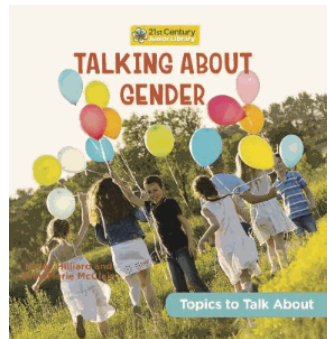
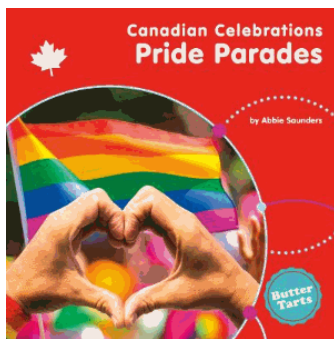


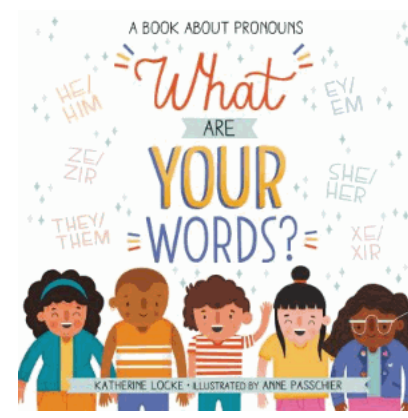
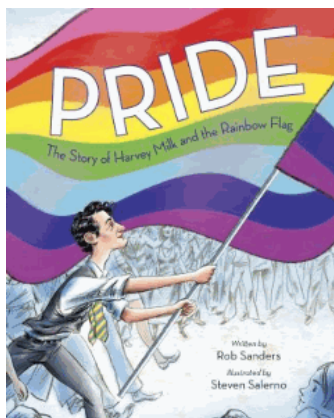
# June - Launch of PRIDE Season



Pride Season refers to the Pride events that take place over the summer (June to September) when 2SLGBTQI+ communities and allies come together to spotlight the resilience, celebrate the talent, and recognize the contributions of 2SLGBTQI+ people and communities. Historically, Pride gatherings emerged from the first large-scale protests for 2SLGBTQI+ rights.



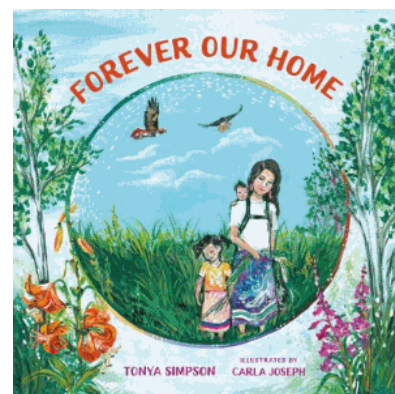
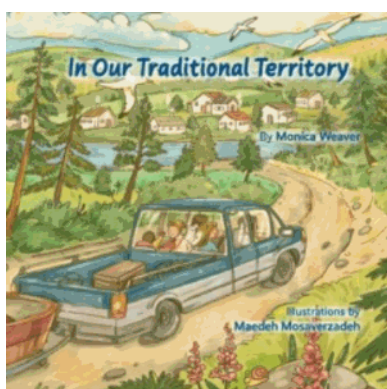
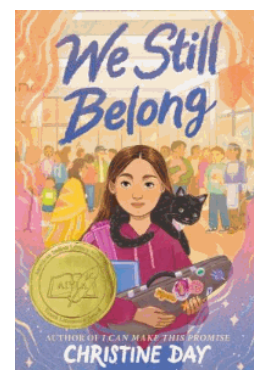
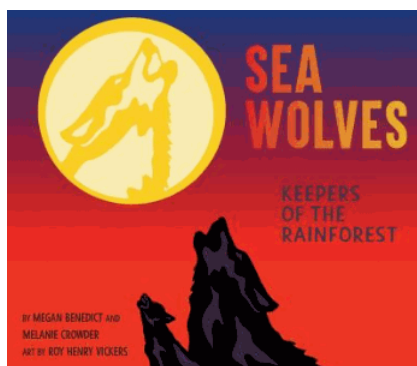
Happy  
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# June - National Indigenous History Month



National Indigenous History Month is an opportunity to read and learn about the unique cultures, traditions, and experiences of First Nations, Inuit and Métis. It's a time to honour the stories, achievements and resilience of Indigenous Peoples who have lived on this land since time immemorial and whose presence continues to impact the evolving Canada. Enjoy Indigenous storytelling by picking up a book by an Indigenous author, attending a show, watching a movie or listening to music from Indigenous artists.

