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First Nations Book Fair
A digital edition for the 9th anniversary, from November 25th to 29th

Quebec City, November 5, 2020 – Some 50 Indigenous authors of all generations will participate in the 9th First Nations Book Fair from November 25 to 29. In the current context, the event will be entirely digital, mainly on social media as well as on the website. The activities for which the event is known are back in full force, in French or in English, but this year, in the comfort of your own home: author discussions and live interviews, Poetry Breakfasts, exclusive literary shows, readings and more. With this digital edition, the diversity and richness of Indigenous literature has never been more present and celebrated on the Web!

This first digital programming will offer *Literary podcasts* on various themes such as the body, imagination, transmission, two-spiritedness and feminism. These podcasts will feature **J.D. Kurtness, Leanne Betasamosake Simpson, Yolande Okia Picard, Darrel McLeod, Marie Annharte Baker** and **Maya Cousineau Mollen**. Produced by researchers, a second series of podcasts, *Lire en relation*, will address various themes associated with Indigenous literatures.

Several live activities are on the menu, such as virtual meetings with authors **Pierrot Ross-Tremblay, Émilie Monnet** and **Joshua Whitehead**, and discussions between poets **Joséphine Bacon** and **Jean Sioui** as well as **David Groulx** and **Éric Charlebois**.

On Friday and Saturday evening at 7 p.m. there will be performances of *Mononk Jules: collage inédit*, a one man show by actor and writer *Jocelyn Sioui*, and *WendaKébec*, an intimate encounter between words and music, between Wendat and Quebecois souls, with **Andrée Lévesque, Sandrine Masse-Savard, Jean Désy** and **Marc Vallée**.

In addition to the presentation of unpublished texts by **Virginia Pésémapéo Bordeleau, Eve Ringuette, Yves Sioui Durand, Dave Jenniss** and **Diane Obomsawin**, the organizers are proud to present a reading by novelist, essayist and screenwriter **Thomas King** as part of *A Reading Just for You*. A member of the Order of Canada and twice nominated for a Governor General's Award, King is often described as one of North America's finest contemporary Indigenous writers. Viewers will also have access to other exclusive reading activities on Facebook, including *Le Salon sur votre divan* (**Michel Jean, Guy Sioui Durand**), *Verticalités / Verticalities* (**Tomson Highway, Walter Scott**) and *Ça parle aux images* (**Louis-Karl Picard-Sioui, Uasheshkun Bacon, Félix Perkins**). The popular

Poetry Breakfasts will be back from Thursday to Sunday, with **Jeanne D'Arc Vollant, Renelta Arluk, Marie-Andrée Gill, Lee Maracle, Christine Sioui Wawanoloath, Shayne Michael, Virginia Pésémapeo Bordeleau, Duncan Mercredi, Katherena Vermette, Odile Purue** (French Polynesia), **Ra'i Chaze** (French Polynesia) **and more!**

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