

# FEBRUARY 2025



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### February Highlights

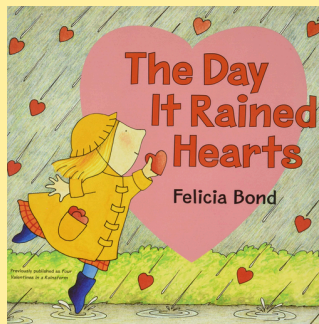
Here's what's happening:



- **Take Your Child to the Library Day** (Feb 3): Kick off the month by encouraging families to visit their local library.
- **Aboriginal Storytelling Month:** Celebrate Indigenous oral traditions by finding a storytelling session near you or online.
- **Canadian Sled Dog Challenge** (Feb 18): Celebrate the spirit of the race by reading *Yellow Dog* by Miriam Körner or another great book about dog sledding with your students.
- **Random Acts of Kindness Week** (Feb 9–15): Why not spark a kindness revolution in your library or classroom.
- **Freedom to Read Week** (Feb 16–22): Create a display that gets your patrons thinking about intellectual freedom.

### The Day It Rained Hearts

by Felicia Bond is a charming story about a girl who collects falling hearts and uses them to create personalized valentines for her friends. It's perfect for Valentine's Day and emphasizes thoughtfulness and creativity.



### Borrow it!



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### Did you know...

PNLS has partnered up with the **Northern Sport, Culture & Recreation District** and we now loan out **winter sports equipment**.

Northern public libraries now have access to lend: **snowshoes, heavy duty snow tubes, ice sleds, helmets, and binoculars** as part of our Northern Active Living Library (NALL) initiative.




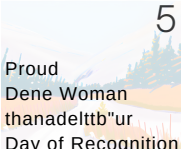











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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	February is Aboriginal Storytelling Month	<b>BLACK HISTORY MONTH</b>				 1 Take Your Child To The Library Day
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Random Acts of Kindness Week 9 – 15 9	Ministry of Education Staff Appreciation Week 9 – 15 10	11 International Day of Women and Girls in Science	12	World Kindness Day 13 SaskPower Northern Reading Program ends tomorrow! 	International Book Giving Day 14 Women's Memorial March Have a Heart Day	15 National Flag of Canada Day Free Fishing Weekend 
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23	 24 Fair Dealing Week	25	Tell a Fairy Tale Day Pink Shirt Day  26	27	28	

## TO DO

- SaskPower Northern Reading Program Ends on the 14th – wrap up the program and submit any final tallies by 11:59PM.
- Reminder: Member public libraries must submit their grant applications, year-end financial statements, budget, and annual report forms to PNLS by March 1st.

## NOTE

- February is Aboriginal Storytelling Month
- February is Black History Month
- Freedom To Read Week 16 – 22
- Random Acts of Kindness Week 9 – 15
- Ministry of Education Staff Appreciation Week 9 – 15
- Free Fishing Weekend in Saskatchewan February 15 – 17, 2025
- Heritage Week Begins on the 3rd Monday of February
- Canadian Challenge Sled Dog Race 18th Feb 08:00 - Teams start to assemble in Riese Park, La Ronge

## RESOURCES:

## PLANNING:

February is  
Aboriginal  
Storytelling  
Month

LSSAP provides financial support for libraries and other institutions to host storytelling events in their communities



Take Your  
Child To  
The Library  
Day

Join thousands of libraries across the world celebrating this day with families



Saskatchewan  
Archives Week  
2 – 9

Visit the PNLS HQ Northern Saskatchewan Archives in-person or online



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Day of  
Recognition

Borrow: Tales from Big Spirit. The Peacemaker  
Thanadelthur by David A. Robertson



Blind Date  
With A Book  
Activity

Download these activity sheets and host a Blind Date With A Book Activity in your school or public library!



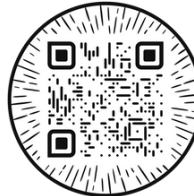
National  
Flag of  
Canada Day

Visit Youth Corner for fun ideas to celebrate flag day in the classroom or library



Freedom To  
Read Week  
16 – 22

Visit Freedom to Read for posters, challenged works lists, games & quizzes



Fair Dealing  
Week

The Fair Dealing Decision Tool helps teachers determine if "fair dealing" permits classroom use of materials



Pink  
Shirt Day

Offers t-shirts and hoodies for purchase, registration for the interactive variety show for schools, and participation in the Pink Shirt Project



Black  
History  
Month

Find topics, videos and toolkits about Black History on this Canadian Heritage government website



# Archives Week Invitation to Classrooms

**Teachers**, bring your students to PNLS Headquarters - 118 Avro Place, Air Ronge - during **Archives Week**! From February 3rd to 7th, 10AM - 4PM, explore fascinating displays prepared by Graham Guest, showcasing the history of the North.