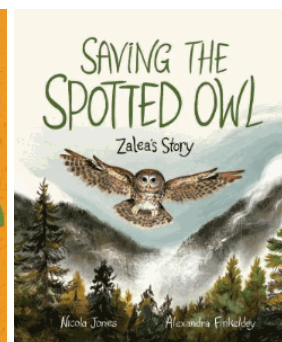
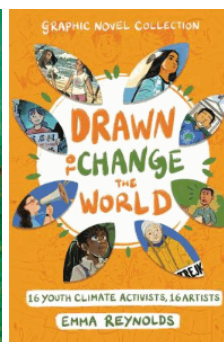
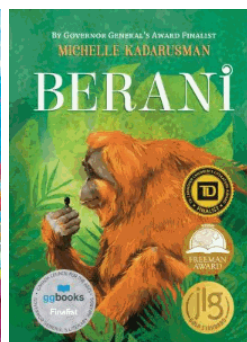
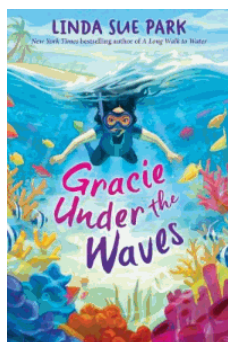
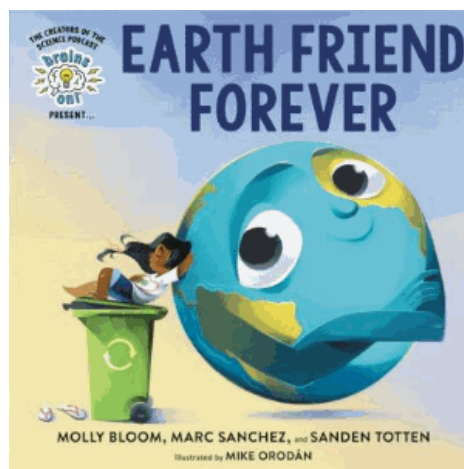
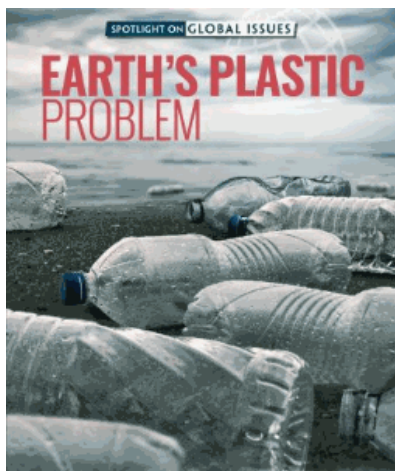




**Did you know June is the  
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International / World  
Days? Some of them are  
featured on our calendar.**

