

Reading In First Nations

Infrastructures, Access & Imagination

March 29, 2010 9:00 am – 4:00 pm EST

Keewaywin Sioux Lookout Toronto Thunder Bay



Keynote Speaker

Drew Hayden Taylor

Originally from the Curve Lake First Nations, in Central Ontario, Drew has spent the last two decades travelling the world and writing about it from the Aboriginal perspective. An award-winning playwright, author, columnist, film maker and lecturer, he has managed to bridge the gap between cultures by tickling the funny bone.

Live in Toronto @ The Design Exchange, 10 am

Event Agenda

Introductions & Opening Remarks
9:00 am – 10:00 am EST

Keynote: Drew Hayden Taylor
10:00 am – 11:00 am EST

Morning Multi-Site Panel Discussion
11:00 am – 12:30 pm EST

The Realities of Reading in First Nations

Participants from all sites will have an opportunity to share their experiences about the barriers to reading that they encounter in their communities.

Lunch Served At All Sites
12:30 pm – 1:45 pm EST

Live Workshops & Demonstrations
1:45 pm – 3:00 pm EST

Facilitators and participants from the four sites update us via video conferencing on their experiences with the workshops and equipment showcase at their location.

Afternoon Multi-Site Panel Discussion
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm EST

Supporting Reading in First Nations

What will it take to support reading in First Nations? This session invites participants to identify specific solutions that can improve access of reading materials and support local literacy initiatives.

Contact **Lyle Johnson** at 877-737-5638 ext. 1387 for participation via video conferencing

Live Workshops & Demonstrations

Keewaywin

Keewaywin Public School & e-Centre

In addition to offering a video conferencing site for participants from Keewaywin, one set of computer equipment will be set up at the school to facilitate their engagement with the On-Demand Book Service Project.

Site Facilitators

Raymond Mason eCentre Manager
Johnson Meekis School Principal
Margaret Lam University of Toronto

Toronto

Design Exchange, 234 Bay Street

The Toronto site will be hosting the keynote speaker and facilitating the multi-site panels via Video-Conferencing. There will be a demo of the computer equipment donated by the Internet Archives that first inspired the On-Demand Book Service project.

Site Facilitators

Prof. Nadia Caidi & Graduate Students
University of Toronto

Sioux Lookout

KNET Services, 115 King Street

In addition to offering a Video-Conferencing site for participants from Sioux Lookout, there will be an all day workshop on how to build a Do-It-Yourself Scanner, as well as a demo of the computer equipment that will be sent to a First Nation Community.

Site Facilitators

Brian Beaton KNET Coordinator
Daniel Reetz DIY Scanner Project
Marta Chudolinska University of Toronto

Thunder Bay

KO Research Institute, 216 South Algoma Street

In addition to offering a Video-Conferencing site for participants from Thunder Bay, there will be a demo of the computer equipment that will be sent to a First Nation Community to facilitate their engagement with the On-Demand Book Service Project.

Site Facilitators

Brian Walmark KO Research Institute
Mark Gelsomino University of Toronto

Registration is free for all participants.

Please RSVP by Friday, March 26 at ondemandbookservice@gmail.com.

Join us online @ <http://ODBS.knet.ca>

About ODBS

The On-Demand Book Service (ODBS) supports the joy of reading in rural First Nations communities within the context of learning, knowledge sharing and history recording. The ODBS portal supports the sharing and access of existing free content and those generated by the community.

For more information, please contact **Prof. Nadia Caidi** at nadia.caidi@utoronto.ca or 416 978 4664.

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