

# ATN NEWSLETTER

Starting the School Year Strong!



## DATES OF NOTE FOR SEPTEMBER

**September 3rd** - Calgary Pride

**September 4th** - Labour Day

**September 8th** - International  
Literacy Day

**September 12th** - Enkutatash  
(Ethiopian New Year)

**September 15th to 17th** - Rosh  
Hashanah

**September 22nd** - Treaty 7  
Day

**September 23rd** - Fall  
Equinox

**September 24th to 25th** -  
Yom Kippur

**September 25th to 30th** -  
Gender Equality Week

**September 28th to 30th** -  
Chuseok (Korean  
Thanksgiving)

**September 29th** - Zhongqiu  
Jie (Mid Autumn Festival,  
Mooncake Festival or Moon  
Festival)

**September 29th to October  
6th** - Sukkot

**September 30th** - National  
Day for Truth & Reconciliation  
(Orange Shirt Day)



## FRAMING YOUR ANTIRACIST SCHOOL YEAR

### From the desks of the Antiracist Teachers Network:

Back to school season has officially started, and many of us are ready to set the tone for this upcoming school year by ensuring an anti-racist lens is included in our planning.

From mandatory PD, SDPs, course outlines and meet-the-teacher nights, the inclusion of anti-racism perspectives is not only on classroom teachers but also on administration and education leaders.

We hope the resources included can help everyone involved in a school start the school year off successfully with anti-racism frameworks in their spaces. This issue also contains some information on upcoming events connected to the ATN!

P.S. If you would like to join us on the ATN for this year please reach out to us by emailing: [local38atn@gmail.com](mailto:local38atn@gmail.com) for more information!

# OUR MONTHLY BOOK RECCS

From the ATN  
Resource Bank!

**K to 4** - *All Because You Matter* by Tami Charles, *Usborne Lift-the-Flap Questions and Answers about Racism* by Jordan Akpojaro, *All Are Welcome* by Alexandra Penfold, *A Kid is a Kid is a Kid* by Sara O'Leary

**5 to 9** - *This Book is Anti-Racist: 20 Lessons on how to Wake Up, Take Action and Do the Work* by Tiffany Jewell, *Stamped (For Kids): Racism, Anti-Racism and You* by Jason Reynolds & Ibram X. Kendi, *Elatsoe* by Darcie Little Badger

**10 to 12** - *The Beautiful Struggle (adapted for Young Adults): A Memoir* by Ta-Nehisi Coates, *The Power of Style: How Fashion and Beauty are Being Used to Reclaim Cultures* by Christian Allaire

**For Teachers** - *Courageous Conversations About Race: A Field Guide for Achieving Equity in Schools and Beyond* by Glenn E. Singleton, *Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man* by Emmanuel Acho, *Advancing Equity and Embracing Diversity in Early Childhood Education: Elevating Voices and Actions* edited by Iliana Alanis & Iheoma U. Iruka

**Book Clubs!** - [The Noname Book Club](#) is an online book club which offers new titles for you to explore every month at your own pace! [The Banned Books Book Club](#) provides a monthly book pick based off of ongoing book bannings in the US along with a directory of banned books and resources

