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First Nation Public Libraries
Joint Spring Gathering 2017
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The 2017 Joint Spring Gathering held in North Bay on May 9, 10 and 11 brought together northern and southern Ontario First Nation public librarians. There were 25 delegates comprised of librarians and library supporters in attendance. Librarians were encouraged to invite a guest from their community for the second day. For the librarians who were unable to make it we missed you!

The annual spring gathering provides an opportunity for specified training in library and culture-related topics. The event allows librarians to network with each other and discuss general issues of interest. The agenda for this year's gathering was determined by the First Nation Strategic Action Group. Elder Larry McLeod of the Nipissing First Nation provided opening and closing ceremonies and medicine wheel teachings. Presentations given at the Spring Gathering will be available on the OLS - North website.

Business Meeting

A meeting was held on the first morning with two key decisions made. Librarians decided that First Nation Public Library Week will be moved from February 2018 to the first week in October 2018 to coincide with Canada Public Library Week. They also decided that the 2018 Spring Gathering will be a joint one of all the First Nation Public Libraries in Ontario.



Ministry Update

Sarah Hahn, Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport provided an update on Ontario's culture strategy and the First Nations Needs Assessment. A walkthrough of the Annual Survey of Public Libraries, the Public Libraries Operating Grant and salary subsidy, and One-Key Grants Ontario was given by Rod Sawyer and Heather Allen.

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JOINT SPRING GATHERING 2017 CONTINUED

Vendors Update

For the duration of the day, vendors showcased their services available to First Nation libraries. Vendors included the Archives Association of Ontario, GoodMinds.com, Ignite and Saunders Book Company. Librarians had the opportunity to purchase books and place orders.

Banquet

A friendship banquet was held in the evening where the 2017 First Nation Public Library Week original painting was drawn. Congratulations to the Shawanaga First Nation Public Library! Due to generous donations, tables were set up during the banquet and librarians were invited to take books for their collection.

Literacy Programming in Your Community

Panelists Karen Foster, Chippewas of Georgina Island and Connie Freeman, M'Chigeeng shared their experiences.

First Nation Library Governance/Different Communities Different Models

The session was delivered by Patricia Big Canoe, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Don Lynch, Six Nations Public Library and Colleen Eshkakogan, Sagamok.



What's Happening for First Nation Libraries

Darlene Naponse, Ontario Arts Council provided information on the recently launched Indigenous Culture Fund. Shelagh Paterson, Executive Director of the Ontario Library Association, explained the services available to First Nation public libraries.

Guidelines

Steven Kraus from OLS – North and Sabrina Saunders from Six Nations Public Library, both members of the Ontario Public Library Guidelines Council, provided an information session on First Nation Library Accreditation and how the guidelines could benefit First Nation libraries.

Roundtable

A discussion of librarians and community leaders moving forward was held at the end of the day.

JASI

Brian Alberton was available at the end of the day to answer questions about JASI.

Northern Values Study

Jude Ortiz, Nordik Institute and Sheri Mishibinijima, Wikwemikong First Nation Public Library provided an update on this OLCF funded project which will help libraries quantify their community impact with economic relevance. This is meant to assist the library in maintaining and increasing community and local administration support.

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL HISTORY MONTH

June is National Aboriginal History Month. This started in 2009 with the passing of a unanimous motion in the House of Commons and is a time “to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures, and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples.” To commemorate this event, CBC Docs has compiled a list of must-watch indigenous documentaries that are available on their website.

SHORT DOCS

This River

When the body of a 14-year-old girl was pulled from Winnipeg’s Red River in 2014, it sparked a public outcry and renewed calls for a national inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women. It also galvanized a small group of Winnipeg citizens who took action and formed Drag the Red. This film follows the volunteers who search the Red River and its banks for clues that might answer some of the questions surrounding the disappearances and murders.

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Jaat Sdiihl’tl’Ixa: Woman Who Returns

Heather didn’t know she was Haida until she was 16. After visiting Haida Gwaii many times over the next twenty years, Heather realized she wanted to join her clan and receive her Haida name. This film follows her journey home.

Peace River Rising

Helen Knott, Dane-Zaa/Nehiyaw social worker, poet, and activist, explores the connection between violence against Indigenous women and violence against the land. She tracks some of the dramatic changes she has witnessed in her home territory. From woodlands that have turned to pipelines and industrial contaminations. She leaves us with a deeper perspective into why she does the work she does — and her hopes for a new world.