# June 1–7 Canadian Environment Week

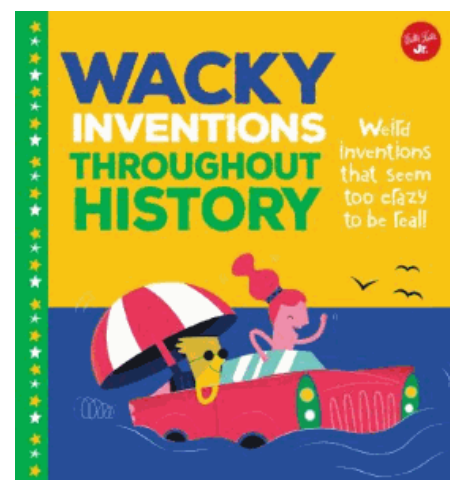
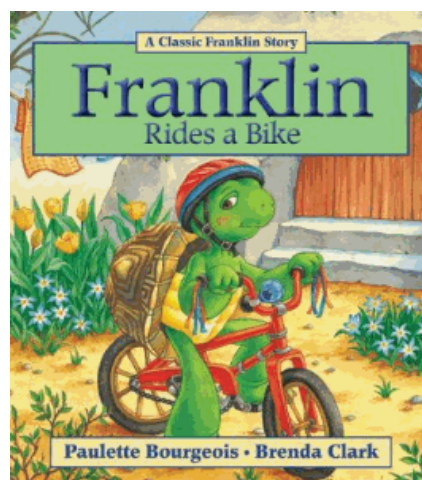
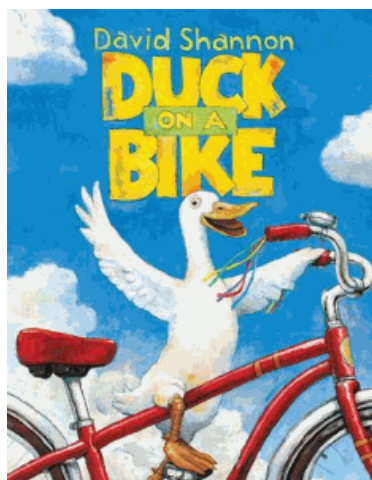
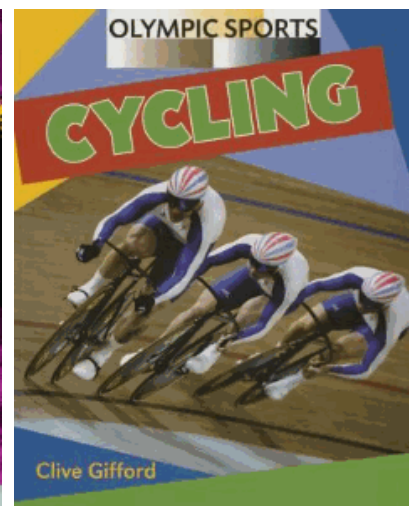
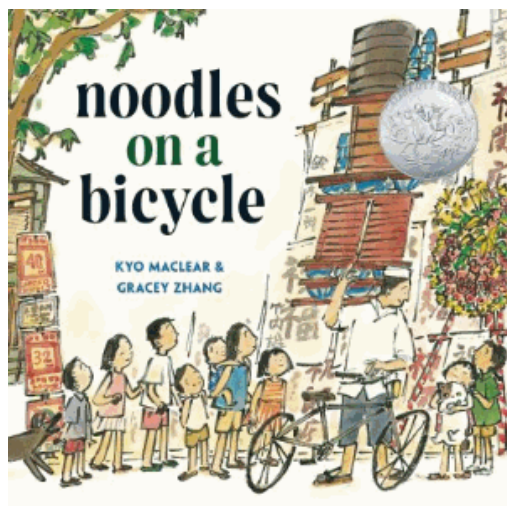
Every year, Canadian Environment Week happens around the United Nations' World Environment Day on June 5. This year, the focus is on ending plastic pollution. Let's read and think about all of the actions that we are taking, at home, school, and globally, to achieve a greener future and beat plastic pollution. Celebrate and safeguard our environment; read books about and take action to protect the places we love.



June 4<sup>th</sup> Clean Air Day is also part of this week!

# June 3 – World Bicycle Day

The bicycle is an instrument of sustainable transportation and has a positive impact on climate. World Bicycle Day draws attention to the benefits of using the bicycle – a simple, affordable, clean and environmentally fit sustainable means of transportation. The bicycle contributes to cleaner air and less congestion, as well as to better health through active living. Did you know the bicycle has been in use for two centuries?



# Religious Observances

## June 1 – 3 Shavuot (Judaism)

Shavuot, also known as the Feast of Weeks or the Feast of Pentecost, celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai, and it occurs 50 days after Passover.



## June 4 – 9 Hajj & June 6 – 10 El-Al-Adha (Islam)



The Hajj is an annual Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca; some Muslims try to make this trip at some point in their lifetime. Eid-al-Adha, also known as the Festival of Sacrifice is celebrated at the end of the Hajj.

