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November 2024 Highlights

November is **Financial Literacy Month**.

Throughout November, take advantage of library and online resources that enhance practical skills like budgeting, saving, and understanding finances.

The month also features important observances: **National Jersey Friday** on November 3 kicks off the month with a fun school spirit day to wear favorite team jerseys. **Veterans Week** (November 5-11) and **Indigenous Veterans Day** on November 8 honor the contributions of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit veterans, while **Remembrance Day** on November 11 provides a moment to remember all who served.

From November 10-16, **Rock Your Mocs Week** invites students to celebrate Indigenous pride and craftsmanship by wearing moccasins. **World Kindness Day** on November 13 and **Louis Riel Day** on November 16 during **Métis Week** offer opportunities for students to learn about Métis heritage and the legacy of Louis Riel.

Rounding out the month, **National Child Day** on November 20 encourages a focus on youth well-being and rights.



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Did you know...

PNLS now offers

Transparent Language

Online, a learning tool

with **100+ languages**, including **Cree, Dene, Michif**, and more. Available to all members, this platform combines interactive activities, audio, and visuals for effective learning. KidSpeak, designed for grades K–3, makes language learning fun for young children in popular languages like Spanish, French, and English.

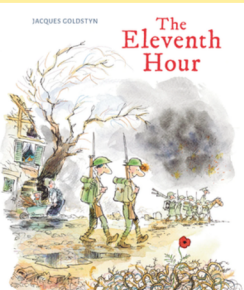


Borrow it!

The Eleventh Hour

by Jaques Goldstyn

A Canadian WWI story of friendship, best suited for grades 5+, teens, and adults. Though a picture book, it delves into the harsh realities of war.



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NOTE

- November is Financial Literacy Month
- The week surrounding November 16 is known as Métis Week
- Canada History week 18 - 22
- 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence Nov 25 - Dec 10

RESOURCES:

November
is
Financial
Literacy
Month

Bank of Canada Museum
Free educational kits,
virtual exhibits, lesson
plans, videos, games,
workshops, webinars,
and printable play money



\$SaskMONEY

SaskMoney is an
educational resource
designed to enhance
financial literacy for
students in
Saskatchewan



Walk of
Heroes
Bulletin
Board

Wakelet link to PDF or
Canva template link for
printable interactive
bulletin board materials
with an Indigenous focus



I Read
Canadian
Day

Families, schools, libraries,
bookstores and
organizations host
activities and events by
reading Canadian books for
just fifteen minutes



Remembrance
Day

Resources, lesson plans,
and activities for the
classroom
Order printed materials for
the library here in October



Rock Your
Mocs
Week

Learn about the history of
Rock Your Mocs, find
hashtags, and share your
events!



Métis
Week &
Louis Riel
Day

Incorporate these Métis
Educational Printables and
On-Screen Resources from
Rupert's Land Institute into
your activities.



Canada
History
week

A playlist of videos and
other resources
highlighting important
Canadian figures & events



National
Child's
Day

Free videos, activity
guides, posters, colouring
pages, and additional
resources



PLANNING:

International
Day for the
Elimination
of Violence
Against Women

Toolkit that
includes videos
and social
media
resources.



GIVING
TUESDAY

Learn how to start
your own Giving
Tuesday campaign,
Find graphics and
logos, and Canva
templates



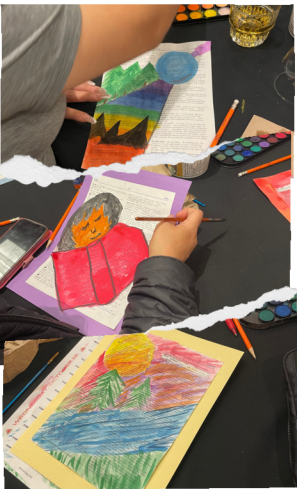
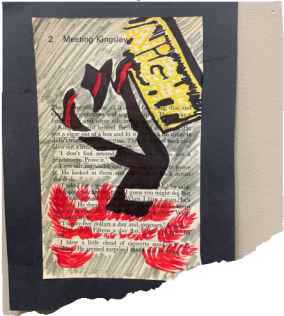
PNLS Northern Library Conference Highlights October 16 & 17, 2024 | Prince Albert



Our annual PNLS Northern Library Conference welcomed 30 attendees, some from as far north as Wollaston and Black Lake. The event featured engaging workshops, hands-on activities, and resources designed to support library staff in enhancing their programming and services.

