

# JANUARY 2025

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### January Highlights

Welcome back, everyone! We're kicking off a new year, and January is packed with exciting opportunities for you and your students or patrons. If you haven't already, be sure to register for the **SaskPower Northern Reading Program (NRP)**. This year's theme, **Stories That Connect Us: Bridging Communities Through Reading**, is all about bringing people together through the magic of books. **Registration is open until January 13th**, so don't miss out on the chance to join the fun, earn points, and **win prizes for your classroom or library!**

January also offers unique ways to celebrate and engage, like Data Privacy Week, Family Literacy Day, and more. These events provide perfect opportunities to explore thought-provoking themes and encourage readers to connect with meaningful stories. Let's make 2025 a year of learning, discovery, and great reading!

### Fox and Bear by Miriam Körner

This year's Family Literacy Day theme is **Learn to be Green: Together**. The provincial book is Miriam Körner's **Fox and Bear**, a modern fable about sustainability and balance, beautifully illustrated with recycled paper and cardboard.

### Borrow it!



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### Did you know...

Back in 1991, a group of passionate people gathered to brainstorm how to improve literacy rates in Northern Saskatchewan. That's how the Northern Reading Program (NRP) was born! Since then, every January and February, PNLS has been bringing fun and reading to our communities. Our mission? To make reading a beloved pastime, boost literacy, and unite our communities through the joy of books.



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## RESOURCES:

## PLANNING:

Register for the SaskPower Northern Reading Program

Join the SaskPower Northern Reading Program! Earn points and prizes through reading, fun activities, and contests to boost literacy



World Braille Day

If you or someone you know requires access to materials restricted to the print disabled, please contact PNLS



National Ribbon Skirt Day

Borrow it!  
Sînapân kîskasâkâs : a guide to making contemporary style Métis ribbon skirts



National Ribbon Skirt Day

Download Kelsey Leonard's Ribbon Skirt poem and lesson plan from "Speaking our Truth: A Journey of Reconciliation" Teachers' Resource Guide.



Data Privacy Day

Learn about data privacy for kids through word searches, crossword puzzles, and more...



Dungeons and Dragons Day

Resources and advice on bringing Dungeons & Dragons into your classroom or school



Family Literacy Day

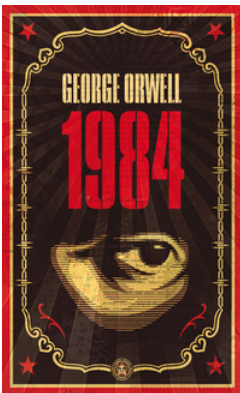
Each year Sask Literacy selects a provincial children's book and hosts special virtual author events. Register online for the livestreams!



National Flag of Canada Day Order

National Flag of Canada Day is on February 15th  
Pre-Order free Flag Day items now to get them on time





1984  
Orwell, George  
**Copies: 23**  
**Pages: 326**  
DVD: No  
Gr. Level:  
10 - 12 &  
post-  
secondary  
Age Range:  
15+  
Resource:  
Yes

## 1984 by George Orwell

George Orwell's 1984 is a chilling exploration of power, control, and the loss of privacy in a dystopian society ruled by Big Brother. Its themes of surveillance, propaganda, and truth manipulation remain strikingly relevant today, making it a compelling choice for Data Privacy Week discussions. The novel prompts students to reflect on the balance between freedom and control in an increasingly digital world.

While 1984 is ideal for English classes as a cornerstone of dystopian literature, it also provides valuable cross-curricular connections. In Social Studies, it facilitates discussions on governance, civil liberties, media influence, and types of government, encouraging students to connect Orwell's fictional world to real-world systems.

Educators can use key excerpts to explore these themes without requiring a full read, focusing on passages about surveillance, propaganda, and the manipulation of language. Pairing 1984 with related works like *Mockingjay* by Suzanne Collins, *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai, or *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak allows for engaging and flexible lessons that inspire critical thinking about power, privacy, and freedom.

[View Copy Availability](#)



[How to Teach 1984](#)  
[Prestwick House](#)



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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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