## June 8 – Pentecost (Christian)

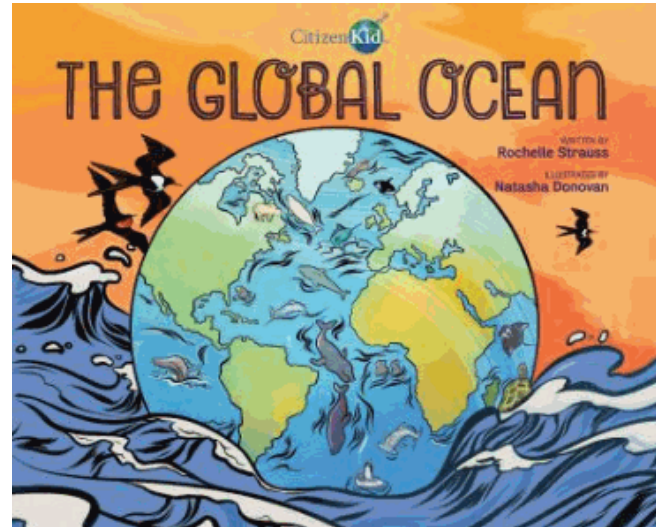
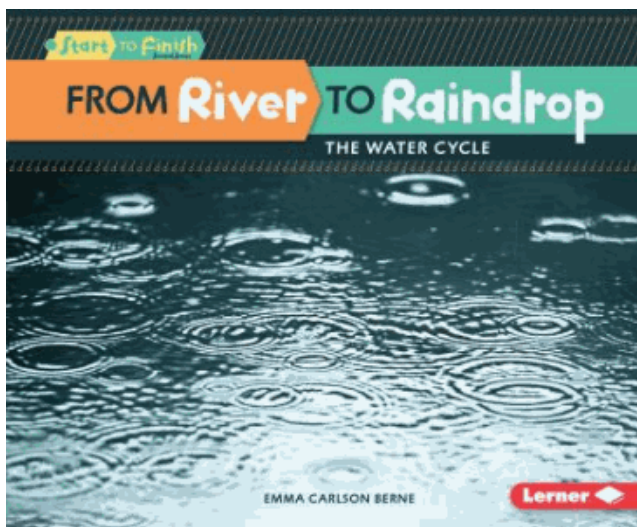
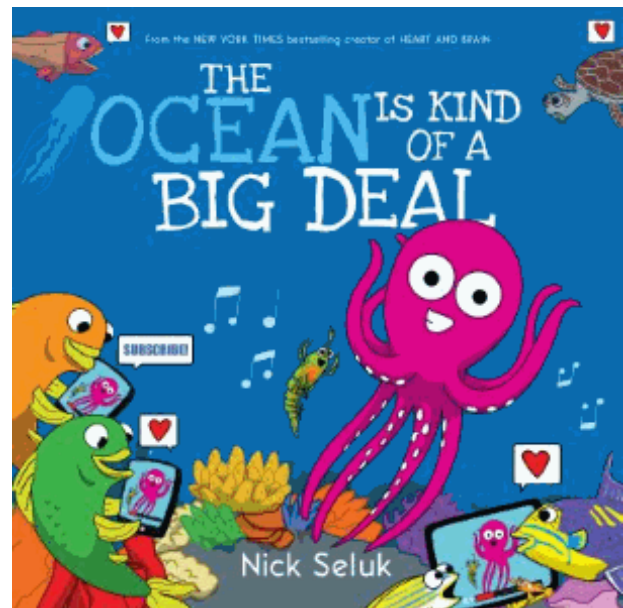
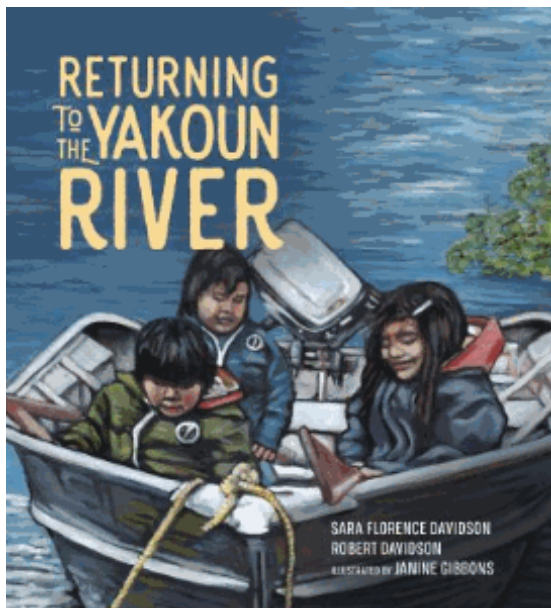
Pentecost, also known as Whit Sunday, commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles.