Tshiuetin

Climb aboard one of Canada’s only First Nations-owned railways for a breathtaking train journey through Northern Quebec and Labrador.

FULL-LENGTH DOCS

Colonization Road

Ryan McMahon, an Anishinaabe comedian, travels across Ontario learning about Colonization Roads, the ways in which they have dispossessed Indigenous people of land and access to traditional territories while creating space for settlers in the colonial experiment that has become Canada.

The Oka Legacy

In the summer of 1990, all eyes were on the small town of Oka for a standoff between the Mohawk people of Kanehsatake, Quebec police, and eventually the Canadian army. The town of Oka’s plans to expand a golf course onto un-ceded Mohawk land triggered the violent clash. Mohawk filmmaker Sonia Bonspille Boileau retraces the events that took place in her hometown in 1990 by talking with people who lived through the events.

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FROM YOUR COMMITTEES

FIRST NATION COMMUNITIES READ ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congratulations to GoodMinds.com on being selected as the vendor for the First Nations Communities Read!

Congratulations to Carol Daniels author of Bearskin Diary! See page 5 for details.

For more information, please visit <http://www.sols.org/index.php/fn-communities-read> or contact Nancy Cooper, FNCR Coordinator ncooper@sols.org



Nancy Cooper of SOLS shakes hands with Jeff Burnham of GoodMinds.com

STRATEGIC ACTION GROUP

Thanks to all the First Nation librarians and presenters who made Spring Gathering 2017 a success!

We are once again planning for a joint gathering for 2018.

If you have session suggestions, presenter recommendations or feedback for the next gathering, please contact your First Nation Strategic Action Group member.

Karen Foster, Sheri Mishibinijima & Sabrina Saunders

NEW DATE SET FOR FIRST NATIONS PUBLIC LIBRARY WEEK!

The First Nations Public Library Week will be held the first week in October 2018. The date change coincides with Canadian Library Month held every October.

If you are interested in sitting on the First Nation Public Library Committee let us know. We need another northern representative!

To date, we have librarians from Chippewas of the Thames, Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point, Bjwekewong and Temagami First Nations.



The Shawanaga First Nation Public Library won the 2017 original artwork created by Debbie Jackson of Wasauksing

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

NORTHERN LIT AWARD

Ontario Library Service-North, in conjunction with Northern Ontario Public Libraries, is pleased to announce the twelfth annual Northern Lit Award. The Northern Lit Award will recognize the outstanding contribution Northern Ontario authors make to Northern culture.

2017 Shortlisted Titles

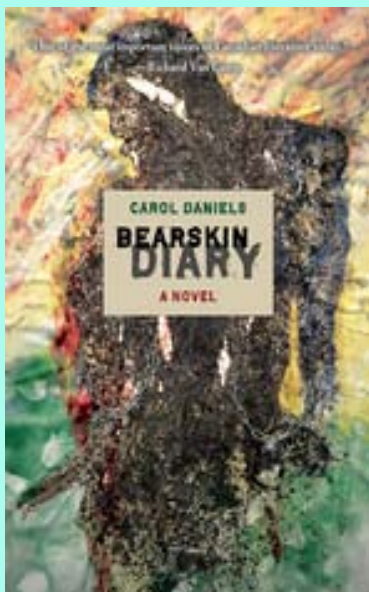
English Fiction

Chalk – Doug Diaczuk
Wenjack – Joseph Boyden
Grace and the Secret Vault – Ruth Latta
Somewhere Picking Dandelions – Diana Douglas
Rule of Seconds – Shawna Diane Partridge

Louise de Kiriline Lawrence (English Nonfiction)

Killarney – Gustav A. Richar
The Dependent – Danielle Daniel
The Reason You Walk – Wab Kinew
Alone Against the North – Adam Shoalts

Bearskin Diary



Bearskin Diary by Carol Daniels is the 2017-18 selected title for First Nations Communities Read program and the recipient of this year's Periodical Marketers of Canada Aboriginal Literature Award. *Bearskin Diary* is published by Nightwood Editions.

This annual award of \$5,000 will be presented to Carol Daniels on Wednesday, June 28 as part of the National Aboriginal Day celebrations in Toronto.

