

ATN NEWSLETTER

When the going gets tough...



DATES OF NOTE FOR OCTOBER

All Month:

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

September 22nd to October 2nd - Navratri

October 1st - National Seniors Day

October 1st to 2nd - Yom Kippur

October 2nd - Gandhi Jayanti, Dussehra/Vijaya
Dashami

October 4th - National Day of Action for Missing and
Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) /
Sisters in Spirit

October 5th - World Teacher's Day

October 5th to 11th - Banned Books Week (Theme:
[Censorship is so 1984](#))

October 6th - World Cerebral Palsy Day, Sharad
Purnima, Chuseok (Korean Thanksgiving), Zhongqiu
Jie (Mid-Autumn Festival)

October 6th to 13th - Sukkot

October 8th - International Lesbian Day

October 9th to 10th - Karva Chauth/ Karwa

Chauth/Karaka Chaturthi

October 10th - World Mental Health Day, World Sight
Day

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

October 12th - Hoshana Rabbah

October 13th - Thanksgiving Day

October 13th to 15th - Shemini Atzeret

October 14th to 15th - Simchat Torah

October 16th - International Pronouns Day

October 17th - International Day for the Eradication
of Poverty

October 17th to 22nd - [Secret Path Week](#)

October 18th - Persons Day

October 19th to 25th - [Ace Week](#) (Asexual Awareness
Week)

October 20th - Installation of the Guru Granth Sahib

October 20th /21st - Bandi Chhor Divas,

Diwali/Deepavali/Deepawali

October 22nd - Birth of the Báb, Take Me Outside
Day

October 23rd - Birth of Bahá'u'lláh

October 25th - International Dwarfism Awareness
Day

October 26th - Intersex Awareness Day

October 31st - Halloween

October 31st to November 1st - Samhain

WE'VE GOT TO KEEP GOING!

From the desks of the Anti-Racist Teachers' Network:

This autumn is particularly poignant with the leaves falling earlier than normal due to climate-shocked trees, and our own shaken systems from the current political climate. During our first ATN meeting of the 2025/26 school year, we asked our members the question which has become our theme:

How do we keep the conversation going?

As attacks on diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives become more apparent and volatile, this guiding question is especially important as we continue to move forward in our different community spaces this school year. How are you committing to sustaining conversations around these topics in your classrooms, staffrooms and school spaces? Or when you are in your different community, friend and familial spaces? The approaches you take may vary where and when you are engaging in these conversations, but we hope the resources in this newsletter help to ensure that, wherever you may be, you continue to feel empowered to push these conversations onward.



PODCAST RECCS.

From the ATN!



Check out:
[How Children Can Become Critical Thinkers about Race in Media](#)



Check out:
[Black, Grown and Autistic](#)



Check out:
[Dr. David Hayes-Bautista Reminds Us Of Our Power](#)



Check out:
[Holding space for hope and heartbreak: how do we stay awake in a world that wants us to go numb?](#)

COOL STUFF!

- [RootED: Growing Justice From the Ground Up](#) offers a variety of resources and music to help make your classroom truly anti-oppressive and focus on restorative justice
- **The Confluence's Symposium** will be from October 3rd to 5th focusing on **Calgary's Legacy 150 Years Later**. [Grab your tickets here.](#)
- [The Alberta Labour History Institute \(ALHI\)](#) provides a variety of resources focused around Alberta's extensive labour history. We'd like to highlight on their focused entry on [Black Communities in Alberta](#).
- Love public media and want to continue supporting it? Consider checking out **PBS' [In the Margins](#)** which focuses on erased or forgotten histories in a variety of fields. Season 2 is being released now!
- **The University of Alberta** has a resource titled [FOCUS ON VISIBLE MINORITIES KEY EQUITY & HUMAN RIGHTS MILESTONES IN ALBERTA & CANADA](#) highlighting key human rights moments in Alberta and resources to discuss them in your secondary classrooms.
- Hearing "Remigration" in your spaces? Learn more about what this term really means by reading **The Canadian Anti-Hate Network's [article explaining the term's harmful origins](#)**.
- **The London Public Library** has developed [Let's Talk About Race \(LTAR\) Book Kits](#) ranging from ages 0-9+ with suggested books and discussion questions for any community space.
- Need a video to discuss racism in your elementary classroom? **CBC Kids [has one as part of their Anti-Racism series](#)**.
- **The Child Development Institute** has developed a guide for [How To Talk To Children About Race](#) for different ages and identities.
- Want to help spread important municipal election information (especially with the Canada Post Strike)? Check out **The Sprawl's [Zine Series](#)** and consider signing up for sharing them in your ward.

OUR MONTHLY BOOK RECCS

From the ATN Resource Bank!



K-4

Chasing Freedom: The Life Journeys of Harriet Tubman and Susan B. Anthony, Inspired by Historical Facts by Nikki Grimes
We Belong Here by Frieda Wishinsky
We Dream a World: Carrying the Light From My Grandparents Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King by Yolanda Renee King
Land of the Cranes by Aida Salazar

5-9

Betty Before X by Ilyasah Shabazz
Fred Korematsu Speaks Up by Laura Atkins and Stan Yogi
Lupe Wong Won't Dance by Donna Barba Higuera
The Lines We Cross by Randa Abdel-Fattah
The Good Fight by Ted Staunton

10-12

The Story of My Anger by Jasminne Mendez
Five Thousand Years of Slavery by Marjorie Gann and Janet Willen
Libertad by Bessie Flores Zaldívar
My Perfect Family by Khadijah VanBrackle
Trans History: From Ancient Times to the Present Day by Alex L. Combs and Andrew Eakett

For Educators

Restorative Practices That Heal School Communities by Mirko Chardin, Pamela Chu-Sheriff, & Edgar Vasquez
Nishga by Jordan Abel
The Idea of An Entire Life by Billy-Ray Belcourt



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