



RED RIVER ANCESTRY GENEALOGY CENTRE NEWS

JUNE 2026

LOCATION CHANGE

We are temporarily located in the Gaynor Regional Family Library Building. Check the Genealogy easel Board for our location in the Library or ask the Library staff at the main desk, as during Library renovations we will be in different locations.

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JUNE NEWS Hours & Other locations where you can find us

In June our days and times will vary due to library renovations. We will also be working on funding plans (so we can keep our library location) and trying to source out other possible options for the Centre if we do not get funding.

Please check our FaceBook page and the notices at the Library for updates. You can still email us with queries and we can try to arrange an appointment.

You can also come to see us at:

- The St. Andrews Open House on June 11 th at the St. Andrews Community Club, located at 28 St. Andrews Rd. from 4 - 8 pm
- The Indigenous Peoples Day event at Selkirk Park on June 21st from 9 - 4 pm

VOLUNTEER Opportunities



We have research projects that we need help with which you can do in your own home.

If this sounds interesting to you ...

Please contact us to find out more information on how you can help.



The Red River Ancestry Genealogy Centre is trying to secure a permanent location and maintain the operation of the Centre. In order to do this we need help with funding. We are looking into possible funding sources, including public and private donations, partnerships, sponsorships or grants.

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

GENEALOGY CENTRE

We have a number books and resources to help you find more information about your Indigenous Ancestors.

* Gail Morin Books - Scrip, family histories, census records, Company Men. * How and where to look at Band pay lists * and many other resources

CELEBRATING

National Indigenous History Month

June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada, an opportunity to learn about the unique cultures, traditions and experiences of First Nations, Inuit and Métis who have lived on this land since time immemorial and whose presence continues to shape Canada today. It is also a moment for reflection and to recognize the ongoing impacts of colonization and to reflect on how we can all contribute to reconciliation. The campaign dates back to 2009, when the House of Commons designated June as National Aboriginal History Month. The name was changed to National Indigenous History Month in 2017.

June 21, 2026 is the 30th anniversary of National Indigenous Peoples Day.

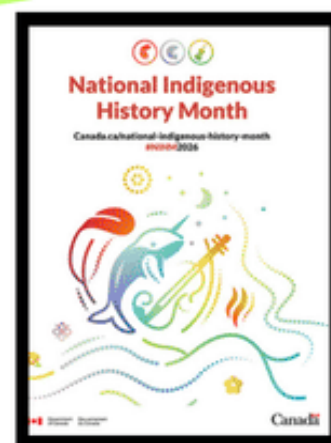
It's a time to recognize and celebrate the traditions, cultures and contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis.

National Indigenous Peoples Day takes place on the summer solstice, the longest day of the year. For generations, many First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities have celebrated their cultures, languages, and traditions at this time of year. The summer solstice holds deep spiritual and cultural significance for many Indigenous Peoples, marking a time of renewal, connection, and celebration.

Background

In 1996, Governor General Roméo LeBlanc declared June 21 of each year as "National Aboriginal Day." This was the result of consultations and statements of support from various Indigenous groups: in 1982, the National Indian Brotherhood, now the Assembly of First Nations, called for the creation of National Aboriginal Solidarity Day in 1995, the Sacred Assembly, a national conference of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people chaired by Elijah Harper, called for a national holiday to celebrate the contributions of Indigenous Peoples in 1995, the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples recommended the designation of a National First Peoples Day. On June 21, 2017, the Prime Minister issued a statement announcing the intention to rename this day "National Indigenous Peoples Day."

Resources



The meaning behind the visuals

The visual identities for National Indigenous History Month and National Indigenous Peoples Day bring together meaningful symbols and vibrant colours to highlight the richness and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis cultures.

In the centre are three symbols: a feather, a narwhal, and a fiddle. Each represents the distinct cultures of First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities, brought together in a circular flowing composition to reflect the connection between the groups.

Around these central elements, are flowing curved lines and floral motifs which represent the connection to land, water, and all living beings. Dotted patterns symbolize beadwork, a traditional art form shared across First Nations, Inuit and Métis cultures. Stars honour the children who never returned home from residential schools, representing how they are always in our thoughts, even in moments of celebration. Flames represent the enduring strength of knowledge, culture, and resilience, and the shared responsibility to carry these stories forward.

The coloured background design features a sunrise-inspired palette that reflects the summer solstice, a time of celebration for many First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities. Warm gradients evoke light, renewal, and possibility. The colour palette used in the white-background version, inspired by the rainbow, celebrates the diversity and richness of Indigenous cultures across Canada.

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Check out our FaceBook page to see the information discussed at the Branches Interest Group Zoom meeting that was held on May 3th