## COOL STUFF!

- A replica of [The Witness Blanket](#) is [on display at the Central Library until mid-October 2023](#). Containing over 800 found objects the Witness Blanket is a living testimony to the impact residential schools have had on Indigenous communities across Canada.
- Still hesitant about bringing anti-racism work into the classroom (or know someone who is)? [Should You Teach Your Children About Racism? Of course--Here's how](#) by Ibram X Kendi and [Anti-Racism for Kids: An Age-by-Age Guide to Fighting Hate](#) by Katie Arnold- Ratliff are two quick articles to reinforce why this work is important for all ages.
- **The Chinese Canadian National Council for Social Justice (CCNC- SJ)** has developed the [Fight Racism In Canada! Educators Toolkit](#) which is an in-depth learning series of videos and posters to help guide anti-racism education in the classroom effectively and is a great starting point for starting a social justice club or group at your school.
- **Project NIA** has developed [several free "toolbox style" explorations](#) on restorative justice, social justice issues and community building through the lens of trauma-informed practice. We recommend checking out the [Creating Community in Classrooms toolbox](#) to set the tone of your classroom for the year. **Project NIA** also provides a variety of [Educational Resources](#) that work alongside their toolbox style explorations.
- **The Calgary Foundation** has developed the [Indigenous Ally Toolkit](#) and [Resource Guide](#).
- **Teachers of all grades and disciplines!** **The Canadian Cultural Mosaic Foundation** has developed [Culture Commons](#) a K-12 resource hub that focuses on disrupting systemic racism made by educators for educators.
- Want to discuss Pride & Queer History? Check out the **Canadian Pride Historical Society's** [Education Resources](#) and lesson plans!
- **Early Childhood Educators!** Debbie LeeKeenan, John Nimmo and Filiz Efe McKinney created [Reflecting on Anti-bias Education in Action: The Early Years](#) to show how anti-bias strategies can push anti-racism work in an Early Childhood classroom space
- **Art Teachers!** [Anti-Racist Art Teachers](#) provides a variety of lessons and resources related to visual arts to decenter Western perspectives on the arts and art history.
- **Librarians!** **The Canadian School Libraries** has [a complete guide for how to do a Diversity Audit of your school library \(or learning commons\)](#) to ensure your collections reflect your student population.
- **Librarians & Educators** can also check out **Teaching for Change's** [Guide for Selecting Anti-Bias Children's Books](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS WITH THE ATN

### ATA AT CALGARY PRIDE!



Walk with us in Calgary Pride! Line-Up starts at 9:00am on Sunday, September 3rd. For more information and our meeting location email: [calgarytgsa@gmail.com](mailto:calgarytgsa@gmail.com)

### THE ATN BOOK CLUB!



Will be coming back soon! Make sure to grab our book selection which is:

**Street Data: A Next-Generation Model for Equity, Pedagogy, and School Transformation**  
by Shane Safir & Jamila Dugan

### JOIN THE ATN!

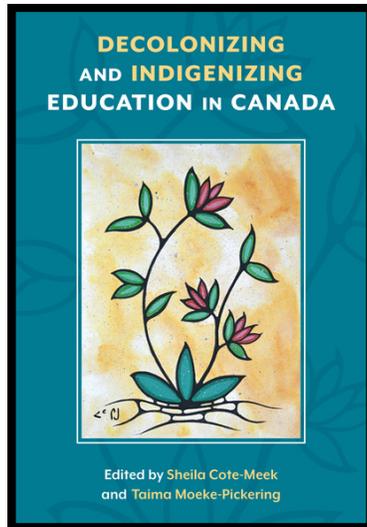
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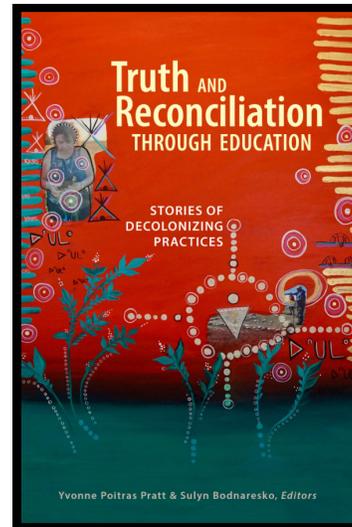
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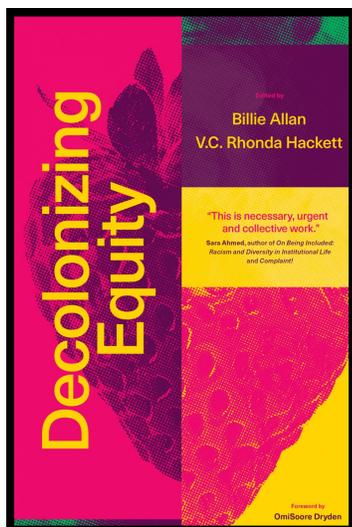
# READS TO EXPLORE DECOLONIZING EDUCATION



