

Media Release

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Regina Public Library recognizes National Day for Truth and Reconciliation with talk by author Bevann Fox

Regina Public Library will host an in-person event to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation at 12:00 pm on Thursday, September 30, at Central Library, 2311 12th Avenue. The event will also be streamed live via YouTube.

The program will commemorate the legacy of residential schools with opening prayer by Elder Marjorie Lavallee, an honour song performed by Plains Cree Inc. and a reading by Bevann Fox, residential school survivor and author of *Genocidal Love: A Life After Residential School*. It will close with a Jingle dance by Connie Starblanket.

"We're honoured to hold space for Bevann to share her story," said Nancy MacKenzie, Director of Community Engagement and Programming. "It's a valuable opportunity to learn more about the lasting impact the residential school system continues to have, from someone with lived experience."

RPL has also partnered with the Diversity and Inclusion Network, and other local businesses and organizations to present an Orange Shirt Day Virtual Honouring on Wednesday, September 29, from 10:45 am to 11:45am. Registration for the free event is available through Eventbrite.

Regina Public Library is committed to working together with Indigenous peoples as we take an important step forward on the pathway of collaboration, reconciliation, and change. For more information on these events and other resources, visit <u>reginalibrary.ca/reconciliation</u>.

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