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KFPL leading Indigenous Canada course discussion group

When we know better, we can do better. Many Canadians are working to understand the big picture of Indigenous rights, culture, and resilience. Recognizing that conversation and learning go hand in hand, Kingston Frontenac Public Library is creating a space to support and encourage a deeper understanding of Indigenous history and contemporary issues.

Join KFPL and fellow lifelong learners by enrolling in the <u>University of Alberta's Indigenous Canada</u> <u>course</u>, and connecting with the community in discussion. As a companion to the course, the library's conversational program is designed to encourage an informed dialogue that stems from learning of Indigenous historical experiences, worldviews and current events. After each week's lesson, participants will join KFPL's discussion, examining the topic of the week in whole-group conversations and in smaller breakout groups.

The 12-lesson massive open online course is offered through the university's Faculty of Native Studies. Registration is free, though participants can receive a completion certificate for a small fee. Participants will explore topics like land claims, legal systems and rights, Indigenous political activism, and contemporary Indigenous life, art, and its expressions.

"I came across this course offering in Alberta a while back, and finally have the opportunity to promote it and discuss so many topics that need further exploration! Having small, weekly discussions about the history and contributions of Canada's Indigenous communities is essential to moving forward together," shared Jake Miller, programming and outreach librarian.

KFPL's discussion group is also free, with registration limited to 20 participants. The group will gather over Zoom on Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m., from June 23 through September 15.

Visit the <u>Indigenous Canada: Course Discussion page</u> to register. Patrons interested in this course may also want to tune in to <u>KFPL's Author Talk with Alicia Elliott</u>, July 13. For more information, visit www.kfpl.ca or call your local branch.

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