



September 30 will mark the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation — an annual commemoration honouring the children, survivors, families, and communities affected by residential schools.

This year, CLSA will be open on September 30, and visitors are encouraged to wear orange shirts or ribbons.

What is Orange Shirt Day?

Orange Shirt Day began as a legacy of the 2013 St. Joseph Mission Residential School Commemoration Project and Reunion held in Williams Lake, BC. Phyllis (Jack) Webstad told the story of how she was excited to be wearing a new orange shirt her grandmother had bought for her for the first day of school, only to have all of her clothes taken and never returned. Read Phyllis (Jack) Webstad's story: <https://www.orangeshirtday.org/phyllis-story.html>

What can I do to commemorate this day?

- **Wear an orange shirt**

Read the story about Orange Shirt Day: <https://www.orangeshirtday.org/about-us.html>

- **Attend an event**

Visit the City of Edmonton website for resources, teachings, and a list of local events: https://www.edmonton.ca/attractions_events/schedule_festivals_events/orange-shirt-day

The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation has organized a week of online events: <https://nctr.ca/education/trw/general-public-schedule/>

The Royal Alberta Museum is hosting a virtual Talk with guest curator Tanya Harnett, who is a member of the Carry-The-Kettle First Nation in Saskatchewan, an artist, and a professor at the University of Alberta in a joint appointment in the Department of Art and Design and the Faculty of Native Studies. Tanya is also a member of RAM's Indigenous Advisory Panel. This talk will be streamed on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMlceuprD4iGdevFsmd3IPFf0SNdezvXMIL> and on the RAM Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/RoyalAlbertaMuseum/>

- **Explore library resources**

Edmonton Public Library <https://www.epl.ca/indigenous>

Calgary Public Library <https://calgarylibrary.ca/connect/indigenous-services/>

- **Read about the residential school system**

National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation <https://nctr.ca/exhibits/>

First Nations and Indigenous Studies Department from UBC https://indigenousfoundations.arts.ubc.ca/the_residential_school_system/

- **Read a book by an Indigenous author:**

CBC <https://www.cbc.ca/books/48-books-by-indigenous-writers-to-read-to-understand-residential-schools-1.6056204>

Royal Alberta Museum <https://royalalbertamuseum.ca/blog/indigenous-reading-list>

Toronto Public Library <https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/books-video-music/books/booklists/read-indigenous.jsp>

- **Watch an Indigenous film or listen to an Indigenous podcast**

Royal Alberta Museum

<https://royalalbertamuseum.ca/blog/indigenous-history-resource-list>

National Film Board https://www.nfb.ca/indigenous-cinema/?&film_lang=en&sort=year:desc,title&year_min=1939&year_max=2021

“Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”

– George Santayana