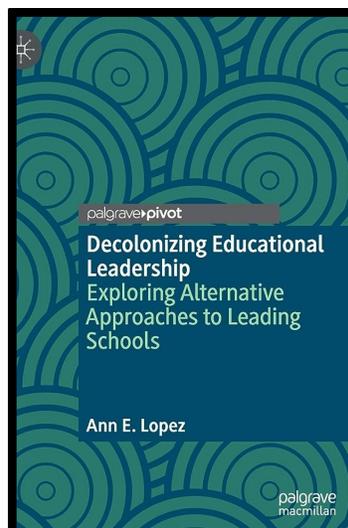
**Decolonizing and Indigenizing  
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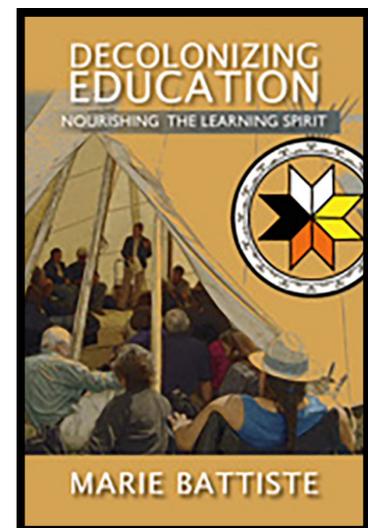
**Truth and Reconciliation  
Through Education**  
Edited by Yvonne Poitras  
Pratt & Sulyn Bodnaresko



**Decolonizing Equity**  
Edited by Billie Allan  
and Rhonda Hackett



**Decolonizing  
Educational Leadership**  
by Ann E. Lopez



**Decolonizing  
Education**  
by Marie Battiste



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# FIVE EDUCATOR READS TO START THE YEAR STRONG!

## EARLY CHILDHOOD

**Reflecting on Anti-Bias Education in Action: The Early Years** by Debbie LeeKeenan, John Nimmo and Filiz Efe McKinney

**Advancing Equity and Embracing Diversity in Early Childhood Education: Elevating Voices and Actions** edited by Iliana Alanis & Iheoma U. Iruka

**Don't Look Away: Embracing Anti-Bias Classrooms** by Iheoma Iruka Ph. D, Stephanie Curenton Ph. D, Tonia Durden Ph.D, Kerry-Ann Escayg Ph.D

**Woke Kindergarten** led by Akiea "Ki" Gross

**Anti-Bias Education in the Early Childhood Classroom: Hand in Hand, Step by Step** by Katie Kissinger

## ELEMENTARY

**Social Justice Parenting: How to Raise Compassionate, Anti-Racist, Justice-Minded Kids in an Unjust World** by Dr. Traci Baxley

**Wish We Knew What to Say: Talking with Children About Race** by Dr. Pragya Agarwal

**The Antiracism Handbook: Practical Tools To Shift Your Mindset And Uproot Racism In Your Life And Community** by Thema Bryant and Edith G. Arrington

**Hacking Culturally Inclusive Teaching: 8 Anti-racist Lessons that Help Teachers and Leaders Improve Equity in Education** by Kendra Nalubega-Booker

## JUNIOR HIGH

**How to Be Anti-Racist: A Simple and Practical Guide to Learn How to Treat Each Race with Dignity, Eliminate Racial Prejudice and Stop Discrimination** by Jason Hamilton and Alex Reynolds

**Stamped (for Kids): Racism, Antiracism, and You** by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi

**Antiracist Kid: A Book About Identity, Justice, and Activism** by Tiffany Jewell

**Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults** by Robin Wall Kimmerer and Monique Gray Smith

**How To Fight Racism Young Reader's Edition** by Jemar Tisby

## HIGH SCHOOL

**Unearthing Joy: A Guide to Culturally and Historically Responsive Curriculum and Instruction** by Ghody Muhammad

**Ratchetdemic: Reimagining Academic Success** by Christopher Emdin

**Culturally Responsive Teaching and the Brain** by Zaretta Hammond

**The Anti-Racist Writing Workshop: How to Decolonize the Creative Classroom** by Felicia Rose Chavez

**Not Light, But Fire: How To Lead Meaningful Race Conversations In the Classroom** by Matthew R. Kay

## SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

**The Racial Healing Handbook** Practical Activities to Help You Challenge Privilege, Confront Systemic Racism & Engage in Collective Healing by Anneliese A Singh

**Leading Within Systems of Inequity in Education: A Liberation Guide for Leaders of Color** by Mary Rice-Boothe

**Culturally Responsive School Leadership** by Muhammad Khalifa

**White Benevolence: Racism and Colonial Violence in the Helping Professions** edited by Amanda Gebhard, Sheelah McLean, Verna St. Denis

**We Want To Do More Than Survive: Abolitionist Teaching and the Pursuit of Educational Freedom** by Bettina L. Love



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