**Please call or email** Roseanne at (306) 425-4598 or [teacherlibrarian@pnls.lib.sk.ca](mailto:teacherlibrarian@pnls.lib.sk.ca) to **schedule your visit** and help us **prevent overcrowding** in our upstairs space.

I've also prepared short activity sheets based on the display content, which I can email to you in advance. While you're here, check out our **Archives Used Book Sale Fundraiser**—all proceeds support the archives!

**We look forward to welcoming your class!**

## Archives Week

Northern Saskatchewan Archives, PNLS, Air Ronge.

3rd-7th February, 2025, Open Daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Displays of newly-digitized Photos:



#### Wollaston Lake Caribou Project, 1978:

*Six expert local women show each step of cutting the meat, making dried meat, and preparing hides.*



#### Postcards of the North:

*Classic photos of La Ronge and Waskesiu . . . and also some goofy ones, too.*



#### DNS DisCOVERS the North:

*Department of Northern Saskatchewan staff travelled the north in the 1970s to gather stories and photos.*



#### Commercial Fishing for 53 Years:

*Gordon and Joyce Stomp of Air Ronge started fishing in the La Ronge area in 1972 and are still fishing today!*



#### The Good Old Days:

*Northern families enjoying the trapline life and their traditional skills and crafts.*



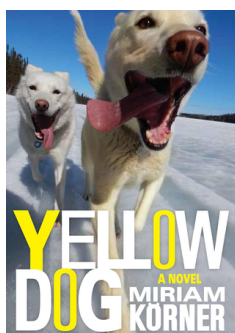
**PLUS:** John Irving displays his model of George Charles' 1797 Lac La Ronge bateau!

**Come and browse through the displays and binders of photos.**

**INFO:** Graham Guest, 425-6646, [archives@pnls.lib.sk.ca](mailto:archives@pnls.lib.sk.ca)

*Fundraiser Book Sale*





Yellow Dog  
Körner,  
Miriam

**Copies: 25**

**Pages: 296**

DVD: No

Gr. Level:

5 - 8

Age Range: 10

- 14

Resource: No

Celebrate the spirit of the Canadian Sled Dog Challenge this February with Miriam Körner's **Yellow Dog**—a middle-grade novel **set in Northern Saskatchewan** that weaves together themes of survival, resilience, and the bond between humans and sled dogs. **Winner of the 2018 Snow Willow Award**, Yellow Dog is perfect for sparking discussions about wilderness, teamwork, and overcoming personal challenges.

### Cross-curricular connections

- **Language Arts:** Explore themes of resilience, teamwork, and self-discovery. Analyze how Miriam Körner uses setting and character to create vivid storytelling.
- **Social Studies:** Investigate the cultural and historical significance of dog sledding and its role in northern communities.
- **Science:** Study sled dogs' physical adaptations, training, and nutrition, as well as strategies for wilderness survival in harsh climates.
- **Northern Lifestyles:** Connect the novel to real-life practices in the North, like dog sledding and winter survival skills.

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[Quill and Quire Interview](#)

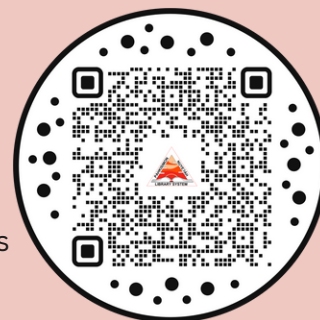


### Learn More About the Author:

Miriam Körner brings a wealth of experience to her storytelling, including building her own sled and leading dog team expeditions. Learn more about her journey and inspiration in this [Quill and Quire interview](#).

## 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 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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# Northern Active Living Library Winter Edition



**Items can be borrowed using your library card!**

Pick up at PNLS Headquarters or participating member public libraries

**Heavy Duty  
Snow Tubes**

**Ice Sleds  
(Toboggans)**

**Snowshoes  
(Children and Adult Sizes)**

**Binoculars  
Helmets**



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