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## KAMLOOPS LIBRARIES LAUNCH NEW PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

**Kamloops, BC - January 22, 2020** -the Kamloops and North Kamloops Libraries are excited to announce our new programs and events happening over the next few months.

At the North Kamloops Library, you'll find the launch of our new **Indigenous Authors Book Club** starting on February 29, where works of fiction and non-fiction by Indigenous authors will be discussed. Authors include Tommy Orange, Richard Wagamese and Eden Robinson. "We're always looking for new ways to engage our patrons and show them how diverse our libraries can be," says Adult Coordinator Catherine Schmidt. "The library is a place for people to learn and experience new things in a safe and welcoming environment, where you can trust the information you are receiving."

If you're a local single over the age of 50, check out **Dating Over 50** – a casual drop-in program where you'll hear from local experts on topics like online dating safety, maintaining a healthy and balanced lifestyle, and how to find a romantic (or just friendly!) relationship with someone who shares your interests.

New technology programs at the North Kamloops Library include a course on **Cloud Computing**. The Kamloops Library will start hosting computer classes again, including new **Tech Q&A** sessions on social media, library databases and e-resources, and device troubleshooting. “We’re especially happy about some of our new partnership programs this session,” says Children’s Coordinator Meg Ross. “We’re partnering with the Kamloops Museum and Archives (KMA) and Kamloops Art Gallery to make some really unique programs possible”.

On February 8, the KMA will bring their **People + Place** program into the library. This children’s program, which is usually only available to schools, introduces the history of the different cultural communities that call Kamloops home. Later in the month, museum goers can attend a special **Storytime** on February 21 at 11 am at the Kamloops Museum and Archives as part of Heritage Week.

In March, the Kamloops Art Gallery will lend its painting expertise to the library during our first **Paint Together**. In this program, a child and their accompanying adult listen to a story read aloud and then create a painting inspired by it – together! For this first session on March 17 participants will hear *What’s the Most Beautiful Thing You Know About Horses?* by Richard Van Camp, tying in with the *Free Rein* exhibition at the gallery.

For adults, the TNRL is celebrating International Women’s Month with the Kamloops Art Gallery by hosting our first ever **Art+Feminism Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon** on March 21. Art+Feminism is a global do-it-yourself and do-it-with-others campaign teaching people of all gender identities and expressions to edit Wikipedia to improve content on cis- and trans-women, the arts, and feminism.

And don’t forget about **Freedom to Read Week** coming up February 23–29, where libraries across Canada celebrate our right to read, view, hear, express, and discuss any idea on any subject. Some of these programs require registration in advance. For more information on any of these programs, or to register, contact the library at 250-372-5145, 250-554-1124 or [questions@tnrd.ca](mailto:questions@tnrd.ca).

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