## June 25 – 26 – Islamic New Year/Hirji New Year

# June 8 – World Oceans Day / Canadian Rivers Day / Start of Rivers to Oceans Week

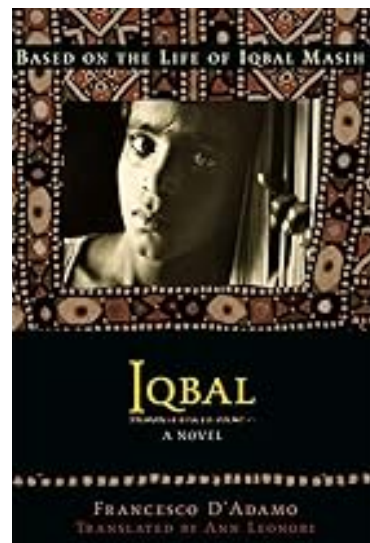
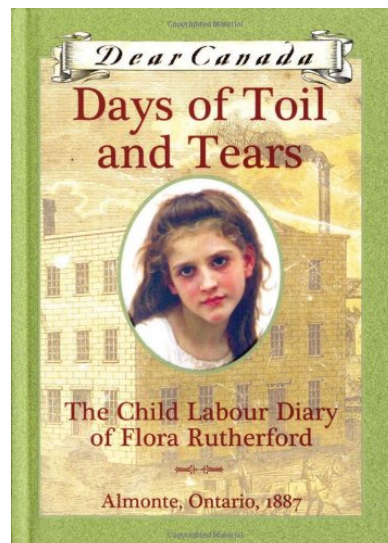
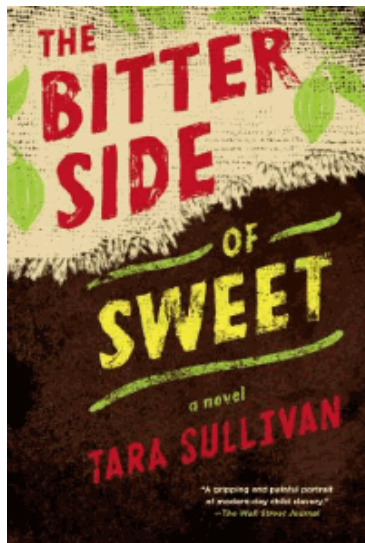
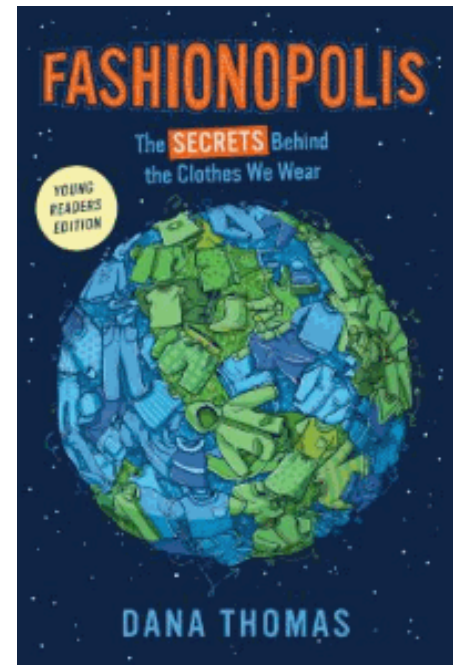
Taking care of our water is a shared responsibility. Join in on celebrating Rivers to Oceans Week and help us turn the tide on the threats to Canada's waterways and the life they sustain. One way to learn about water resources, of course, is in a good book!



