



Diversity Calendar Resources for February 2024

Black History Month

Black History Month draws our attention to the history of Black communities in Canada and their fight against systemic and structural inequities. Viola Desmond (1914-1965) was a Canadian civil, women's rights activist and business woman. She is sometimes called, 'Canada's Rosa Parks'. Her public challenge of racism and demanding civil rights took place nine years prior to Rosa Parks' refusal to give up her seat on the bus.

In 1946, Viola requested a ticket for the main floor of Roseland theatre in Sydney, Nova Scotia. Viola was refused, dragged out of the theatre, arrested and spent the night in a jail cell. While Viola lost her legal battle, her legacy led to the community rising up together to fight for racial equality. In 2010, Viola was granted posthumous free pardon.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Viola_Desmond

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month.html>

<https://portal.ccdi.ca/kbarticle/3250-CCDI-Webinar-Black-History-Month-Unlearning-antiB?ru=results&rv>

Campus Events commemorating Black History Month

University of Regina Anti-Oppression Book Club

Hosted by the Archer Library for the Winter 2024 semester. The theme for February is "Celebrating Black Voices: A Literary Journey for Black History Month". The book is the volume of poetry *Earth Skin* by Peace Akintade and the meetings will be facilitated by Mary Chipanshi (Librarian). The Book Club will meet via Zoom on February 1 and February 15 (2:00-3:00 pm). Also, we are excited that Peace Akintade will visit the Archer Library for the hybrid Meet-the-Author event on February 22, 2024.

Information and links to sign up for the meetings and Meet-the-Author event can be found here:

<https://library.uregina.ca/anti-oppressionbookclub/winter2024>

All staff and faculty are welcome. Please feel free to forward and share as appropriate.

For more information contact Mary Chipanshi at mary.chipanshi@uregina.ca.



Celebrating Black Voices: A Literary Journey for Black History Month

We invite all students, staff and faculty to participate in the 2024 "Blind Date with a Book" contest. The contest runs from January 22 through February 21 and aims to pair a reader with their perfect book. The University of Regina Press has generously donated three sets of books. Visit the display in the Archer Library with wrapped books (fiction, novels, poetry, plays and non-fiction) about Black History, and by Black authors from Canada and all over the world!

Check out the details here: <https://library.uregina.ca/librarycontest/blinddate>

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Posted on campus notice boards. Employees can access a PDF version using the following link:

<https://portal.ccdi.ca/kbarticle/3754-2024-Diversity-Calendar-PDF?ru=results&rv=>

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