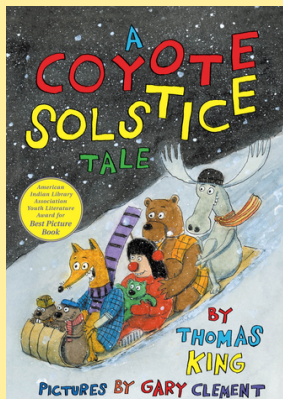# DECEMBER 2024

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## December Highlights

December brings a mix of celebration, reflection, and creativity:

- Canada Learning Code Week (Dec. 2–8) and Computer Science Education Week (Dec. 9–15) focus on innovation and technology.
- Dewey Decimal Day (Dec. 10) celebrates the art of library organization.
- Gingerbread House Day (Dec. 12) inspires creativity and imagination.
- Ugly Christmas Sweater Day (Dec. 20) brings a fun and festive touch to the season.
- Arctic Science Month highlights the beauty and importance of science in Canada's north throughout December.

Wishing you a joyful Christmas and a restful holiday break. We look forward to seeing you in January as the **SaskPower Northern Reading Program** begins!

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- Resources for December
- SaskPower Northern Reading Program news

### Did you know...

PNLS Headquarters offers Ozobot kits, Cubelet kits, and other educator resources that are perfect for Canada Learning Code Week and Computer Science Education Week!

### Borrow it!

In **A Coyote Solstice Tale** by Thomas King, Trickster Coyote and friends learn about the true meaning of generosity amidst holiday consumerism.
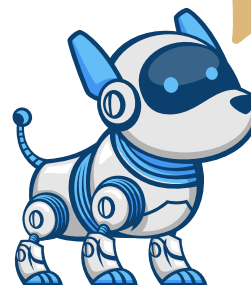
# 12 DECEMBER

## 2024

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1** Red Scarf day | **2** Canada Learning Code Week 2 – 8 | **3** International Day of Persons with Disabilities | **4** International Volunteer Day | **5** | **6** National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women | **7** |
| **8** | **9** Computer Science Education Week 9 - 15 | **10** Dewey Decimal System Day Human Rights Day | **11** | **12** Gingerbread House Day | **13** | **14** |
| **15** | **16** | **17** Anti Bullying Day | **18** | **19** | **20** National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day | **21** Winter Solstice |
| **22** | **23** | **24** Christmas Eve | **25** Christmas Day | **26** Boxing Day | **27** | **28** |
| **29** | **30** | **31** New Year's Eve | | | December is Arctic Science Month in Canada | |

## TO DO

- Library Staff: Register early for the SaskPower Northern Reading Program!
  - Access materials and start planning early for January and February!

## NOTE

# RESOURCES:

**Learning Code Week**

Equips all teachers to teach coding, offering accessible resources and lesson plans, regardless of prior coding experience, to ensure confidence and success in the classroom

**International Volunteer Day**

Reward your volunteers

**National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day**

Canva template or PDF with everything you need to run a Ugly Christmas Sweater Colouring Contest!

**Computer Science Education Week**

CSEdWeek website provides free resources such as lesson plans, coding activites, educator guides, and tutorials

**Gingerbread House Creative writing Project**

Editable Canva template and PDF with Ginger Bread House For Sale Writing Activity

**The Library Gingerbread Man Book**

Learn about the Dewey Decimal System with this children's book

**Dewey Decimal System Day**

Play Shelve It. This online game is a fun way to teach students how to put books in order