# June 12 – World Day Against Child Labour

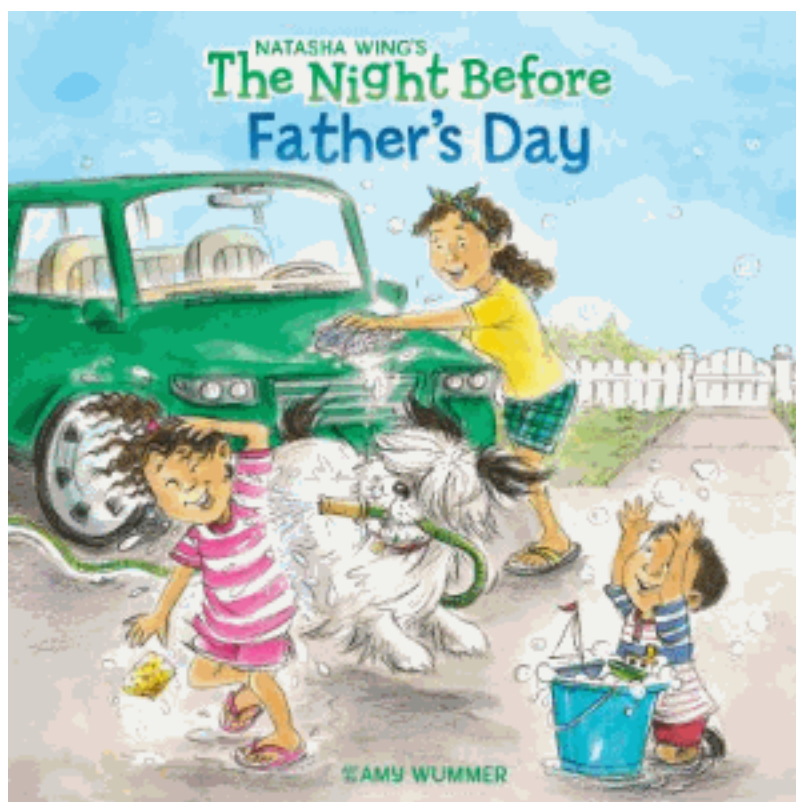
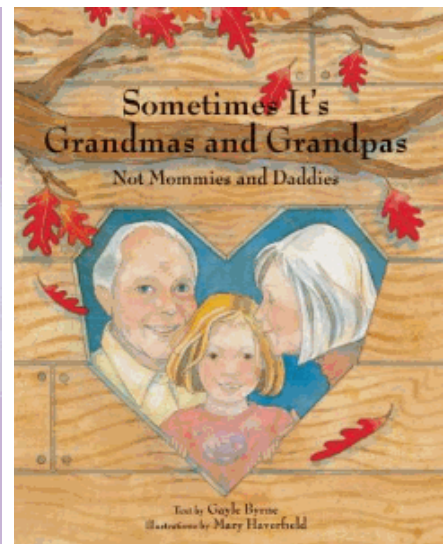
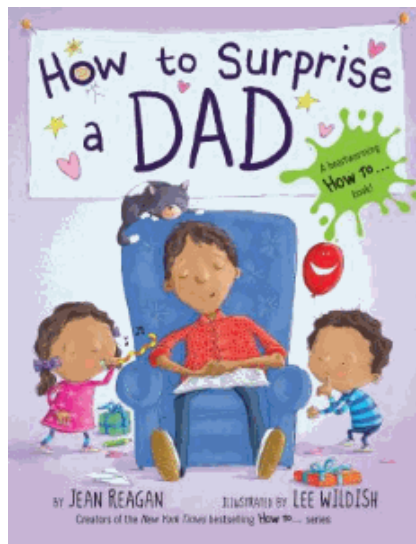
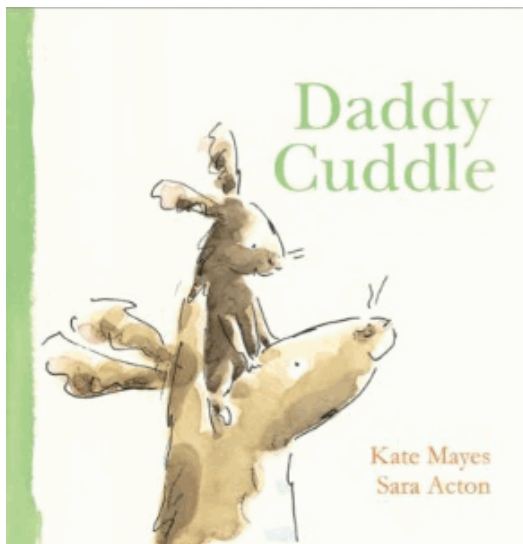


Child labour is work that children are too young to perform and/or work that is likely to harm children's health or safety. Since 2000, the world had been making progress in reducing child labour. But over the past few years, conflicts, crises and the COVID-19 pandemic, have created poverty for more families and forced millions more children into child labour. Today, 160 million children are still engaged in child labour. That is almost one in ten children worldwide.



