

ATN NEWSLETTER

Climate Justice intersects with Racial Justice!



DATES OF NOTE FOR APRIL

All Month:
 World Autism Month
 International Genocide Remembrance, Prevention and Condemnation Month
 Sikh Heritage Month

March 22nd to April 20th -
 Ramadan

April 1st - Kha B-Nisan
 April 2nd - World Autism Day
 April 4th - Mahavir Jayanti
 April 5th to 13th - Passover
 April 6th - Theravada New Year
 April 12th - [International Day of Pink \(Theme: Courage!\)](#)
 April 13th - Songkran
 April 14th - Vaisakhi & [Day of Silence](#), Sinhalese New Year
 April 18th - Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)
 April 21st - Eid ul Fitr, First Day of Ridván
 April 22nd - [Earth Day](#)
 April 24th - 30th - Lesbian Visibility Week
 April 23rd - World Book Day
 April 26th - International Lesbian Visibility Day
 April 28th - Ninth Day of Ridván

CLIMATE CHANGE TO CLIMATE JUSTICE

From the desks of the Antiracist Teachers Network:

Look, we won't lie to you, many of us in the ATN grew up witnessing the impact of climate change in real-time alongside our learning, and the latest [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change \(IPCC\) AR6 Synthesis Report on Climate Change](#) further confirms what we know (and we recommend checking out [the "Figures" section](#) for those who love a good infographic or twenty-seven).

Climate Change is real and has a disproportionate effect on racialized populations.

The IPCC and the ATN are not the first groups to state this idea. In fact, [many others researched, explored](#) and [discussed this reality at length](#) before this newsletter was published. However, the voices of racialized populations are often ignored in the conversations around climate change and the need for climate justice.

Following the lead of many of Calgary and Canada's youth climate activists, we hope our latest issue helps to center these voices and shift our conversation on climate change to one that paves the way for climate and racial justice.

OUR MONTHLY BOOK RECCS

From the ATN Resource Bank!

K to 4 - We Are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom, **The Water Princess** by Susan Verde, **The Lonely Polar Bear** by Khoa Le, **Fatima's Great Outdoors** by Ambreen Tariq

5 to 9 - The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba, **Paradise on Fire** by Jewell Parker Rhodes, **This Book Will Save The Planet** by Dany Sigwalt

10 to 12 - A Bigger Picture: My Fight to Bring a New African Voice to the Climate Crisis by Vanessa Nakate

For Teachers - All We Can Save: Truth, Courage, and Solutions for the Climate Crisis by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson (Editor), Katharine K. Wilkinson (Editor), **From the Ground Up: Environmental Racism and the Rise of the Environmental Justice Movement** by Luke W. Cole and Sheila R. Foster, **The Intersectional Environmentalist: How to Dismantle Systems of Oppression to Protect People + Planet** by Leah Thomas, **As Long as Grass Grows: The Indigenous Fight for Environmental Justice, from Colonization to Standing Rock** by Dina Gilio-Whitaker

COOL STUFF!

- EcoJustice.ca focuses on exploring **Environmental Racism in Canada**
- [Slow Factory](#) is a free open-education climate innovation hub offering newsletters, workshops, articles and lessons focusing on climate change and social inequity
- [Webinar: Environmental Racism – A Story of Colonization and Ecocide](#) is raising awareness on using international law to uphold Indigenous rights and environmental protection.
- [Why climate change is inherently racist](#) A BBC article by Jeremy Williams suitable for secondary classrooms.
- [Black Climate Mandate](#) a document built to protect not only Black communities, but all communities in the U.S. and Global Black Diaspora from the impacts of Climate Change.
- [The Joy Report](#) is a podcast from the **Intersectional Environmentalist** sharing stories about climate solutions and environmental justice grounded in intersectionality, optimism, and joy!
- **CBC Podcasts** provides a **teaching guide for the [Climate Change episode](#) of Tai Asks Why** which structures the climate change conversation for Grades 6 to 8.
- **The Arusha Centre's Climate Program** developed a [Community Association Climate Action Toolkit](#) that can be used in school communities.
- **The Morningside Center for Teaching Social Responsibility** provides [a variety of fiction for exploring Climate Change](#).
- Got students interested in climate action? Check out [EcoSchools in Alberta's Calgary Branch](#), [Fridays for the Future Calgary](#) and/or the [Calgary Climate Hub](#).



CALGARY UNPLUGGED

Part of **Earth Hour**, Calgary Unplugged is returning for another year in partnership with

The Arusha Centre's Climate Program!

Location: Central Library (800 3 Street SE)

Date: Saturday, March 25, 2023

Time: 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Check out this free all ages, family-friendly event!

ATN BOOK CLUB!

The ATN Book Club will be having a second meeting on April 12th starting at 5:30pm to discuss pages 60 - 137 of:

Everyday Anti-Racism: Getting Real About Race in School by Mica Pollock

Open to all, **sign up here to register!**



Interested in joining the ATN?
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