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GATINEAU, June 21, 2018 – CFLA-FCAB celebrates National Indigenous Peoples Day by actively implementing the Recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee Report

This National Indigenous Peoples Day, the Canadian Federation of Library Associations/Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques (CFLA-FCAB) is continuing to act on and implement the recommendations of our Truth and Reconciliation Committee's [report](#). Truth and Reconciliation continues to be one of CFLA-FCAB's main priorities therefore the Federation continues to promote initiatives to all types of libraries to advance reconciliation by supporting the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action and to promote collaboration on these issues across Canadian communities.

Highlights

1. Establishment of the CFLA-FCAB **Indigenous Matters Committee and its Working Groups** to implement the Truth & Reconciliation Committee Recommendations based on the medicine wheel model (http://cfla-fcab.ca/en/about/committees/indigenous_matters_committee/)

Black Team Working Groups

- Maintain Best Practices Database
- Website
- Indigenous Health Hub
- Indigenous Legal Helps

Water - Elders

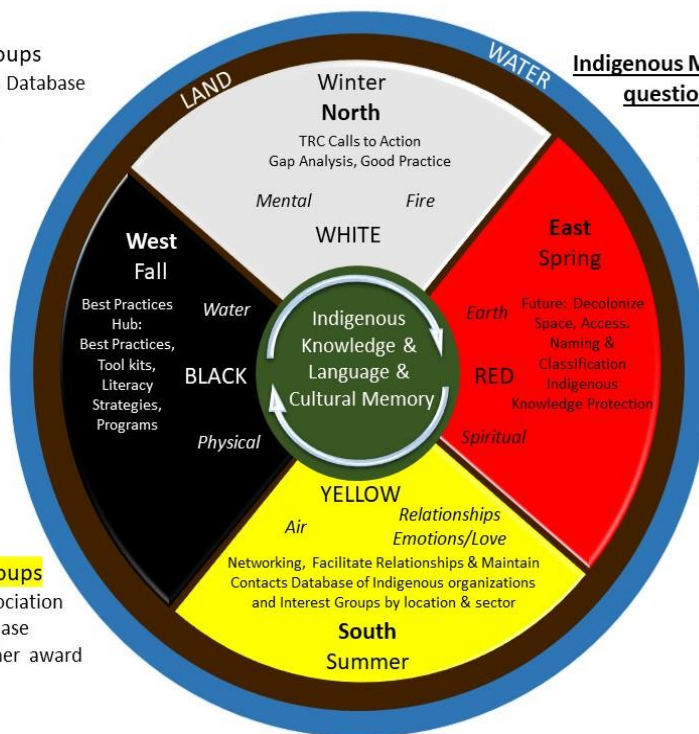
- Spiritual
- Indigenous Knowledge

Green Team

- TRC Task Force
- Indigenous Language
 - 2019 Year of Indigenous Languages
- Digitization
- Cultural Memory

Yellow Team Working Groups

- National Indigenous Association
- Maintain Contacts Database
- Indigenous Heroes/Feather award
- Communication



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Indigenous Matters Committee/ Comité des questions autochtones (IMC-CQA)

White Team Working Groups

- TRC – Good Practice
- Gap Analysis
- Indigenous MOOCs
- Reconciliation Dialogues

Land - Logistics

- Agenda/Minutes
- Conference Call Timetable
- Team Drive
- Team Contacts

Red Team Working Groups

- Indigenous Knowledge Protection/Copyright
- Subject Headings
 - Publishers subgroup
- Classification
- Indigenous Curriculum
- Space, Design, Collections & Signage

2. The **Indigenous Resources Hub** created last year on National Aboriginal Day 2017 houses and provides access to:
 1. The CFLA-FCAB Truth and Reconciliation Committee report foundational documents upon which libraries, archives and cultural memory institutions can build and the list of endorsements by library and organization across Canada. If you would like to endorse it, please visit <http://cfla-fcab.ca/en/indigenous-hub> (list of foundational documents):
 - a database of best practices for working with Indigenous (First Nation, Métis and Inuit) peoples and communities
 - recommendations on how libraries, archives and cultural memory institutions can implement specific Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action
 - examples of best practices of places where implementation is already occurring;
 - a contacts database of the library, archival and cultural memory institutions that are working with and for Indigenous people to foster stronger relationships;
 - a literature review and recommendations on providing relevant and decolonized access to Indigenous people and for protecting and preserving Indigenous knowledge.
 2. Indigenous MOOCs
 - Indigenous Canada MOOC – The Indigenous Matters Committee of CFLA-FCAB, in collaboration with the University of Alberta, Edmonton Public Library, Northern Light Library System and Toronto Public Library, is providing Canadian libraries with an online kit containing the tools and resources to help support the delivery of this MOOC to the Canadian public through library programming and promotion.
 - Information on the UBC Reconciliation Through Education Course where the above Indigenous Canada MOOC can be adapted to facilitate library participation.
 3. Let's Talk About Reconciliation is the title of a series of dialogues associated with the screening of a film made by an Indigenous artist, and organized by public libraries across Canada. This three-year project (2018-2021) is the result of a partnership among the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, the [National Film Board of Canada](#), [Library and Archives Canada](#), [the Canadian Federation of Library Associations' Indigenous Matters Committee](#), the [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#) and your local library.

4. Position Statement on INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE IN CANADA'S COPYRIGHT ACT developed jointly by the CFLA-FCAB Copyright and Indigenous Matter Committees.

On behalf of CFLA-FCAB Indigenous Matters Committee, we would like to extend our Congratulations to Dr. Gene Joseph who was awarded an honorary doctorate degree by the Vancouver Island University <http://www.timescolonist.com/news/local/first-indigenous-librarian-earns-honorary-law-degree-1.23326152>. Many thanks to one of our IMC-CQA members, Stacy Allison-Cassin who created a Wikipedia entry for Gene Joseph https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gene_Joseph and also one for the Brian Deer Classification System https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brian_Deer_Classification_System.

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