Remembering Richard Wagamese

Award-winning author and journalist Richard Wagamese, an Ojibway from the Wabaseemoong First Nation in northwestern Ontario passed away at age 61. Wagamese called himself a second-generation survivor of the government-sponsored schools, attended by his parents and extended family members. Wagamese worked as a professional writer since 1979, and became the first Native Canadian to win a National Newspaper Award for Column Writing in 1991. Wagamese has written 13 titles and his novel *Indian Horse* was a finalist in CBC's Canada Reads in 2013. Wagamese has won the Molson Prize, the Burt Award for First Nations, Métis and Inuit Literature, twice won the Native American Press Association Award, and the National Aboriginal Communications Society Award. In 2010 he received an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree from Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops, in recognition of his lifetime of achievement in writing and publishing. Richard Wagamese will be remembered as one of Canada's foremost Indigenous authors and storytellers.

Sources:

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous/richard-wagamese-obit-1.4020899>

<http://www.richardwagameseauthor.com/about.html>

Each FN library in Ontario will receive a FNCR poster and a copy of each of the selected titles in the shortlist.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

ANNUAL SURVEY OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Survey Completion Deadline
October 31, 2017

For assistance completing your annual survey, please contact your ministry representatives

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MAKERSPACE POOL FOR NORTHERN LIBRARIES

Please remember to check in your Makerspace kit when you receive them and when you send them off.

To learn more about the Makerspace kits and programming ideas visit our website at
<http://www.olsn.ca>

ONTARIO INCREASING ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY AT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The government is investing \$3 million through the Improving Library Digital Services Fund to fund up to 307 libraries and library organizations across the province.

For more information visit
<https://news.ontario.ca/mtc/en/2017/06/ontario-increasing-access-to-technology-at-public-libraries.html>

FIRST NATION LANGUAGES PORTAL PROJECT

Ontario Library Service - North offers access to many great resources and information for Indigenous languages on its [First Nation Languages Portal](#).

As an ever-evolving online resource for First Nation public libraries, the portal can be used by librarians to provide services in various areas of Indigenous language learning and revitalization.

Watch for the CD, DVD or book in the Anishnabemowin, Cree or Mohawk language sent to your library.

For more information, please log on to the website at
<http://www.olsn.ca/fnlanguages/?id=home>.

Hidden Gems: Finding and Creating Value in Libraries

*September 26, 27 and 28, 2017
Radisson Hotel, Sudbury*

Online registration for Conference 2017 is now open

at www.olsn.ca/conference

For further information please contact Nicholas Thibert at 1-800-461-6348 ext. 212

TRENDING IN THE FIELD

RECONCILIATION AND LIBRARIES

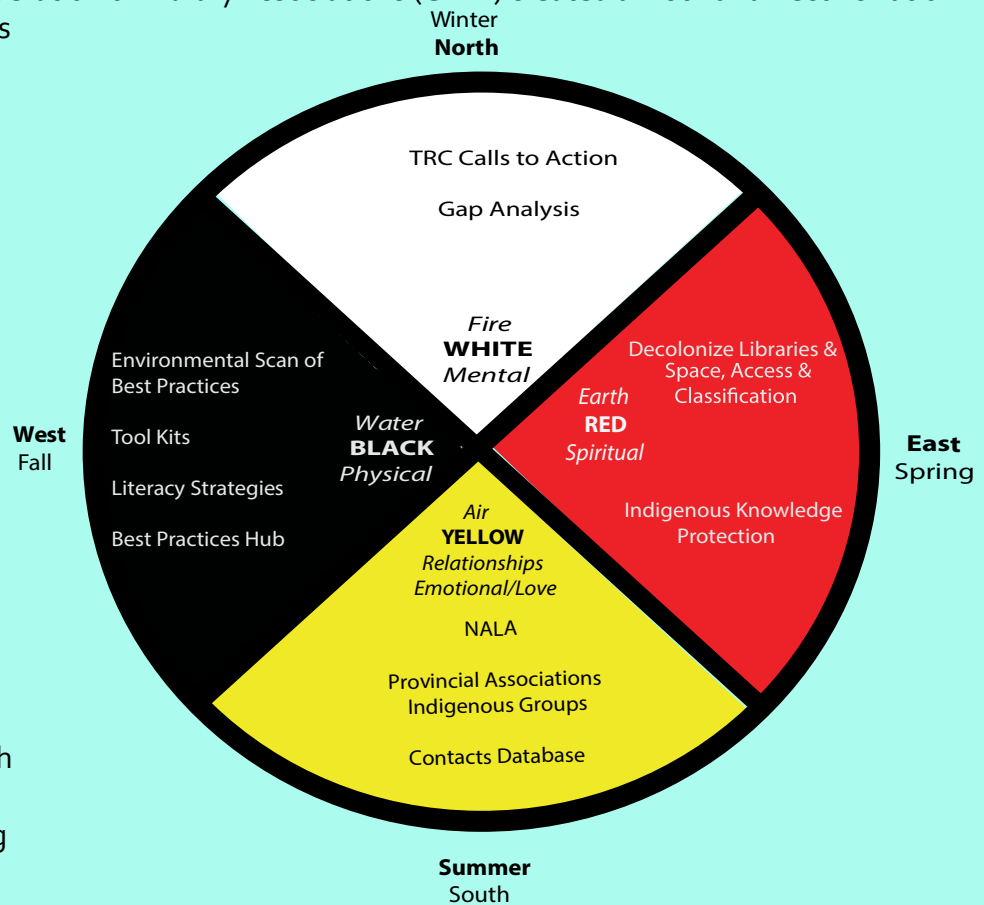
The Truth and Reconciliation Report had 94 calls to action, with Call 69 directly referring to libraries

