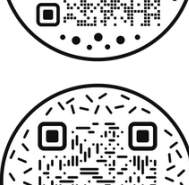

#### TO DO

- Ensure you're registered for the PNLS Northern Library Conference, happening in Prince Albert October 16 - 17. Registration closes October 4th.
- Prepare and submit Aboriginal Storytelling Month grant applications. Learn more at [www.lssap.ca/storytelling](http://www.lssap.ca/storytelling).
- Order Free Remembrance Day materials in October from [www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance](http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance) for your library or classrooms

#### NOTE

- October is Canadian Library Month & International School Library Month
- October is Women's History month in Canada
- October is Dyslexia Awareness Month
- October is Agriculture Month in Saskatchewan
- October is Star Wars Reads month
- October is Health Literacy Month
- October is German Heritage Month
- October is Latin American Heritage Month
- October is Bullying Prevention Month
- October is Islamic History Month Canada
- The First Week of October is National Family Week
- "Remember When" First Nation Public Library Week 1 - 4 (ON)
- Saskatchewan general election held on or before October 28th

# RESOURCES FOR OCTOBER

<a href="#"><u>Dyslexia Awareness Month</u></a>	Discover our new Phonics-Based Dyslexia Collection and over 250 decodable titles now available!		Notes:		
<a href="#"><u>Agriculture Month in Saskatchewan</u></a>	Sign up for the Sask Agriculture Month book giveaway!				
<a href="#"><u>October is Star Wars Reads month</u></a>	Find ideas to celebrate Star Wars all month long. Includes printable activity kits and posters.				
<a href="#"><u>International Workplace Bullying Awareness Week</u></a>	Provides information, prevention strategies, and support tools for Workplace Bullying Awareness Week				
<a href="#"><u>Saskatchewan Library Week</u></a>	Saskatchewan Library Week (SLW) is a province-wide, annual event that promotes library services and resources				
<a href="#"><u>Saskatchewan Book Week</u></a>	SaskBooks tours top Saskatchewan books and authors to communities across the province. Contact to host an event				
<a href="#"><u>The Global Read Aloud</u></a>	The Global Read Aloud is a yearly project where one book connects classrooms around the world reading aloud the same book		<a href="#"><u>October is Health Literacy Month</u></a>	Improve your health literacy skills with these free resources from ABC Health Matters	
<a href="#"><u>Secret Path Week 17-22</u></a>	The site provides tools for integrating the legacy of Chanie Wenjack and the reconciliation journey into libraries & curriculum		<a href="#"><u>Media Literacy Week 21 - 25</u></a>	Offers libraries and teachers resources to promote media literacy	
<a href="#"><u>National Take Me Outside Week 21 - 25</u></a>	Find resources and activities for outdoor learning and play, including lesson plans, event details,& educational materials		<a href="#"><u>Digital Citizen Day</u></a>	Offers libraries and teachers resources to promote digital citizenship	



# The Northern Educational & Cultural Tour Recap

From **September 16-21**, the **Northern Educational & Cultural Tour** visited several public libraries and schools across northern Saskatchewan. The tour featured Cree Métis artist **Harmony Johnson-Harder**, who guided students, staff, and community members in creating **symbolic story sticks**, many of whom shared the personal stories behind their unique designs. The creativity on display was incredible, and each community welcomed us warmly.

Here's where we visited:

- **Montreal Lake Public Library** (Montreal Lake)
- **Senator Myles Venne Public Library** (LLRIB - Air Ronge)
- **Alex Robertson Public Library** (La Ronge)
- **Peaymichikee Public Library** (Pinehouse)
- **Île-à-la-Crosse Public Library** (Île-à-la-Crosse)
- **Dave O'Hara Community Library** (La Loche)
- **Wisewood Library** (Buffalo Narrows)
- **Beauval Public Library** (Beauval)
- **Tawowikamik Public Library** (Pelican Narrows)

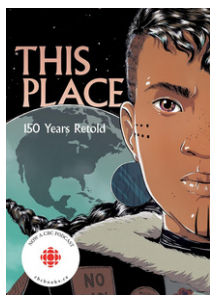


A special thank you to the **library staff** for organising the visits and preparing the spaces. The fall colours, good weather, and warm welcomes made the journey through northern Saskatchewan truly enjoyable.

We're excited to make this tour an annual event, bringing it to northern communities every fall. This year's tour was made possible thanks to the generous support of our sponsors: **First Nations University of Canada**, the **Saskatchewan Library Association (SLA)**, the **Government of Saskatchewan**, and the **Pahkisimon Nuye?áh Library System**.







**This Place: 150 Years Retold** is a visually striking graphic novel anthology that re-examines 150 years of Canadian history from Indigenous perspectives. Through ten powerful short stories, Indigenous authors and artists explore themes of colonization, resilience, and identity, providing a narrative that challenges conventional histories and highlights the lived experiences of Indigenous peoples in Canada.

This Place: 150 Years Retold

**Copies: 25**

**Pages: 296**

DVD: No

Gr. Level: 7 - 12

Age Range: 12+

Resource: Teacher Guide

This book is an excellent resource for integrating Indigenous perspectives across the Saskatchewan curriculum. It can be used in various subjects:

- **Social Studies/History:** To deepen students' understanding of treaties, Indigenous governance, colonization, and the impact on Indigenous communities.
- **English Language Arts:** For analyzing narrative techniques, storytelling from diverse perspectives, and exploring graphic novels as a form of literature.
- **Arts Education:** To explore visual storytelling, Indigenous art styles, and the cultural significance behind the illustrations.



[Teacher Guide](#)



[Book Trailer](#)



[Borrow it!](#)

This Place is appropriate for grades 7-12, making it a versatile tool for middle and high school classrooms. A teacher resource guide is available to assist with lesson planning and integrating the book into the curriculum. This guide can be borrowed from the library.

## 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](http://www.pahkisimon.ca) or ask your school or public 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 or fill out the Subject Request and Class Set form and forward it to us.
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.



Sign up for our monthly Teacher-Librarian newsletter!

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# Fall Festivities Reading Bingo

**Read a book  
while  
sipping hot  
tea or cocoa**

**Read a  
Halloween-  
themed  
book**

**Read a  
scary story  
with a  
flashlight**

**Read a  
book about  
changing  
seasons**

**Read a  
poem  
about  
fall**

**Read about  
animal  
migrations**

**Read a  
Thanksgiving-  
themed picture  
book**

**Pick a book  
with “fall”  
or  
“autumn”  
in the title**

**Read a short  
story about  
Halloween  
traditions**