

ATN NEWSLETTER

Solidarity Isn't Just Reading Up, It's SHOWING UP.



DATES OF NOTE FOR MAY

All Month:

Asian Heritage Month

(Theme: Preserving The Past, Embracing The Future: Amplifying Asian Canadian Legacy)

Canadian Jewish Heritage Month

May 1st - Tsuut'ina Day

May 5th - National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls & 2Spirit (MMIWG2S), Cinco de Mayo

May 6th to 12th- Canadian Mental

Health Week (Theme: #CompassionConnects)

May 10th - Bear Witness Day

May 11 to 17th - [Rainbow Week of Action](#)

May 16th - [Moose Hide Campaign](#)

May 17th - International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia & Transphobia (Theme: [NO ONE LEFT BEHIND: EQUALITY, FREEDOM AND JUSTICE FOR ALL](#))

May 21st - World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

May 23rd - Vesak

SOLIDARITY WHEN OTHERS ARE SILENT

From the desks of the Antiracist Teachers Network:

In the era where access to information is unlimited, we continue to find ourselves in moments where learning is ongoing, conversations are happening, but little to no action is actively taking place.

When we consider how widespread the definition of solidarity in social justice there is one key throughline across all of them: **forming meaningful connections to combat oppression and the ways it manifests intersectionally.**

Solidarity cannot happen in deafening silence or professional development silos, there **must** be momentum behind the commitment to life-long learning.

Alongside providing resources connected to the dates of awareness for May, we will also be highlighting resources that directly address how to action solidarity in school settings and communities.

After reviewing this newsletter we also want to pose a question to you dear reader: **How are *you* actioning your solidarity in your classroom, school and community?**



PODCAST RECCS.

From the ATN!



We recommend [Can I Ask A Black Friend "How Can I Do Better?"](#)



We recommend any of their previous episodes to [hear intersections in solidarity](#), with Deepa Iyer



We recommend [\[Excerpt\] The Coda: "What I regretted most were my silences"](#)



We recommend [Capitalism and anti-Aboriginal Racism](#)

COOL STUFF!

- **Learning for Justice** has an insightful article titled [Solidarity as Social and Emotional Safety](#) alongside the [Teaching In Solidarity article](#) and [toolkit](#).
- **The Canadian Anti-Hate Network** has developed the [Confronting and Preventing Hate in Canadian Schools Toolkit](#) which addresses how all members of a school (students, staff, parents and community) can respond to and address hate.
- The **GLSEN Solidarity Week Guide** explores how to foster LGBTQ+ solidarity in Elementary Classrooms
- Explore **Social Justice Book's Booklists** on a variety of topics connected to social justice and solidarity
- [The RepresentAsian Project](#) is a Canadian based platform dedicated to discussing, sharing and elevating Asian voices and representation in all media.
- **The Symposium On Strength And Solidarity For Human Rights** not only has a great podcast, but [a great blog](#) that examines the intersections of solidarity.
- **The Asian Canadian Educators Network (ACENet)** has developed amazing [resources](#) for centring Asian Canadian voices in classrooms. Check out: [Addressing Anti-Asian Racism: A Resource for Educators](#), [Asian Canadian Perspectives: A Resource for Educators](#) and [Voices of Hope](#)
- Looking to discuss Red Dress Day with your students? Start with **Carolyn Robert's** [Thinking About Red Dress Day for Elementary Students?](#)
- Ever wonder if your small talk is being harmful? Check out the **CBC's** [Why You Shouldn't Ask That: All the Webcomics from Inappropriate Questions](#) to see how your questions could create harm.
- We also recommend checking out the **Native Women's Association of Canada's** [Red Dress Day Toolkit](#) or [Their Voices Will Guide Us](#) from the **National Inquiry Into Missing and Murders Indigenous Women & Girls**
- **The Asian Readathon** is back for 2024 and is loosely themed around the Academy Award nominated film PAST LIVES. Find all the information in [the official Google Document](#).

OUR MONTLY BOOK RECCS



From the ATN Resource Bank!

K-4

47,000 Beads by Angel & Koja Adeyoha
Walking Together by Elder Albert Marshall & Louise Zimanyi
Jenny Mei is Sad by Tracy Subisak
The Yellow Áo Dài by Hanh Bui
Say Their Names by Caroline Brewer
A Duet For Home by Karina Yan Glassar
Stargazing by Jen Wong
Chaiwala! by Priti Birla Maheshwari
On the Tip of a Wave: How AI Weiwei's Art Is Changing the Tide by Joanna Ho

5-9

Rebel Skies by Ann Sei Lin
If I Go Missing by Brianna Jonnie
Here I Am, I Am Me: An Illustrated Guide to Mental Health by Cara Bean
How Do I Draw These Memories?: An Illustrated Memoir by Jonell Joshua
Art of Protest: Creating, Discovering and Activating Art For Your Revolution by De Nichols
Speaking Our Truth: A Journey of Reconciliation by Monique Gray Smith

10-12

The Boy From Clearwater (Books 1 & 2) by Pei-Yun Yu
Radium Girls by Cy
In Search of April Raintree by Beatrice Mosionier

For Educators

Imagination: A Manifesto by Ruha Benjamin
Pedagogy of Solidarity by Maria Freire, Paulo Freire, and Walter F de Oliveira
Decolonizing Solidarity in Education: Power, Difference, and Pedagogy by Ruben Gaztambide Fernandez



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