Day One Morning

Repurposing discarded books creative workshop.

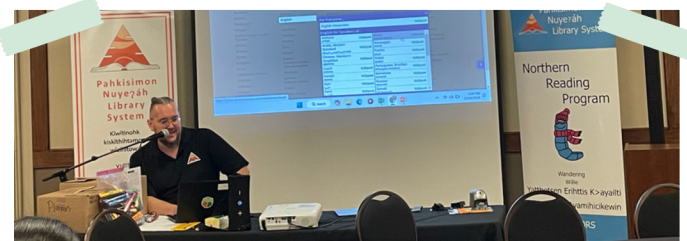


Day One Afternoon

Interactive activities and the Indigenous Games Kit with Chantelle Edwards from SaskOutdoors.



Transparent Language Online Launch with PNLS Director James Hope-Howard, 2024/2025 Northern Library Planner review and a brief joint venture library information session followed by a tour of John M. Cuelenaere Public Library.



Day Two Morning

Starbooks Book-Tasting Teen Reads session, with books provided by Wayne Nickel of JerBear Books.

Phaedra Hitchings from the Sask Literacy Network promoted both her organization and the benefits of First Book Canada membership, arranging pallets of free books from First Book for pickup at Gateway Mall.



Day Two Afternoon

Using Creativity to Facilitate Meaningful Programs with Harmony Johnson-Harder.



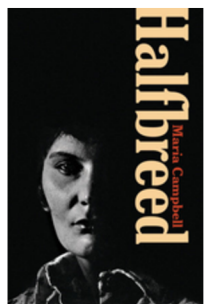
Conference Wrap-Up

The event concluded Thursday afternoon with a service recognition ceremony and door prizes for library programming. The largest prize—a set of shelf dividers from Canadian Learning Supplies—went to Merle Bighetty from Pelican Narrows.



Contributors:





Halfbreed

Campbell, Maria

Copies: 25

Pages: 194

DVD: No

Gr. Level: 10-12,

Post secondary

Age Range: 15+

Resource: No

Borrow it!



Author

Biography



Halfbreed by Maria Campbell

Halfbreed, published in 1973, remains a foundational text in Canadian literature, women's studies, and Indigenous studies classes. Maria Campbell, a Saskatchewan-born Métis author, recounts her life growing up in a Road Allowance community, capturing themes of resilience, identity, and social justice. Although over 50 years old, the book's powerful exploration of systemic racism, poverty, and gendered challenges still resonates, making it ideal for grades 10-12.

Classroom Applications

As a novel study, *Halfbreed* invites students to engage with memoir and personal storytelling, connecting Campbell's experiences to broader themes in ELA, Social Studies, and Indigenous Studies. It's especially valuable for examining Métis history. High school teachers can deepen lessons by pairing *Halfbreed* with companion resources, like Campbell's *Riel's People*, or student projects on Métis history.

How to Borrow Classroom Sets From Pahkisimon Nuyeh'áh Library System:

1. Get your Teacher Library Card. Forms available from our website 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.



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The Little Buffalo Reader Program

The Little Buffalo Reader Program is a literacy program for Métis children.

Qualified families with children between 0 and 5 years old are eligible to receive free age-appropriate books each month until their 5th birthday.

Eligibility Criteria:

- The child must be 0 to 5 years old
- The child must be an MN-S citizen or in the process of acquiring citizenship and must not have applied for First Nation status. Please visit <https://metisnationsk.com/citizenship/> for citizenship information
- The applicant (parent/guardian) and child must reside within Saskatchewan
- The applicant (parent/guardian) applying must reside with the child

Applications will only be reviewed when all documentation is received.

If you are applying for more than one child, please fill out a new application for each child.

**Please forward any general questions
to Kari at LittleReader@mns.ca**

