

**Upcoming Events**

**March 8** - International Women's Day

**March 20** - Spring Equinox

**March 31** - Indigenous Languages Day

**April 22** - Earth Day

**Pacific Northwest Plant Knowledge Cards**

**Local Plants**



Devil's Club



Nootka Rose



Ocean Spray

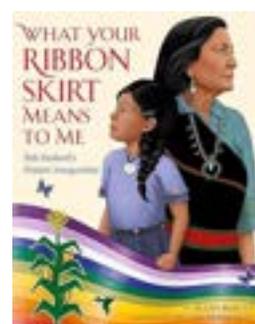
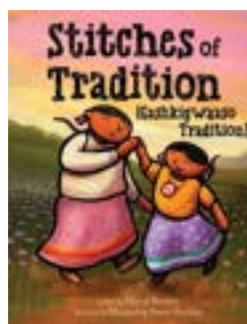
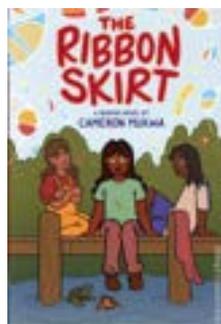


Salmon berry



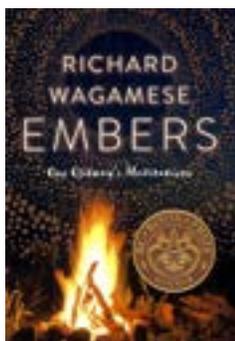
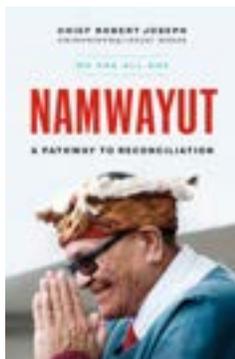
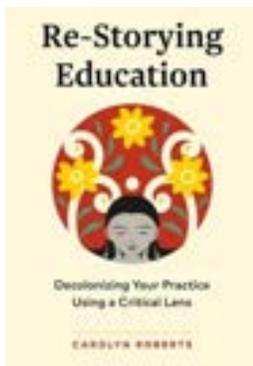
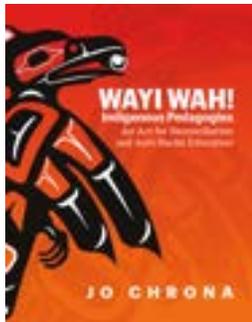
**National Ribbon Skirt Day**

National Ribbon Skirt Day in Canada, observed on January 4, is a day to celebrate the cultural significance of the ribbon skirt and to honour Indigenous culture, history, and resilience. Inspired by Isabella Kulak, who faced discrimination for wearing her ribbon skirt to a school formal, the day serves as a reminder of the importance of respect, pride, and cultural expression of Indigenous people and our regalia. At Esquimalt High School, a student named Jodi Thompson reflects the spirit of this day through her amazing work in her textiles class. By creating and wearing a ribbon skirt, Jodi has embraced both creativity and cultural learning, and she is feeling incredibly proud of herself as she absolutely should be! Her work highlights how ribbon skirts are not just garments, but powerful symbols of identity, strength, and celebration. Next year we recommend celebrating Ribbon Skirts and their special traditional meaning for the week beginning Jan 4 to the 8th.



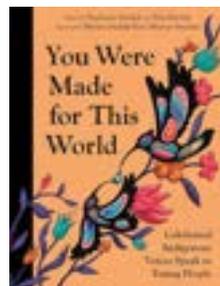
**Recommended Titles for Staff Book Clubs**

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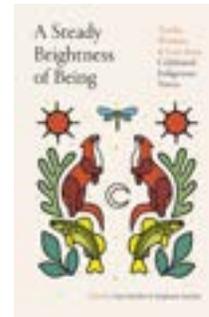


**IED Book Club**

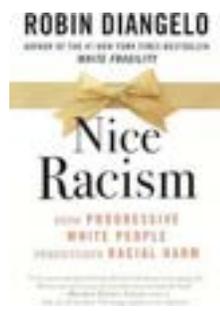
Thanks to all who have signed up for the IED Book Club happening on March 5 - we are looking forward to learning with you! If you couldn't join us this time, here are some recently published books that we will be discussing, shown below.



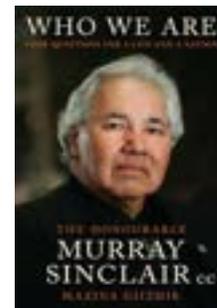
**You Were Made for This World**  
 Edited By Stephanie Sinclair & Sara Sinclair  
 Forward by Mazina Giizihk-iban (Murray Sinclair)  
 (Middle School book club pick)



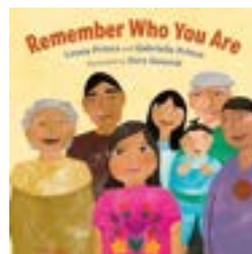
**A Steady Brightness of Being**  
 Edited by Sara Sinclair and Stephanie Sinclair  
 (High School book club pick)



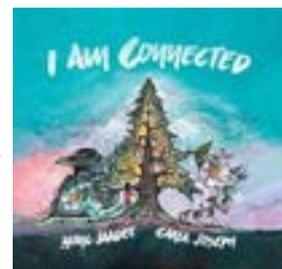
**Nice Racism**  
 By Robin Diangelo  
 (Professional Development book club pick)



**Who we Are**  
 Edited by Sara Sinclair and Stephanie Sinclair  
 (High School book club pick)



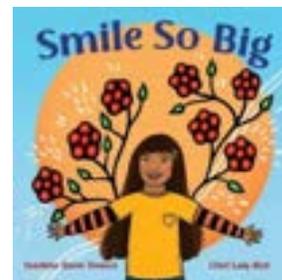
**Remember Who You Are**  
 By Leona Prince and Gabrielle Prince  
 (Elementary book club pick)



**I am Connected**  
 By Kung Jadee  
 (Elementary book club pick)



**Moon Song**  
 By Michaela Goade  
 (Elementary book club pick)



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We hope these titles inspire you and your staff to host your own school book clubs. This is a great time of the year to plan one as we get closer to the month of June, National Indigenous History Month and Day (June 21).

### Spirit of Alliances

Wondering where to find The Spirit of Alliances Animals resources?

Use this QR code for the [direct link](#) to all that is offered through the IED Website:



### Giant Floor Map

If you would like to book the Giant Indigenous Floor Map of Canada for your school, please email [iedlibrary@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:iedlibrary@sd61.bc.ca) with your preferred dates.

For staff professional development you can request our own very SD 61 teacher, Frank Conibear, who is a BCTF workshop facilitator for the giant floor map.

Please book him through the BCTF Workshops Webpage and request him.

### Indigenous Guest Speakers In Schools

If you plan on inviting Indigenous guests into your school, please be sure to go through the Indigenous Department first.  
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