

ATN NEWSLETTER

Sisters in Spirit #MMIWG2S+



DATES OF NOTE FOR OCTOBER

German Heritage Month
Canadian Islamic Heritage Month
Latin American Heritage Month
Canadian Women's History Month
Canadian LGBTQ+ History Month

October 2nd - UN International Day of Non-Violence

October 4th - Sisters In Spirit Day (#MMIWG2S+), Rosh Hashana

October 5th - World Teacher's Day

October 8th - International Lesbian Day

October 10th - World Mental Health Day

October 11th - UN International Day of the Girl Child, National Coming Out Day

October 12th - Vijayadashami (Dussehra), Yom Kippur

October 14th - Thanksgiving (Canada)

October 16th - UN International Pronouns Day

October 16th to 23rd - Sukkot

October 17th - Spirit Day

October 17th to 22nd - Secret Path Week

October 23rd to 25th - Shemini Atzeret

October 24th to 25th - Simchat Torah

October 31st - Samhain, Halloween

ACTIONS OUTSIDE OF DAYS OF AWARENESS

From the desks of the Antiracist Teachers Network:

It has now been over five years since the end of the **National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls** and the release of **the final report with the 231 individual calls to justice**. (If you have yet to read through this report we highly encourage it along with the **Supplementary Report: A Legal Analysis of Genocide**)

Yet, we have not seen any definitive action to meet these individual calls to justice alongside **ongoing violence against Indigenous communities across Turtle Island**. Since solidarity and support of Indigenous causes transcends months and days of awareness we wanted to take this issue to highlight Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit individuals (**#MMIWG2S+**). We hope this issue helps to raise awareness, inspire action and generate conversations within your classrooms and school communities.



PODCAST RECCS.

From the ATN!



Check out the series on your preferred listening platform



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RESOURCES

- Review the **Native Women's Association of Canada's [What Their Stories Tell Us Report](#)** in connection to **Sisters In Spirit**
- Read **Astokomii Smith's** poem [I Am 10 Years Old](#) for a direct perspective from a Siksika youth
- Explore more Treaty 7 perspectives by reading [the New Tribe Magazine Special Edition on MMIWG](#) from the **Urban Society for Aboriginal Youth (USAY)**
- Check out the **National Film Board of Canada's [MMIWG: Breaking the Silence, Starting the Conversation in Classrooms](#)** guide for documentaries and film guides suitable for classroom settings
- We recommend checking out the **Native Women's Association of Canada's [Red Dress Day Toolkit](#)** which includes activities suitable for K-9 or [Their Voices Will Guide Us](#) from the **National Inquiry Into Missing and Murders Indigenous Women & Girls**
- Read or watch **Brianna Jonnie's [If I Go Missing](#)** as she fights for MMIWG2S+ in Manitoba
- Don't know the origins of **Red Dress Day** (recognized on May 5th)? Look into [The REDress Project](#) by **Jaime Black**
- Looking to discuss Red Dress Day in Elementary settings? Check out Carolyn Robert's [Thinking About Red Dress Day for Elementary Students?](#)
- Investigate cases more closely and advocate for action using **CBC's [Missing and Murdered Interactive](#)** (content warning: graphic descriptions of violence)
- Check out the [Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQI+ People Resource Guide](#) from the **Canadian Museum of Human Rights**.
- Explore **Amnesty International's** Report and Resources [No More Stolen Sisters](#)
- Check out this powerful TedTalk: [We are more than murdered and missing](#) by Tamara Bernard
- Looking for book recommendations, but not sure where to start? Check out the **Anti-Defamation League (ADL)'s [Books Matter \(tm\)](#)** Children & Young Adult Literature database. Using their filters you can find book recommendations based on age group and topic along with if the title has a pre-made discussion guide!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MMIWG2S+ DISPLAYS

The **Calgary Public Library** will have displays in honour of MMIWG2S+ individuals at **all locations** from **October 1st to 6th**

SISTERS IN SPIRIT VIGIL

Join **The Women's Centre of Calgary** and **other community organizations** for the annual Sisters in Spirit Vigil on **Friday October 4th**.



OUR MONTHLY BOOK RECCS

From the ATN Resource Bank!



K-4

Who Am I? by Julie Buchholtz
Métis Like Me by Tasha Hilderman
Why We Dance: a Story of Hope and Healing by Dierdre Haverlock
Fishing With Grandma by Susan Avingaq

5-9

Missing Nimâmâ by Melanie Florence
Will I See? by David A. Robertson
Red Bird Danced by Dawn Quigley

10-12

#NotYourPrincess by Lisa Charleyboy and Mary Beth Leatherdale
If I Go Missing by Brianna Jonnie with Nahanni Shingoose
Betty: The Helen Betty Osborne Story by David A. Robertson

For Educators

A Really Good Brown Girl by Marilyn Dumont
The Break by Katerena Vermette
Highway of Tears: A True Story of Racism, Indifference and the Pursuit of Justice for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls by Jessica McDiarmid



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