# June 15 – Father's Day

Many Canadians use this day to express their appreciation for their fathers, grandfathers, and/or other father figures (uncles, adult family friends). Remember, the best thing you give the special father figures in your life is time and gratitude. A heartfelt homemade card or thoughtful words can mean so much.



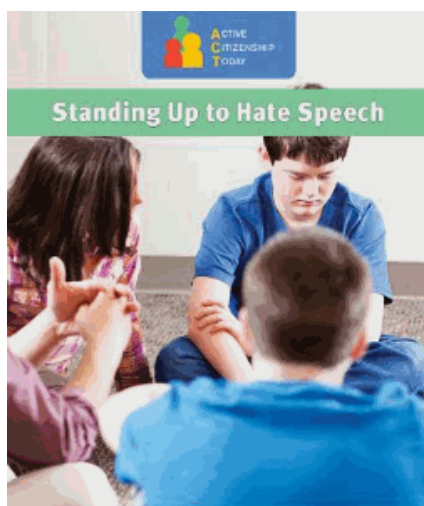
# June 18 – International Day for Countering Hate Speech



Hate speech is: “any kind of communication in speech, writing or behaviour, that attacks or uses pejorative or discriminatory language with reference to a person or a group on the basis of who they are -- in other words, based on their religion, ethnicity, nationality, race, colour, descent, gender or other identity factor.

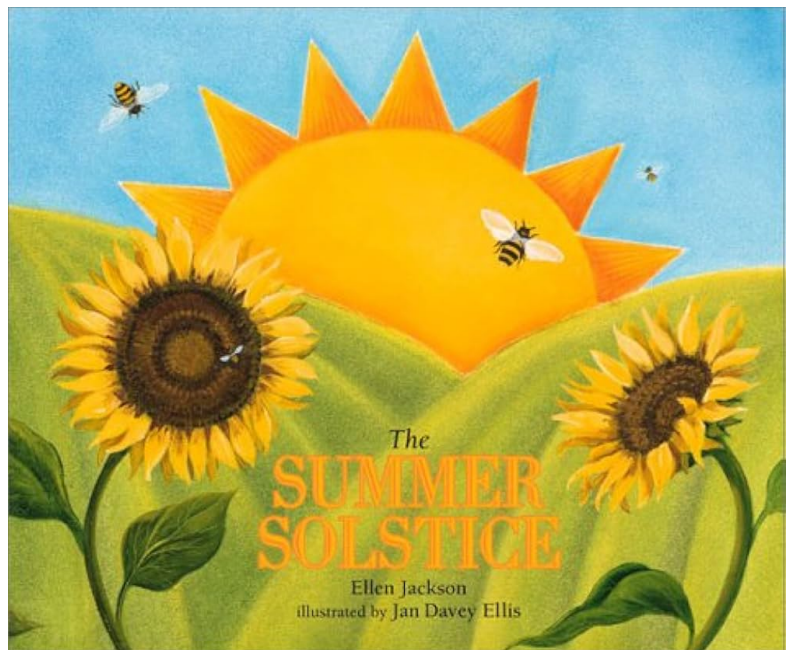
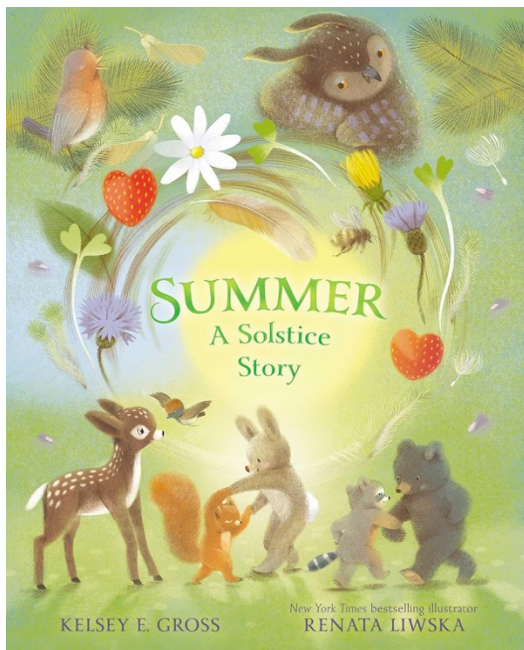


With 1.2 billion young people globally, your role in recognizing, raising awareness, and countering hateful narratives is vital – at school, we work to empower young people to create more inclusive and tolerant communities.



