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Battlefords Now: Winter Games Seeking Volunteers:

People can register online to become volunteers in the Winter Games by visiting: skg2018.gems.pro.

**WINTER GAMES
COUNTDOWN:
116 DAYS**

Try Outs:

For up to date information on the try out dates and details for Team Rivers West check our [Facebook page](#) and [website](#) regularly. A comprehensive list can be [found here](#). Information is updated as it becomes available.

How to be a Coach at the Sask Winter Games:

For more information regarding the 2018 Saskatchewan Winter Games, becoming a Coach, Manager or Mission Staff or Competing at the 2018 Saskatchewan Winter Games in North Battleford, please contact, Donna Johnston-Genest 306-882-3030 or at rwdscri.donna@sasktel.net.

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One Book, One Province Project

Courtesy of Saskatchewan Libraries Association:

In March, 2018, the Saskatchewan Library Association (SLA) will embark on the second One Book, One Province project, following on the heels of the successful adoption of *The Education of Augie Merasty: A Residential School Memoir* for 2017.

The One Book, One Province project is a province-wide reading initiative that encourages Saskatchewan residents to read, discuss, and engage in programs around our selected title. One Book, One Province brings Saskatchewan residents together to create community around reading and libraries, and prompt discussions on the multicultural history of Saskatchewan.

Out of Old Saskatchewan Kitchens written by Amy Jo Ehman and published by MacIntyre Purcell has been chosen as the 2018 selection. Filled with captivating accounts of homesteading and settlement history, archival photos and stories of many cultures--Métis, German, Ukrainian and Scandinavian--are told as we see the history of Saskatchewan from the dinner table.



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The essence of the project is to encourage Saskatchewan people to read the same book during the month of March, 2018.

SLA would like to invite you, as a cultural organization in this province, to participate. Participation could include forming a book club or discussion group, mounting a display, creating responsive artwork, or any project that invites discussion about the book. While SLA cannot provide funding to assist with your project, we will acknowledge your organization on our website using your logo and by promoting your project through our communication channels including social media and a monthly newsletter that reaches over 1500 people and organizations.

For more information about the project, please contact: Anne Pennylegion by phone at (306) 780-9409 or by email at onebook@sasktel.net

Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan (MCoS) and Comprehensive School Community Health (CSCH) Working Together

Courtesy of Comprehensive School Community Health

What opportunities does Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan provide schools?

MCoS provides one day interactive provincial anti-racism and anti-discrimination youth leadership workshops in a variety of locations across Saskatchewan. Students engage with peers from throughout the province as they participate in activities to explore identity, intercultural relationships, power, privilege, racism and discrimination.

Prior to these workshops, MCoS offers a one day training opportunity to approximately 12-20 facilitators (including high school students, university pre-service education students, Settlement Workers in Schools and others with an interest in the work) to build capacity to facilitate these activities throughout the province.

How does the Ministry of Education support the *Arrêt/Stop Racism* youth leadership workshops?

In 2016-17, the Ministry of Education supported MCoS to train students and school staff to facilitate activities in their schools. The project includes three webinars:

- an orientation session for teachers to help them to work with the students to identify issues of racism, discrimination and oppression in their schools prior to the workshop;
- a session for teachers and students on project development after the workshop; and,
- an opportunity for students to present their projects, share their successes and reveal their challenges.

How does the anti-racism workshop and the CSCH approach work together?

The CSCH approach focuses on creating opportunities for children and youth to experience healthy, supportive and equitable learning environments where all students feel safe, cared for and respected. The *Arrêt/Stop Racism* youth leadership workshops create this environment for high school students and empower them with tools, examples, experience and confidence to replicate this at their schools. These workshops also engage elders and other community members to support a whole school approach to anti-racism and anti-discrimination.



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Welcoming and Inclusive Communities Toolkit

In July 2017, the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan created the *Welcoming and Inclusive Communities (WIC) Toolkit*. This user-friendly toolkit has embedded an action plan that is workable for all organizations, big and small. It also includes success stories from bigger centres and smaller communities in the province.

Joint Consortium for School Health (JCSH) Positive Mental Health Toolkit

Looking for a way to promote positive mental health in your school? [Click here](#) to check out the newly revised JCSH Positive Mental Health Toolkit. The online toolkit contains five modules including: an introduction to positive mental health; school connectedness; resiliency in school environments; school team relationships; and assessing comprehensive school health. It is available in English and French. It is free, online and user-friendly.

National Network for Equitable Library Service:

Courtesy of Saskatchewan Library Association

The Canadian Accessible Library System has opened its virtual doors to eligible readers from across Canada, no matter where they live, through their local public libraries and is now truly national.

To learn more, please visit the [website](#).

Museums Assistance Program – November 1, 2017 Deadline

Courtesy of Sask Museums:

The 2018-2019 program guidelines have been released. You will find that they are now accessible via the links in each program component rather than as a single document. You can [find the updated guidelines and more information here](#). There should be no material changes from the previous years' guidelines, other than the removal of the priorities related to the lead-up to the 2017 Canada 150 commemoration

Interested organizations in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, NWT, and Nunavut can contact [Kate Johnson](#) directly to discuss prospective projects or request application packages.

News:

- [Update on New Kindersley Pool Progress](#)
- [Perdue Community Arena Project](#)
- [Banning of junk food sales in Canadian schools having a positive effect: study](#)
- [Remediation work at the Aquatic Centre nearing end](#)
- [Plenty Museum Moves House for Exhibit](#)
- [Eston performs beautifully with Communities in Bloom](#)
- [Read about two Rivers West District community highlights - Alsask/RM of Milton and Flying Dust First Nation in the Fall 2017 issue of DIRECTION magazine](#)

Creative Kids

The Creative Kids program is an initiative to reduce financial barriers for children participating in the areas of arts and culture. SaskCulture Inc. and the Saskatchewan Arts Board have been working with members of the community to develop a provincial initiative designed to reduce financial barriers for children who want to participate in organized arts and cultural activities. <http://www.creativekidsask.ca/>.



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KidSport

KidSport™ is a children's charity dedicated to assisting children of families facing financial obstacles to participate in community sport programs. The KidSport™ goal is to provide these children with the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of teamwork, dedication and responsibility through participation in sport. For more information go to <http://www.kidsportcanada.ca/saskatchewan/>.

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Rivers West District Funding Opportunities

Grants available through Rivers West District include the [*Sport, Culture & Recreation Community Event and Partnerships Building Grant, Aboriginal Community Sport Grant, Facility Operator Support Program and the Coaching Assistance Program*](#). Check out the funding documents which outline grants from other organizations as well. For more information on our grants, visit our [website](#) or contact Donna at (306) 882-3030 or by [email](#).

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