



Resources for Truth and Reconciliation Week Sept 27-Oct 1

Programs & Resources for Children

Virtual Storytimes on the Orangeville Public Library's YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0NG92dZCBHN1hNcRuPMXmA>

1. Celebrating Indigenous Stories and Teachings – to be released on Sept 28, 2021. This storytime will feature Indigenous stories and a sharing of the 7 Grandfather Teachings. Children are invited to pick up a craft kit to further extend their learning and understanding of Indigenous culture (Kits are limited).
2. Orange Shirt Day – to be released on Sept 30, 2021
Children are invited to wear their Orange Shirts and join Ms. Shannon for a storytime about the Residential Schools.
3. Watch an additional storytime about the Residential Schools first aired on June 29, 2021, here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xiLGGrR8u84>

Recommended Reads

4. Recommended Reads: See attached book lists for children and youth
5. Grab n' Go Bags for Kids
If you would like more age-appropriate books to help explain the residential school system, or to learn more about indigenous cultures and worldviews, we would be happy to put a Grab n' Go bag together for you. Connect with us at infolibrary@orangeville.ca or call 519-941-0610 ext 5231

Programs and Resources for Adults

Presentations & Programs

1. Diversity and Inclusion from an Indigenous Perspective: Featuring Sarah Ritchie
Wednesday, September 29 at 7 p.m. Mill St. Library. [Registration](#) is required for this in-person event. A recording will be shared to YouTube following the event for those who wish to access from home.
2. Sarah provided a presentation on Orange Shirt Day in 2020, focused on the Residential School System. A recording of this event can be viewed [here](#).

Recommended Reads & Resources

3. Recommended Reads: See the attached book lists for just a few of our titles that explore Canada's history with Indigenous Peoples.
4. Borrow copies of the Truth and Reconciliation Reports [here](#). Explore further titles [here](#).

Community Resources

1. Dufferin County Cultural Resource Circle (DCCRC)

An Indigenous-led community, the DCCRC's mandate is to create a safe space for the restoration and revival of traditional Indigenous Culture in the Dufferin County area. This is done through community building events, educational workshops, and spiritual gatherings. <https://www.dufferincountyculturalresourcecircle.org/>

Candle Vigil Walk and Presentation

Medicine Wheel Garden in Bravery Park

September 30, 2021 at 6 p.m.

<https://www.dufferincountyculturalresourcecircle.org/events/>

Learn more about the Mino Kamik Medicine Wheel Garden [here](#)

2. A Crosswalk to Reconciliation

The Town of Orangeville has installed an Indigenous crosswalk at its main downtown intersection. Located on Broadway at First Street, the orange crosswalk, with seven feathers centered across its width, commemorates the Indigenous children who were taken from their families and forced to attend residential schools. [Read](#) more or watch a [news clip](#).

3. Indigenous History and Treaty Lands in Dufferin County – A Resource Guide

Created by the Museum of Dufferin, this document has been created to aid in recognizing the long-standing and enduring relationship that exists between Indigenous peoples and the traditional territories residing within present-day Dufferin County. By acknowledging and examining the past, we can become more aware and better informed. We can then use this knowledge to build relationships and a better future where the history, heritage, rights and freedoms of all citizens are respected. Hard copies available upon request.

https://www.dufferinmuseum.com/wp-content/uploads/Dufferin-County-Indigenous-History-and-Treaty-Lands-Resource-Document_v1.5.pdf

Additional Resources

1. Education Kits for Grades 1-8
In celebration of Treaties Recognition Week 2020, The Moccasin Identifier created the following free, online, and accessible Treaty teachings for Grades 1 – 8.
<https://moccasinidentifier.com/education-kit/>
2. National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation – University of Manitoba
A wealth of information can be found here <https://nctr.ca/>
3. Where the Spirit Lives – Drama
Set in 1937 amid the rugged beauty of Western Canada, Where the Spirit Lives tells the story of Komi (Michelle St. John), a courageous young Blackfoot girl. Taken from her home on the reserve, she is sent by the government to an English-speaking residential school and renamed Amelia. With the help of Kathleen (Ann-Marie MacDonald), a compassionate schoolteacher, Amelia must find the courage within herself to live in what white society calls civilization, and what to her is a foreign and hostile environment. Shot on location in the scenic Canadian Rockies. ** This video may not be suitable for all viewers. Viewer discretion is advised. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7aW4tzkITLQ>
4. Woodland Cultural Center
The Woodland Cultural Centre, a museum of excellence, opens the doors to Southern Ontario's First Nations past, present, and future. School and Public programs offer interested visitors the opportunity to discover Native Ontario.
<https://woodlandculturalcentre.ca/>
5. Indigenous Canada Course offered through the University of Alberta
A Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) from the Faculty of Native Studies, this course explores Indigenous histories and contemporary issues in Canada. It is free to audit the course and one can pay a modest fee to receive a certificate of completion.
<https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions-programs/online-courses/indigenous-canada/index.html>
6. Legacy of Hope Foundation
Healing the impacts of the Residential Schools, a touring exhibition that explores the history and impacts of Canada's Residential School System through Survivor stories, archival photographs, and documents, curated by Iroquois artist Jeff Thomas.
<https://legacyofhope.ca/wherearethekids/>
7. The Kairos Blanket Exercise
This exercise comes highly recommended however they are booked solid for 2021. They are taking bookings beginning March 2022. <https://www.kairosblanketexercise.org/v-kbe/>

A National Indian Residential School Crisis Line has been set up to provide support for residential school survivors and others affected. People can access emotional crisis and referral services by calling 1-866-925-4419. It is free and confidential.