# June 21 – International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice

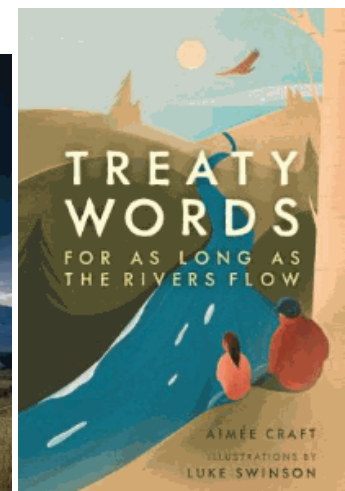
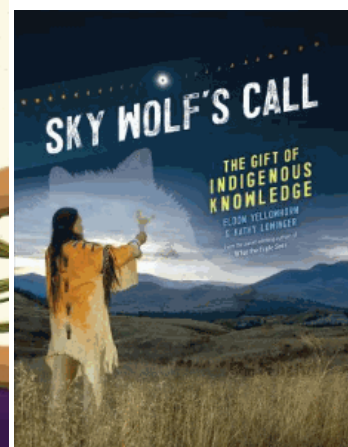
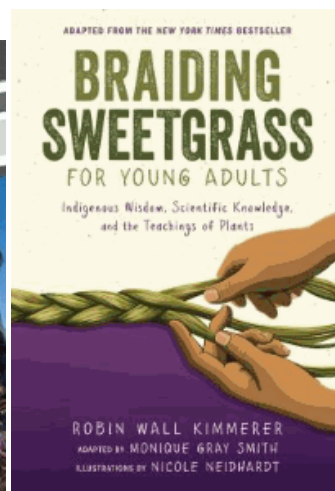
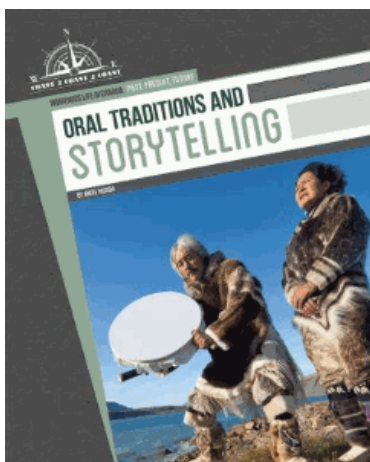
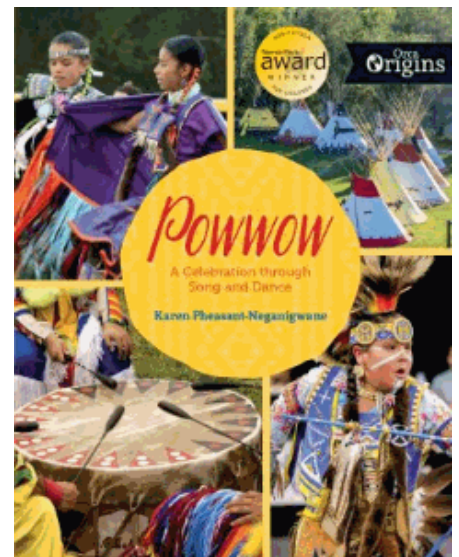
The summer solstice happens when the sun is at its closest to the northern hemisphere, and it is the day of the year with the **MOST** daylight time north of the equator. This celebration highlights the cultural and agricultural importance of solstices and equinoxes. Solstices are essential for understanding seasonal cycles and their impact on human lives and culture.



# June 21 – National Indigenous Peoples Day



June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. It's a time to recognize and celebrate the traditions, cultures, and contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis. National Indigenous Peoples Day takes place on the summer solstice, the longest day of the year. For generations, many First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities have celebrated their cultures, languages, and traditions at this time of year. The summer solstice holds deep spiritual and cultural significance for many Indigenous Peoples, marking a time of renewal, connection, and celebration.



# June 27 – Canadian Multiculturalism Day



Canadian Multiculturalism Day honours the many cultural communities that help build a strong and vibrant Canadian society. Take this opportunity to celebrate our cultural diversity and think about your commitment to equity, inclusion, and mutual respect. One way to learn about various cultures that have settled in Canada is to read books with diverse characters and to learn more about this history of Canada.