Library and Archives Canada must respect and respond to the inalienable right of Indigenous peoples to know the truth of residential school experience and legacy¹.

This speaks to how all libraries, archives and cultural memory institutions in Canada can participate in reconciliation efforts. The recently formed Canadian Federation of Library Associations (CFLA) created a Truth and Reconciliation Committee made up of 42 representatives from every province and territory in Canada. This committee submitted a Truth and Reconciliation Report and Recommendations on April 24, 2017.

The Committee was organized by utilizing and adapting the medicine wheel framework under the guidance of Elders Norman Meade and Marlene Kayseas. The report created by this committee is meant as a snapshot of where they are, and is meant to be updated as more information becomes available. The Committee divided into four teams with the following responsibilities² as illustrated on the medicine wheel.

In the report, the committee came up with 10 overarching recommendations with specific, granular recommendations being addressed by each of the four teams. The full report can be found at <http://cfla-fcab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Truth-and-Reconciliation-Committee-Report-and-Recommendations.pdf>



1 2015. Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action. http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/File/2015/Findings/Calls_to_Action_English2.pdf. Page 8.

2 2017, April. Canadian Federation of Library Associations. Truth and Reconciliation Report and Recommendations. <http://cfla-fcab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Truth-and-Reconciliation-Committee-Report-and-Recommendations.pdf>. Page 4.

SALT CAN BE GOOD FOR EVERYONE!

SALT is an acronym for Supporting Aboriginal Libraries Today. It is a fund recently established by GoodMinds.com, an Aboriginal owned book seller located on Six Nations of the Grand River Territory. Ten per cent of net book sales will be contributed to the fund which will assist aboriginal communities to improve their libraries or create libraries where none currently exist.

Six Nations, which is also the home of GoodMinds.com, is the first community to benefit from the SALT fund, as it strives to build a new library and archival repository. Many historic books and documents are being kept in less than ideal conditions. With the assistance of SALT, along with other contributions, that facility will be realized.

Further information and a short video are available on the GoodMinds.com website at <http://www.goodminds.com/salt-contributions>.

SALT is a great idea that will provide real contributions to aboriginal communities.

Source: http://www.goodminds.com/sites/default/files/media/SALT_Article_Don_Lynch_author2.pdf

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL HISTORY MONTH CONTINUED

Trapped in a Human Zoo

This documentary retells the story of eight Inuit who came from Labrador in 1880 to Europe, lured by promises of adventures and wealth, only to realize they had been trapped in a world that time has today forgotten; the world of human zoos. Thirty-five thousand indigenous people from around the world were recruited for these zoos. Author France Rivet and Inuit Elder Johannes Lampe, uncover the mystery of their disappearance as they discover the remains of five members of the group in Paris.

8th Fire

8th fire is a special four-part series that highlights the 500-year-old relationship with Indigenous peoples — a relationship still mired in colonialism, conflict, and denial.

Source: <http://www.cbc.ca/firsthand/features/10-indigenous-films-to-celebrate-national-aboriginal-day>

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