**SaskPower Northern Reading Program**

Register early online for the SaskPower Northern Reading Program. Boost reading, challenge others, win exciting prizes!
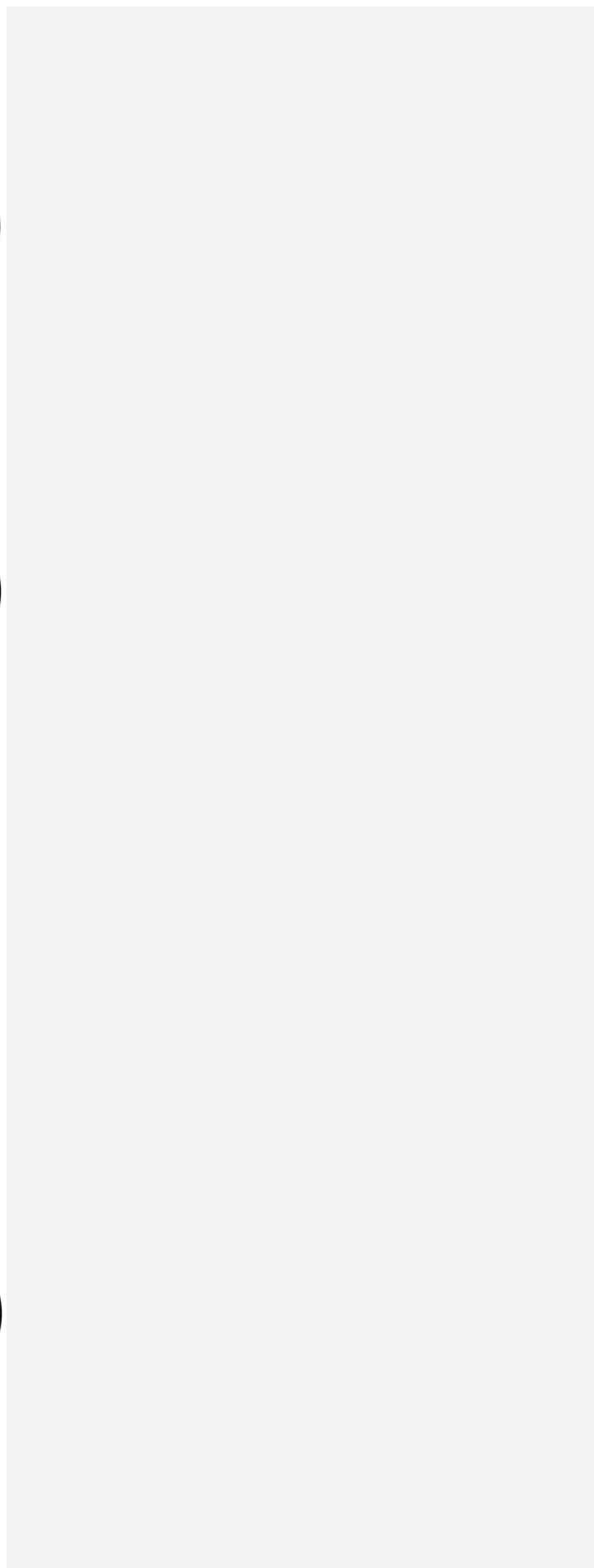
**Anti Bullying Day**

Get help and resources to deal with bullying from Bullying Canada
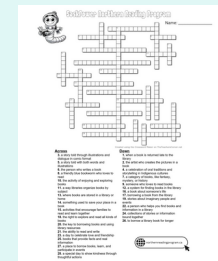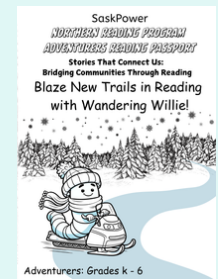
# PLANNING:

# SASKPOWER NORTHERN READING PROGRAM 2025

## STORIES THAT CONNECT US: BRIDGING COMMUNITIES THROUGH READING

### PROGRAM RUNS JANUARY 13 – FEBRUARY 14, 2025. ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS DECEMBER 5TH!

The 2025 program is packed with exciting updates to make participation easier and more fun than ever:

- **New Website:** Explore **northernreadingprogram.ca** for all program details, resources, and to register.
- **Clear Reading Guidelines:** Eligible reading activities include books, audiobooks, eBooks, guided reading, read-alouds, library story time, family reading time, and even storytelling events. Earn 1 point for every 15 minutes of engaged reading!
- **Printable Reading Passports:** Use these handy tools to track weekly points and challenges.
- **Printables**: Resources designed to help participants engage meaningfully with reading and their libraries, these include reading maps for the writing contest and materials for fun, creative activities.
- **Digital Leaderboards:**
  - **Teachers and the Public:** Log your reading minutes on the website and watch your points grow!
  - **Libraries:** Compete by hosting engaging programming, earning points on their own leaderboard.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

**Reading Challenge**

**Writing Contest**

**Colouring Contest**

**Bulletin Board Contest**

## WHO CAN JOIN?

- **Teachers (classrooms)**
- **Libraries**
- **Public: Families, Homeschoolers, Online Students, and Adults (18+)**

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